

International Letters and Cultures (Classics), BA

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Uncover the rich history, philosophy and artistic endeavors of the ancient Greeks and Romans, and gain expertise in their ancient languages. Gain an in-depth understanding of the foundations of modern society that have inspired innovative leaders in the past and present.

Program description


The BA program in international letters and cultures with a concentration in classics begins with two cores: language skills in ancient Greek or Latin (or, if the student chooses, both) and knowledge of ancient history.

Among the variety of topics students pursue are:

- ancient art and architecture
- ancient history, war, politics and economics
- archaeology of the ancient Mediterranean world
- literary classics such as Homer, Sophocles, Virgil and Ovid
- mythology and religious practices
- renowned philosophers and writers such as Plato, Aristotle and Lucretius
- use of the classics in film, books and other media

In addition to the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit [The College's website](#) for more information and requirements.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)
- **Second language requirement:** Yes
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
or any math course that meets the MATH designation
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(on-campus\)](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an **accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree** with:

[Global Management, MGM](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Students can walk the same steps as some of the most famous thinkers, historians and poets in history. Studying classical civilizations helps renew many of the ideas, languages and societies that have shaped the modern day. Ancient civilizations are brought to life when students see the connections between the past and present.

Each of the more than 300 [Global Education program](#) options available, whether in a foreign country, in the U.S. or online, provides an opportunity for students to develop a valuable skill set that can give them an advantage in their career and personal enrichment. Students build communication skills, are challenged to adapt and persevere, are exposed to differences across the world, and they increase their ability to work with diverse groups of people.

Career opportunities

Graduates with a degree in the classics possess skills in research and the precise use and analysis of language. The transdisciplinary study of a culture that is very different from the modern world yet lies at the root of it also fosters the ability to view issues from many angles and to think critically about them.

As many employers are well aware, a classics graduate has the training to solve difficult puzzles, see through obscure language and conduct rigorous research on often ill-defined problems. These skills are prized in any field of endeavor. Classics graduates often find careers in:

- business
- Christian ministry
- education

- film, television and multimedia
- law
- politics
- writing and editing (fiction, journalism, technical writing)

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Historian</u>	3.1%	\$64,540
<u>Intelligence Officer</u>	1.5%	\$86,280
<u>Judge</u>	2.2%	\$151,030
<u>Lawyer</u> ☀	7.5%	\$135,740
<u>Mediator</u> ☀	5.0%	\$64,030
<u>Political Analyst</u> ☀	6.6%	\$128,020
<u>Sociologist</u> ☀	4.5%	\$98,590
<u>Translator</u>	4.3%	\$53,640
<u>World Language Professor</u>	1.4%	\$76,030

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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