CLASSICS AND ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES, B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: University Park

Program Description
Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies is concerned with the civilizations of the ancient Mediterranean world, including the ancient Greeks, Romans, and the peoples of Egypt and the Near East. The study of these civilizations includes their languages and literatures, history and politics, religion and mythologies, philosophies, and material culture. All students in the major are particularly encouraged to participate in one of the Penn State Education Abroad Programs and/or archaeological field schools in the Mediterranean area. Approved archaeological fieldwork is required for the AMA Option. Up to 15 credits of appropriate education abroad courses may be applied to requirements for the major.

Students electing the CAMS major follow one of three options:

Ancient Languages Option
The Ancient Languages Option requires study of Greek or Latin, one or more of the languages of the ancient Near East, or a combination of languages, and is recommended especially for students planning to pursue any classical, Near Eastern, or Egyptian subject in graduate school; planning rabbinic or seminary study; or preparing to teach Latin or Greek at the secondary level. Students in the Language Option are urged to schedule at least one course in historical linguistics or comparative grammar.

Ancient Mediterranean Archaeology Option
The Ancient Mediterranean Archaeology (AMA) Option is designed for students interested in the physical evidence for ancient Mediterranean cultures, including the rise and development of settlements and cities; ceramics, metals, stone, and organic remains; and population changes over time.

Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies Option
The Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies (CAMS) Option is suitable for students interested in a broadly interdisciplinary study of the cultures of the ancient Mediterranean and does not require study of language, although students are encouraged to study the appropriate ancient languages.

What is Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies?
Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies (CAMS) is the study of ancient civilizations that arose and flourished around the Mediterranean basin (including Egypt, Greece, Rome, Anatolia, Israel, Mesopotamia, and North Africa) from the “cradle of civilization” in Mesopotamia (ca. 4000 BCE) to the end of Greco-Roman antiquity (ca. 600 CE). CAMS investigates the whole scope of the ancient Mediterranean world and trains students to interpret the linguistic and archaeological evidence of the greatest ancient cultures.

You Might Like This Program If...
- You want to learn the methods of archaeology and archaeological interpretation with the goal of reconstructing the social practices and historical development of different peoples in the ancient Mediterranean.
- You want to master an interdisciplinary subject with a long-term perspective on the human condition and on cultural achievements across diverse geographical regions.
- You want to pursue a career in education, archaeology, or law.

Entrance to Major
In order to be eligible for entrance to this major, a student must:
1. attain at least a C (2.00) cumulative grade-point average for all courses taken at the University; and
2. have third-semester classification (http://www.registrar.psu.edu/registration/semester_classification.cfm).

READ SENATE POLICY 37-30: ENTRANCE TO AND CHANGES IN MAJOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/37-00-entrance-to-a-college-or-major)

Degree Requirements
For the Bachelor of Arts degree in Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, a minimum of 123 credits is required:

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3 of the 24 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major, General Education, or Electives and 0-12 credits are included in Electives if foreign language proficiency is demonstrated by examination.

Per Senate Policy 83-80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of coursework in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. For more information, check the Recommended Academic Plan for your intended program.

General Education
Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.
Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)
  • Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
  • Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

Knowledge Domains
  • Arts (GA): 6 credits
  • Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
  • Humanities (GH): 6 credits
  • Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 6 credits
  • Natural Sciences (GN): 9 credits

Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)
  • Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement
All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement
6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements
  • United States Cultures: 3 credits
  • International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum
3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits
A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work
Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition
The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

B.A. Degree Requirements
Foreign Language (0-12 credits): Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one foreign language. See the Placement Policy for Penn State Foreign Language Courses (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advisingandplanningadegreeprogramtext).

B.A. Fields (9 credits): Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts, Foreign Languages, Natural Sciences, Quantification (may not be taken in the area of the student’s primary major; foreign language credits in this category must be in a second foreign language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the first language)

Other Cultures (0-3 credits): Select 3 credits from approved list. Students may count courses in this category in order to meet other major, minor, elective, or General Education requirements, except for the General Education US/IL requirement.

Requirements for the Major
A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)
No more than 15 credits in courses numbered 099, 199, 299, 399, or 499 may count toward the requirements for the major.

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Supporting Courses and Related Areas
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Select 3 credits in Greek or Roman literature and language, civilization, or archaeology from approved department list 1
Select 3 credits in Near Eastern literature and language, civilization, or archaeology from approved department list 1
Select 6 credits, at or above the 100 level, from approved department list 1

Requirements for the Option
Requirements for the Option: Require a grade of C or better
Select an option 12-16

1 Appropriate offerings include ancient Near Eastern languages and literatures, ancient history, anthropology, art history, classics and ancient Mediterranean studies, Greek, Hebrew, Jewish studies, Latin, linguistics, philosophy, or religious studies.

Requirements for the Option
Ancient Mediterranean Archaeology Option (15-16 credits)
Students in this option must complete one season of approved archaeological fieldwork at an ancient Mediterranean or related site. Up to 6 credits of fieldwork may be applied to the Common Requirements for the Major.

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Ancient Languages Option (12 credits)

Select 6 credits at the 400 level from approved department list

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 6 credits of the following:

- CAMS 492 Intermediate Field Methods
- CAMS 493 Intermediate Field Analysis
- 400-level fieldwork course in an approved archaeological project in the Mediterranean region or Near East in consultation with major adviser

Select 3 credits of the following:

- CAMS 90 Jerusalem: Past, Present, and Future
- or JST 90 Jerusalem: Past, Present, and Future
- or RLST 90 Jerusalem: Past, Present, and Future

Select 3-4 credits of the following:

- ANTH 410 Osteology
- ANTH 420 Archaeology of the Near East
- or JST 420 Archaeology of the Near East
- ANTH 426W Archaeological Laboratory Analysis
- or ANTH 428 Archaeological Methods and Theory

Ancient Languages Option (12 credits)

Select 12 credits at the 400 level in either Greek or Latin or in Akkadian, Aramaic, Biblical Hebrew, Egyptian, Hittite, Sumerian, or any other ancient Near Eastern language in consultation with major adviser

At least 6 credits must be in one language.

Classical and Ancient Mediterranean Studies Option (12 credits)

Select 6 credits at the 400 level from Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies (CAMS), ancient Near Eastern languages, Greek, or Latin courses

Integrated B.S. in Archaeological Science and B.A. in Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies/M.A. in Anthropology Degree Requirements

The Department of Anthropology offers an integrated B.A./B.S./M.A. (IUG) program designed to allow academically superior students to obtain a B.A. or B.S. degree in Anthropology, a B.A. degree in Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies (CAMS), and a M.A. degree in Anthropology in five years of study. To complete the program in five years, students interested in the Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate degree in Anthropology must apply for admission to the Graduate School and the Integrated B.S./M.S. Program by the end of their junior year.

During the first three years, the student will follow course scheduling for the B.A. degree in CAMS and either the B.A. degree in Anthropology or the B.S. degree in Archaeological Science (see the Undergraduate Bulletin). Students who intend to enter the IUG program are encouraged to take upper level classes during their first three years whenever appropriate. By the end of the junior year, students normally apply for admission to both the IUG program and to the Graduate School. Acceptance decisions will be made prior to the beginning of the senior year and M.A. advisors will be appointed for successful applicants. During the senior year, IUG students follow the scheduling of the selected options for their B.A. or B.S. majors, with an emphasis on completing 500-level coursework as appropriate. During the senior year, IUG students will start work on their thesis research to meet the M.A. thesis requirements. During the fifth year, IUG students take courses fulfilling the M.A. degree requirements and complete their M.A. thesis.

Admission Requirements

Students who wish to complete the Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate Program in Anthropology should apply for admission to both the Graduate School and the IUG Anthropology Program no later than the end of their junior year. Successful students will be admitted formally into the graduate program in Anthropology just prior to their senior year, if their progress has been satisfactory. Admission prior to the senior year is also possible in some unusual circumstances. In all cases, admission to the program will be at the discretion of the joint Anthropology-CAMS admission committee. Criteria for admission include a minimum overall GPA of 3.4 in their majors, strong recommendation letters from faculty, and an excellent proposal for a research project with a specific adviser who has agreed to guide the student through to the completion of the M.A. thesis.

Graduate Coursework

Required Courses

- ANTH 493 Field Techniques
- ANTH 521 Current Literature in Archaeology
- ANTH 545 Seminar in Anthropology
- ANTH 588 Method and Theory in Archaeology
- ANTH 600 Thesis Research

Additional Courses

- ANTH 494 Research Project
- or CAMS 494 Research Project

Select 6 credits of the following:

- CAMS 592 Proseminar
The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy)

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Liberal Arts Academic Advising
814-865-2545
http://starfish.psu.edu
http://www.la.psu.edu/current-students/undergraduate-students/education/majors-and-minors

Suggested Academic Plan

University Park Campus

Classical and Ancient Mediterranean Option

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First Year

Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits
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ENGL 15, 30, 137H, CAS 137H, or ESL 15‡ | 3 | GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE | 3
CAMS 5* | 3 | GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE | 3
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GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE (GQ)‡ | 3 | WORLD LANGUAGE LEVEL 2 | 4
WORLD LANGUAGE LEVEL 1 | 4 | 00 OR 100 LEVEL COURSE IN CAMS* | 3

Total Credits 16

Second Year

Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits
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CAS 100 | 3 | 100 LEVEL OR ABOVE IN CAMS OR RELATED AREA* | 3
00 OR 100 LEVEL COURSE IN CAMS* | 3 | GENERAL EDUCATION (GN) | 3

Total Credits 16

Third Year

Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits
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GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE | 3 | ENGL 202B | 3
B.A. KNOWLEDGE DOMAINS | 3 | GENERAL EDUCATION (GA) | 3
ELECTIVE | 3 | ELECTIVE | 3
400 LEVEL COURSE IN CAMS OR ANCIENT LANGUAGE* | 3 | ELECTIVE | 3
100 LEVEL OR ABOVE IN CAMS OR RELATED AREA* | 3 | 400 LEVEL COURSE IN CAMS OR ANCIENT LANGUAGE* | 3

Total Credits 15

Fourth Year

Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits
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CAMS 400* | 3 | HEALTH AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY | 1.5
B.A. KNOWLEDGE DOMAINS | 3 | ELECTIVE | 3
400 LEVEL COURSE IN CAMS OR RELATED AREA* | 3 | 400 LEVEL COURSE IN CAMS OR RELATED AREA* | 3
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OTHER CULTURES | 3 | ELECTIVE | 3
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY | 1.5 | | |

Total Credits 16.5

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an Inter-Domain course and Z is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate a Linked course.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL/CAS 137 in the fall semester and ENGL/CAS 138 in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and replace both ENGL 30 and CAS 100. Each course is 3 credits.

**Bachelor of Arts Requirements:**

Bachelor of Arts students must take 9 credits in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Fields (Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Arts; World Languages [2nd language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the 1st]; Natural Sciences; Quantification). The B.A. Fields courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major. See your adviser and the Degree Requirements section (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information) of this Bulletin.

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* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major
† Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education
‡ Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

**University Requirements and General Education Notes:**
US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy University Requirements (United States and International Cultures).
W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.
GWS, GQ, GHW, GN, GA, GH, and GS are abbreviations used to identify General Education program courses. General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ) and Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS, and Integrative Studies). Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of ‘C’ or better.

Integrative Studies courses are required for the General Education program. N is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate an Inter-Domain course and Z is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate a Linked course.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL/CAS 137 in the fall semester and ENGL/CAS 138 in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and replace both ENGL 30 and CAS 100. Each course is 3 credits.

**Bachelor of Arts Requirements:**
Bachelor of Arts students must take 9 credits in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Fields (Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Arts; World Languages [2nd language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the 1st]; Natural Sciences; Quantification). The B.A. Fields courses may not be taken in the area of the student’s primary major. See your adviser and the Degree Requirements section (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information) of this Bulletin.

Bachelor of Arts students must take 3 credits in Other Cultures.
See your adviser and the full list of courses approved as Other Cultures courses (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/course-lists/ba-other-cultures).

**Career Paths**

The study of CAMS requires the mastery of skills in assessing a range of evidence, deliberation and argumentation, analytical thinking, and writing and communication. The perspectives and skills developed as a CAMS student are valued in a wide range of professions, and our graduates have entered a great variety of careers.

**Careers**

- Secondary and College Level Teaching
- Archaeology
- Secondary Teaching
- Business Leaders
- Law

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE CLASSICS AND ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES PROGRAM (http://la.psu.edu/current-students/cen)

**Opportunities for Graduate Studies**

Some of our majors plan academic careers in CAMS-related fields. Our students have enrolled in graduate programs in Classics, Ancient History, Near Eastern Studies, Egyptology, Biblical Studies, Archaeology, Art History, and related fields.

**Professional Resources**

- American Philological Association (http://www.apaclassics.org)
- Archaeological Institute of America (http://www.archaeological.org)
- Association of Ancient Historians (http://www.associationofancienthistorians.org)

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