CLASSICAL HUMANITIES, B.A.

The study of classical humanities, offered by Saint Louis University’s Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, is designed for students seeking firm foundations and interdisciplinary depth in their liberal arts education. It’s also intended for students who plan to pursue studies that are facilitated by knowledge of classical languages and culture. These include law, medicine, theology, philosophy, medieval and Renaissance studies, political science, communication, mythology, anthropology, psychology, art history, cultural criticism and the history of education.

- Students studying classical languages enjoy small classes and personalized attention.
- Students have a great deal of flexibility in their programs.
- Students enjoy the resources of Saint Louis University’s Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, as well as the Vatican Film Library.
- Students have access to computing facilities that offer computer software and internet support for Latin and Greek studies, literary studies and comparative literature.

Curriculum Overview

Saint Louis University’s classical humanities major’s flexible curriculum complements other majors based on a knowledge of classical languages and culture — including law, medicine, theology, philosophy, political science, anthropology, forensic science, medieval studies and art history — and offers many types of tutorials and independent study options.

SLU’s major in classical humanities requires 30 credits. Students will choose from three required courses in Latin, Greek — or both — and go on to take seven electives from any Greek or Latin courses or upper-division courses relating to classical culture. Students studying classical languages at SLU enjoy small classes and personalized attention.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

Students have access to the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies and the Vatican Film Library on campus, as well as access to computer software and internet support specifically for Latin and Greek studies, literary studies and comparative literature.

Careers

Most classical humanities graduates continue their professional study in classical languages or in other fields. Recent graduates of SLU’s classical humanities program have entered fields such as law, theological studies, social work, art history, hospital administration and education, and medicine following graduate programs.

Admission Requirements

Freshman

All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant's file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University and are used as qualifiers for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit. Those having completed 24 or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

International Applicants

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency)
- Proof of financial support must include:
  - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
  - A letter from the sponsor’s bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at http://finaid.slu.edu.

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to understand and respond to what is read in Greek or Latin on a variety of topics related to themselves and their immediate context.
2. Graduates will be able to use the target languages and cultures in order to expand their knowledge of other disciplines.
3. Graduates will be able to compare their own cultures with the target language cultures.
Requirements

Core Requirements

College core requirements (p. 2) 57-66
For additional information about core courses [http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/#policiestext]

Classical Humanities Core

All majors take the following sequence of 3 courses of either Greek or Latin:

- GK 1010 Reading Greek I
- & GK 1020 and Reading Greek II
- & GK 2010 and Intermediate Greek Lang & Lit
- LATN 1010 Reading Latin I
- & LATN 1020 and Reading Latin II
- & LATN 2010 and Intermediate Latin: Language & Literature

Elective Courses

Students also take 21 credits chosen from any Greek or Latin courses, or courses of 3000-level or higher relating to Classical culture with the CLH attribute. These courses are offered by departments such as Languages, Literatures & Cultures; History; Fine & Performing Arts; Philosophy; Theological Studies and English. Examples of such elective courses are:

- CLH 4290 Intro to Classical Mythology
- CLH 4310 Greek Tragedy: Origin and Form
- GK 4560 Euripides
- GK 4600 Readings in Plato
- LATN 4020 Roman Letter Writers
- LATN 4400 Readings in Ovid
- ENGL 3380 The Classics and Literature
- HIST 3000 Ancient Greece
- PHIL 4400 History of Ancient Greek Philosophy

General Electives 33-24

Total Credits 120

Continuation Standards

Students with a major in Classical Humanities, Greek, or Latin must maintain a 2.00 GPA in courses required for the major.

Bachelor of Arts Core Curriculum Requirements

Code  Title  Credits

Core Components and Credits

- Diversity in the U.S. [http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/cultural-diversity] 3
- Foreign Language [http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/foreign-language] 0-9
- Fine Arts [http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/fine-arts] 3
- Literature [http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/literature] 6

Elective Courses

Examples of such elective courses are:

- Natural Science [http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/sciences] 6
- Philosophy [http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/philosophy] 9
- Social Science [http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/social-science] 6
- Theology [http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/theology] 9
- World History [http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/world-history] 6

Total Credits 57-66

Graduation Requirements

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits (excluding pre-college level courses [numbered below 1000]).
- Complete either the College of Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Core Curriculum Requirements
- Complete Major Requirements: minimum 30 credits required.
- Complete remaining credits with a second major, minor, certificate, and/or elective credits to reach the minimum of 120 credits required for graduation.
- Complete Department specific academic and performance requirements.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

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1. Students with prior experience in Latin or Greek will take a placement test to determine their level. See Program Notes.
2. For example, CLH 4310 Greek Tragedy: Origin and Form (3 cr).
3. For example: LATN 4020 Roman Letter Writers (3 cr).
4. For example, CLH 4290 Intro to Classical Mythology (3 cr).
5. For example, GK 4460 Homer: The Odyssey (3 cr).
6. For example: HIST 3090 The Age of Renaissance (3 cr).
7. For example: THEO 3365 Teachers in Early Christianity (3 cr).
8. For example: HIST 3010 Roman Republic (3 cr).

Program Notes

The sequence of courses will vary according to the student's previous experience with the language and individual preferences.

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SLU Classical Humanities majors generally complete a second or even a third major in another discipline — for example, history, English, biology, psychology, philosophy, communication, etc.