

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN CLASSICAL AND ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN STUDIES

George Washington University's program in Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (CANES) welcomes majors, minors, and other interested students to explore the ancient Mediterranean worlds of Greece, Rome, Israel, Egypt, and the Near East. In addition to studying one or more of the ancient Mediterranean languages—Greek, Latin, and Biblical Hebrew—students select courses from the wide range of disciplines that focus on antiquity, including literary studies, textual criticism, history, art history, and archaeology. Courses explore the ideas, values, people, places, events, and material culture of antiquity as well as how different post-antique societies have adopted and adapted these for their own ends. Students develop skills in critical thinking, analysis, writing, oral presentation, and visual literacy. Cocurricular opportunities include semester study abroad in Rome, Athens, or Jerusalem; summer archaeological excavations in Israel, Jordan, Italy, Greece, or elsewhere; and internships in Washington, DC in Latin pedagogy, curatorial practice, editorial work, and public policy advocacy for cultural heritage. Graduates pursue careers in law, medicine, business, museums, library sciences, publishing, secondary education (teaching Latin, English, or history), and higher education, among others.

Visit the program website (<https://cnelc.columbian.gwu.edu/ba-classical-ancient-near-eastern-studies/>) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

For information about the admission process, including deadlines, visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (<https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/>). Applications can be submitted via the Common Application (<https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/>).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
The George Washington University
800 21st St NW Suite 100
Washington, DC 20052

For questions visit undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us (<http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us/>).

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext>).

Code	Title	Credits
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Classical language proficiency

In addition to course requirements, students must complete the language proficiency requirement, which includes Greek (GREK) or Latin (LATN) language study through the 2002 level, or one classical language through the 1002 level and the other through the 2001 level. Students who have scored a 4 or 5 on the AP Latin examination are encouraged to contact the program coordinator. Alternatively, students may fulfill the language requirement by completing Biblical Hebrew language study, including HEBR 1001 and HEBR 1002 (or their equivalent), as well as HEBR 2003 and HEBR 2004.

Core course requirements

One course (3 credits) selected from the following: ¹

CLAS 2112	History of Ancient Greece
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or HIST 2112	History of Ancient Greece
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CLAS 2113	The Roman World to 337 A.D.
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or HIST 2113	The Roman World to 337 A.D.
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One course (3 credits) selected from the following:

CLAS 2803	The Ancient Near East and Egypt to 322 B.C.
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or HIST 2803	The Ancient Near East and Egypt to 322 B.C.
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CLAS 2804	History of Ancient Israel
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or HIST 2804	History of Ancient Israel
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One course (3 credits) selected from the following:

CAH 3101	Ancient Art of the Bronze Age and Greece
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CAH 3102	Ancient Art of the Roman Empire
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CAH 3103	Art and Archaeology of Egypt and the Near East
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Capstone (3 credits)

CLAS 4111	Capstone Study
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Electives

21 credits (seven courses) in elective courses, taken as follows: ²

12 credits (four courses) selected from Group A, including at least two courses at the 3000 level or above. ¹

9 credits (three courses) selected from Groups A and/or B. All 9 credits may be taken in Group B; however, if a student takes more than 9 credits in courses included in Group B, only 9 of those credits may be counted toward degree requirements.

Group A: CLAS, GREK, and LATN	
CLAS 2104	Ancient Medicine and Modern Medical Terms
CLAS 2105	Special Topics
CLAS 2105W	Special Topics
CLAS 2106	Mythology of the Classical World
or CLAS 2106W	Mythology of the Classical World
CLAS 2107	Greek and Roman Drama
CLAS 2112	History of Ancient Greece
or HIST 2112	History of Ancient Greece
CLAS 2113	The Roman World to 337 A.D.
or HIST 2113	The Roman World to 337 A.D.
CLAS 2802	Gods and Goddesses of the Ancient Near East
CLAS 2803	The Ancient Near East and Egypt to 322 B.C.
or HIST 2803	The Ancient Near East and Egypt to 322 B.C.
CLAS 2804	History of Ancient Israel ³
or HIST 2804	History of Ancient Israel
CLAS 3104	Dead Sea Scrolls
CLAS 3105	Topics in Classical Studies
CLAS 3107	Law and Diplomacy in the Ancient Near East and Mediterranean
CLAS 3111	Topics in Ancient History
or HIST 3111	Topics in Ancient History
CLAS 3112	Art and Archaeology of Pompeii
CLAS 3113	Greece and Rome in the Art and Architecture of Washington D.C.
CLAS 3114	Topics in Ancient Literatures and Cultures
CLAS 3115	Topics in Ancient Art and Archaeology
CLAS 3116	Identity in the Greco-Roman World
or HIST 3116	Identity in the Greco-Roman World
CLAS 3117	Alexander the Great
CLAS 3119	The Ancient Economy

or HIST 3119	The Ancient Economy
CLAS 3901	Directed Project
or CLAS 3901W	Directed Project
CLAS 4901	Directed Project
GREK 3001	Major Greek Authors I
or GREK 3001W	Major Greek Authors II
GREK 3002	Major Greek Authors II
or GREK 3002W	Major Greek Authors II
LATN 3001	Major Latin Authors I
or LATN 3001W	Major Latin Authors I
LATN 3002	Major Latin Authors II
or LATN 3002W	Major Latin Authors II
Group B: Interdisciplinary	
Up to 9 credits. All 9 credits may be taken in Group B; however, if a student takes more than 9 credits in courses included in Group B, only 9 of those credits may be counted toward degree requirements.	
ANTH 3834	Field Research: Old World
CAH 3101	Ancient Art of the Bronze Age and Greece
CAH 3102	Ancient Art of the Roman Empire
CAH 3103	Art and Archaeology of Egypt and the Near East
CAH 3104	Art and Archaeology of the Aegean Bronze Age
or ANTH 3806	Art and Archaeology of the Aegean Bronze Age
CAH 3106	Art and Archaeology of Israel and Neighboring Lands ³
or ANTH 3805	Archaeology of Israel and Neighboring Lands
CAH 3111	Early Christian and Byzantine Art and Architecture
PHIL 2111	History of Ancient Philosophy
or PHIL 2111W	History of Ancient Philosophy
PSC 2105	Major Issues of Western Political Thought I
REL 1009	The Hebrew Scriptures

REL 1010	The New Testament
REL 3341	Christianity in the Ancient World

¹A course taken as part of the core requirement may not also count as a Group A or Group B course selection.

²Students may also earn credit from directed study or coursework abroad if approved by appropriate faculty in Classical Studies.

³Only one course from the following can be counted toward major requirements: ANTH 3805, CAH 3106, CLAS 2804, or HIST 2804.

COMBINED PROGRAM

Combined program

- Dual Bachelor of Arts with a major in classical and ancient Near Eastern studies and Master of Arts in the field of museum studies (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/classical-near-eastern-languages-civilizations/combined-ba-classical-near-eastern-studies-ma-museum-studies/>)