

# 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](https://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. Alternatively, students may fulfill the language requirement by completing Biblical Hebrew language study, including HEBR 1001 and 1002 (or their equivalent), as well as HEBR 2003 and HEBR 2004. Students who have scored a 4 or 5 on the AP Latin examination are encouraged to contact the program coordinator.

### Core course requirements

Two of the following courses (6 credits):<sup>1</sup>

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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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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One of the following courses (3 credits):

AH 3101	Ancient Art of the Bronze Age and Greece
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AH 3102	Ancient Art of the Roman Empire
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AH 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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### Additional course requirements

21 credits (7 courses) in electives taken as follows:<sup>2</sup>

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

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
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CLAS 2105	Special Topics
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CLAS 2105W	Special Topics	GREK 3001	Major Greek Authors I
CLAS 2106	Mythology of the Classical World	or GREK 3001W	Major Greek Authors II
or CLAS 2106W	Mythology of the Classical World	GREK 3002	Major Greek Authors II
CLAS 2107	Greek and Roman Drama	or GREK 3002W	Major Greek Authors II
CLAS 2112	History of Ancient Greece	LATN 3001	Major Latin Authors I
or HIST 2112	History of Ancient Greece	or LATN 3001W	Major Latin Authors I
CLAS 2113	The Roman World to 337 A.D.	LATN 3002	Major Latin Authors II
or HIST 2113	The Roman World to 337 A.D.	or LATN 3002W	Major Latin Authors II
CLAS 2802	Gods and Goddesses of the Ancient Near East	Group B: 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.	
CLAS 2803	The Ancient Near East and Egypt to 322 B.C.	AH 3101	Ancient Art of the Bronze Age and Greece
or HIST 2803	The Ancient Near East and Egypt to 322 B.C.	AH 3102	Ancient Art of the Roman Empire
CLAS 2804	History of Ancient Israel <sup>3</sup>	AH 3103	Art and Archaeology of Egypt and the Near East
or HIST 2804	History of Ancient Israel	AH 3104	Art and Archaeology of the Aegean Bronze Age <sup>3</sup>
CLAS 3104	Dead Sea Scrolls	or ANTH 3806	Art and Archaeology of the Aegean Bronze Age
CLAS 3105	Topics in Classical Studies	AH 3106	Art and Archaeology of Israel and Neighboring Lands
CLAS 3107	Law and Diplomacy in the Ancient Near East and Mediterranean	or ANTH 3805	Archaeology of Israel and Neighboring Lands
CLAS 3111	Topics in Ancient History	AH 3111	
or HIST 3111	Topics in Ancient History	ANTH 3834	Field Research: Old World
CLAS 3112	Art and Archaeology of Pompeii	PHIL 2111	History of Ancient Philosophy
CLAS 3113	Greece and Rome in the Art and Architecture of Washington D.C.	or PHIL 2111W	History of Ancient Philosophy
CLAS 3114	Topics in Ancient Literatures and Cultures	PSC 2105	Major Issues of Western Political Thought I
CLAS 3115	Topics in Ancient Art and Archaeology	REL 1009	The Hebrew Scriptures
CLAS 3116	Identity in the Greco-Roman World	REL 1010	The New Testament
or HIST 3116	Identity in the Greco-Roman World	REL 3341	Christianity in the Ancient 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		

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

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

<sup>3</sup>Only one course from the following can be counted toward major requirements: AH 3106, ANTH 3805, 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/>)