

CLASSICS - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
 Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies
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About This Program

The Bachelor of Arts program in Classics offers a fascinating journey through the rich legacy of the ancient world. With a focus on classical languages, literature and culture, you'll explore the roots of Western civilization and gain valuable insights into the world today. Our program also provides opportunities for interdisciplinary studies in areas such as history, philosophy and art history. Enroll now and experience the wonders of the ancient world. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Postsecondary teachers, all other

- 2.0% slower than the average
- 245,900 number of jobs
- \$71,950 potential earnings

Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education

- 3.8% about as fast as the average
- 1,050,800 number of jobs
- \$62,870 potential earnings

Interpreters and translators

- 20.0% much faster than the average
- 77,400 number of jobs
- \$52,330 potential earnings

Curators

- 12.6% much faster than the average
- 14,500 number of jobs
- \$56,990 potential earnings

Clergy

- 4.0% about as fast as the average
- 243,900 number of jobs
- \$51,940 potential earnings

Additional Careers

- Entrepreneurs

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

First-Year Students on the Kent Campus: First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campuses to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses: First-year admission to Kent State's campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency unless they meet specific exceptions. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Transfer Students: Students who have attended any other educational institution after graduating from high school must apply as undergraduate transfer students. For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

Former Students: Former Kent State students or graduates who have not attended another college or university since Kent State may complete the reenrollment or reinstatement form on the University Registrar's website.

Admission policies for undergraduate students may be found in the University Catalog.

Some programs may require that students meet certain requirements before progressing through the program. For programs with progression requirements, the information is shown on the Coursework tab.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
	The Fundamentals of Greek and Roman Culture	

CLAS 21404	THE GREEK ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)	3
CLAS 21405	THE ROMAN ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)	3
Ancient History		
CLAS 41005	HISTORY OF ANCIENT GREECE	3
or CLAS 41006	ROMAN HISTORY	
Literature of the Ancient World		
CLAS 41304	LITERATURE OF THE ROMAN WORLD (ELR) (WIC) ¹	3
or CLAS 41503	LITERATURE OF THE ANCIENT GREEKS (ELR) (WIC)	
Classical Archaeology		
CLAS 41401	GREEK ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART	3
or CLAS 41402	ROMAN ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART	
Capstone Elective, choose from the following:		
CLAS 41095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN CLASSICS	
CLAS 41097	COLLOQUIUM IN CLASSICS	
CLAS 41305	CLASSICAL LITERARY STUDIES	
REL 41091	SEMINAR IN ADVANCED COMPARATIVE RELIGION	
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Foreign Language: recommended students take Greek or Latin ²		14-16
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Fine Arts		3
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)		6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)		6-7
Kent Core Additional		3
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)		45
Concentrations		
Choose from the following:		15
Classical Civilization		
Greek		
Latin		
Religion Studies		
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

¹ A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

² For students declared in the Classical Civilization concentration, foreign language is required. For students declared in the Greek concentration, it is expected that they take or have met the prerequisites of GRE 14201 and GRE 14202 (if those courses are complete, students should take general electives). For students declared in the Latin concentration, it is expected that they take or have met the prerequisites of LAT 16201 and LAT 16202 (if those courses are complete, students should take general electives).

Classical Civilization Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
Classics Culture Electives, choose from the following:		12
MCLS 30420	FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND CULTURE STUDIES	
Classics (CLAS) Courses (20000, 30000 or 40000 level)		
Greek (GRE) Courses (20000, 30000 or 40000 levels) ¹		
Latin (LAT) Courses (20000, 30000 or 40000 levels) ¹		
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		

Kent Core Additional	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	15

¹ Maximum 12 credit hours of Latin (LAT) or Greek (GRE) courses may be counted toward the major.

Greek Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Prerequisite Requirements		
GRE 14201	ELEMENTARY CLASSICAL GREEK I	
GRE 14202	ELEMENTARY CLASSICAL GREEK II	
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
GRE 24201	INTERMEDIATE CLASSICAL GREEK I: READINGS	3
GRE 24202	INTERMEDIATE CLASSICAL GREEK II: READINGS	3
GRE 34372	ADVANCED READINGS IN GREEK	3
Classics Culture Elective, choose from the following:		3
MCLS 30420	FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND CULTURE STUDIES	
Classics (CLAS) Courses (20000, 30000 or 40000 level)		
Greek (GRE) Upper-Division Courses (30000 or 40000 level)		
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
Kent Core Additional		3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		15

Latin Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Prerequisite Requirements		
LAT 16201	ELEMENTARY LATIN I	
LAT 16202	ELEMENTARY LATIN II	
LAT 26201	INTERMEDIATE LATIN I: READINGS	
LAT 26202	INTERMEDIATE LATIN II: READINGS	
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
LAT 36172	ADVANCED READINGS IN LATIN	3
Latin (LAT) Electives (40000 level)		9
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
Kent Core Additional		3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		15

Religion Studies Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
REL 11020	INTRODUCTION TO WORLD RELIGIONS (DIVG) (ELR) (KHUM)	3
or REL 21021	MOSES, JESUS AND MOHAMMAD (DIVG) (ELR) (KHUM)	
Religious Culture, Thought and Literature Elective, choose from the following:		3
CLAS 41095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN CLASSICS ¹	
CLAS 41097	COLLOQUIUM IN CLASSICS ¹	
CLAS 41301	CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGY	
CLAS 41304	LITERATURE OF THE ROMAN WORLD (ELR) (WIC)	
CLAS 41305	CLASSICAL LITERARY STUDIES ¹	
CLAS 41404	ANCIENT CHRISTIANITIES	

CLAS 41503	LITERATURE OF THE ANCIENT GREEKS (ELR) (WIC)	
ENG 35201	THE BIBLE AS LITERATURE	
PHIL 31001	ANCIENT GREEK PHILOSOPHY (WIC)	
PHIL 31002	MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY (WIC)	
PHIL 31072	AMERICAN INDIAN PHILOSOPHIES (DIVD)	
PHIL 31075	PHILOSOPHY AND CULTURE (DIVG)	
PHIL 41010	PROBLEMS IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	
REL 31065	COMPARATIVE RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE	
REL 41010	RELIGION, VIOLENCE AND TERROR	
REL 41091	SEMINAR IN ADVANCED COMPARATIVE RELIGION	
REL 42091	RELIGION IN THE MODERN WORLD	
Social Scientific Study and History Elective, choose from the following:		3
ANTH 48150	RELIGION: A SEARCH FOR A MEANING	
HIST 31031	REFORMATIONS IN EARLY MODERN CHRISTIANITY	
HIST 31126	HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST	
HIST 41129	THE HOLOCAUST: THE DESTRUCTION OF EUROPEAN JEWRY, 1938-1945	
PACS 32040	CROSS-CULTURAL CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (DIVG)	
REL 11020	INTRODUCTION TO WORLD RELIGIONS (DIVG) (ELR) (KHUM)	
or REL 21021	MOSES, JESUS AND MOHAMMAD (DIVG) (ELR) (KHUM)	
SOC 42561	SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION	
Additional Social Scientific Study and History or Religious Culture, Thought and Literature Electives ¹		6

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 15

¹ Students must choose courses not already completed from any of the elective lists.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

Program Note

- Some courses in the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies are offered on a rotating basis, and course availability may change at any time. Please see the program coordinator or your academic advisor for course planning.

Foreign Language College Requirement, B.A.

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 14-16 credit hours of foreign language.¹ To complete the requirement, students need the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options:²

- Intermediate I and II of the same language
- Elementary I and II of a second language
- Any combination of two courses from the following list:
 - Intermediate I of the same language
 - ARAB 21401
 - ASL 19401
 - CHIN 25421
 - MCLS 10001

- MCLS 20001
- MCLS 20091
- MCLS 21417
- MCLS 21420
- MCLS 22217
- MCLS 28403
- MCLS 28404

¹ All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may start beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses. This may be accomplished by (1) passing a course beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level; (2) receiving credit through one of the alternative credit programs offered by Kent State University; or (3) demonstrating language proficiency comparable to Elementary II of a foreign language. When students complete the requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they will complete remaining credit hours with general electives.

² Certain majors, concentrations and minors may require specific languages, limit the languages from which a student may choose or require coursework through Intermediate II. Students who plan to pursue graduate study may need particular language coursework.

Roadmaps

Classical Civilization Concentration

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
CLAS 21404	THE GREEK ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)	3
or	or THE ROMAN ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)	
CLAS 21405		
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Foreign Language		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		17
Semester Two		
CLAS 21404	THE GREEK ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)	3
or	or THE ROMAN ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)	
CLAS 21405		
Foreign Language		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		13
Semester Three		
Classics Culture Elective		3
Foreign Language		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
Classics Culture Electives		6

Foreign Language	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
General Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Semester Five	
CLAS 41005 HISTORY OF ANCIENT GREECE or CLAS 41006 or ROMAN HISTORY	3
CLAS 41401 GREEK ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART or CLAS 41402 or ROMAN ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART	3
Classics Culture Elective	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
General Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Semester Six	
CLAS 41304 LITERATURE OF THE ROMAN WORLD (ELR) (WIC) or CLAS 41503 or LITERATURE OF THE ANCIENT GREEKS (ELR) (WIC)	3
General Electives	12
Credit Hours	15
Semester Seven	
Capstone Elective	3
General Electives	12
Credit Hours	15
Semester Eight	
General Electives	15
Credit Hours	15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120

Greek Concentration

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
CLAS 21404 THE GREEK ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM) or CLAS 21405 or THE ROMAN ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)	3	
UC 10001 FLASHES 101	1	
Kent Core Requirement	3	
Kent Core Requirement	3	
Kent Core Requirement	3	
Credit Hours	13	
Semester Two		
CLAS 21404 THE GREEK ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM) or CLAS 21405 or THE ROMAN ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)	3	
Kent Core Requirement	3	
Kent Core Requirement	3	
Kent Core Requirement	3	
Kent Core Requirement	3	
Credit Hours	15	
Semester Three		
Classics Culture Elective	3	
Kent Core Requirement	3	
Kent Core Requirement	3	

Prerequisites or General Electives	4
Credit Hours	13
Semester Four	
Kent Core Requirement	3
Prerequisites or General Electives	4
General Electives	9
Credit Hours	16
Semester Five	
CLAS 41005 HISTORY OF ANCIENT GREECE or CLAS 41006 or ROMAN HISTORY	3
CLAS 41401 GREEK ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART or CLAS 41402 or ROMAN ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART	3
GRE 24201 INTERMEDIATE CLASSICAL GREEK I: READINGS	3
General Electives	6
Credit Hours	15
Semester Six	
CLAS 41304 LITERATURE OF THE ROMAN WORLD (ELR) (WIC) or CLAS 41503 or LITERATURE OF THE ANCIENT GREEKS (ELR) (WIC)	3
GRE 24202 INTERMEDIATE CLASSICAL GREEK II: READINGS	3
General Electives	9
Credit Hours	15
Semester Seven	
GRE 34372 ADVANCED READINGS IN GREEK	3
Capstone Elective	3
General Electives	12
Credit Hours	18
Semester Eight	
General Electives	15
Credit Hours	15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120

Latin Concentration

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
CLAS 21404 THE GREEK ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM) or CLAS 21405 or THE ROMAN ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)	3	
UC 10001 FLASHES 101	1	
Kent Core Requirement	3	
Kent Core Requirement	3	
Kent Core Requirement	3	
! Prerequisites or General Electives	4	
Credit Hours	17	
Semester Two		
CLAS 21404 THE GREEK ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM) or CLAS 21405 or THE ROMAN ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)	3	
Kent Core Requirement	3	
Kent Core Requirement	3	
! Prerequisites or General Electives	4	
Credit Hours	13	

Semester Three		
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Prerequisite or General Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
Kent Core Requirement		3
Prerequisite or General Elective		3
General Electives		9
Credit Hours		15
Semester Five		
! CLAS 41005	HISTORY OF ANCIENT GREECE	3
or	or ROMAN HISTORY	
CLAS 41006		
LAT 36172	ADVANCED READINGS IN LATIN	3
General Electives		9
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
! CLAS 41304	LITERATURE OF THE ROMAN WORLD (ELR) (WIC)	3
or	or LITERATURE OF THE ANCIENT GREEKS	
CLAS 41503	(ELR) (WIC)	
! CLAS 41401	GREEK ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART	3
or	or ROMAN ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART	
CLAS 41402		
Latin Elective		3
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		15
Semester Seven		
Capstone Elective		3
! Latin Elective		3
General Electives		9
Credit Hours		15
Semester Eight		
Latin Elective		3
General Electives		12
Credit Hours		15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

Religion Studies Concentration

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One			Credits
CLAS 21404	THE GREEK ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)		3
or	or THE ROMAN ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)		
CLAS 21405			
UC 10001	FLASHES 101		1
Foreign Language			4
Kent Core Requirement			3
Kent Core Requirement			3
Credit Hours			14
Semester Two			
CLAS 21404	THE GREEK ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)		3
or	or THE ROMAN ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)		
CLAS 21405			

Foreign Language		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Three		
REL 11020	INTRODUCTION TO WORLD RELIGIONS (DIVG)	3
or	(ELR) (KHUM)	
REL 21021	or MOSES, JESUS AND MOHAMMAD (DIVG)	
	(ELR) (KHUM)	
Foreign Language		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
Social Scientific Study and History Elective		3
Foreign Language		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		15
Semester Five		
CLAS 41005	HISTORY OF ANCIENT GREECE	3
or	or ROMAN HISTORY	
CLAS 41006		
Religious Culture, Thought and Literature Elective		3
Additional Social Scientific Study and History or Religious Culture, Thought and Literature Elective		3
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
! CLAS 41304	LITERATURE OF THE ROMAN WORLD (ELR) (WIC)	3
or	or LITERATURE OF THE ANCIENT GREEKS	
CLAS 41503	(ELR) (WIC)	
Additional Social Scientific Study and History or Religious Culture, Thought and Literature Elective		3
General Electives		9
Credit Hours		15
Semester Seven		
CLAS 41401	GREEK ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART	3
or	or ROMAN ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART	
CLAS 41402		
General Electives		12
Credit Hours		15
Semester Eight		
Capstone Elective		3
General Electives		12
Credit Hours		15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Flashes 101 (UC 10001)	1 credit hour
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Course is not required for students with 30+ transfer credits (excluding College Credit Plus) or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37 credit hours
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 credit hours
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120 credit hours

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the Latin and Greek concentrations will be able to:

1. Demonstrate understandings of the Greek or Roman cultural context within which literary, historical and other writings were produced.
2. Distinguish between ancient and modern cultural values.
3. Recognize historical biases.
4. Use primary source materials, including material culture, to better understand the cultures of the ancient world.
5. Read Latin at the level of Cicero and Vergil, or read Greek at the level of Homer and Plato.
6. Compose complex sentences in Latin or Greek.
7. Analyze texts with respect to philology, literary style and cultural contexts.
8. Demonstrate general knowledge of the literature, history and culture of classical civilization (Greece and Rome).

Graduates of the Classical Civilization concentration will be able to:

1. Demonstrate understandings of the Greek or Roman cultural context within which literary, historical and other writings were produced.
2. Appreciate the contributions of the Greco-Roman world to modern societies.
3. Distinguish between ancient and modern cultural values.
4. Recognize historical biases.
5. Apply critical thinking to ethical conundrums in the record of the past.
6. Apply a variety of methodologies to the study of the past.

7. Use primary source materials, including material culture, to better understand the cultures of the ancient world.

Graduates of the Religion Studies concentration will be able to:

1. Demonstrate understandings of the Greek or Roman cultural contexts within which Jewish and Christian texts were produced.
2. Appreciate the contributions of western antiquity to modern religious thought of a wide variety of faiths and doctrines.
3. Distinguish between ancient and modern religious values and biases.
4. Apply critical thinking to matters of difficult interpretation.
5. Employ a variety of methodologies to study religions of the past and present.
6. Use primary source materials-both literary and material-to understand better the complexities of religion, in both the ancient Greco-Roman world and the modern world.

Full Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Classics provides a foundation in the Western humanities while sharpening a student's analytical skills and English vocabulary through the systematic study of the ancient languages. Colloquia are offered regularly, covering such thematic topics as violence, gender, sexuality and ancient Christianities.

The Classics major comprises the following concentrations:

- The **Greek** concentration offers opportunities for students to read original Greek texts by such authors as Plato and Homer to enrich their knowledge of classical languages. Students may select from a list of culture courses dealing with the art, archaeology, history, mythology and literature of the classical world.
- The **Latin** concentration offers opportunities for students to read original Latin texts by such authors as Cicero and Vergil to enrich their knowledge of classical languages. Students may select from a list of culture courses dealing with the art, archaeology, history, mythology and literature of the Classical world. Students in the Latin concentration are eligible to pursue teacher licensure at the secondary level.
- The **Classical Civilization** concentration is designed for students with a broad interest in the Classical world. The major offers a wide variety of diverse subjects, including the literature, art archaeology, history, law, religion, sport and mythology of the Classical world. The coursework is all in English, but students may take coursework in ancient Greek or Latin beyond the elementary level. The program provides students with a strong, general liberal arts education appropriate to many pursuits after college, including law, medicine, business, writing and publishing.
- The **Religion Studies** concentration is founded on the study of the ancient multicultural traditions of the Mediterranean peoples, whose multiple worldviews gave rise to religious traditions that, together with the classical heritage, shaped successive Western civilizations. Students begin with a core of classics courses, in order to understand the cultural context within which the traditions of Second-Temple Judaism, Rabbinic Judaism and early Christianities arise. Concentration requirements form an introduction to the content of classical world religions, including major Eastern traditions and Islam, and to the study of religion as an academic discipline. Courses examine the classical and Western traditions in greater depth, explore the reception of and discourse about Western traditions with medieval and modern societies, or take a comparative approach to the examination of non-Western traditions. The program emphasizes

critical thinking skills and provides a liberal arts education especially well-suited for those planning on careers as religious professionals.