CLASSICS - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies
www.kent.edu/mcls

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.

Contact Information
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• Speak with an Advisor
• Chat with an Admissions Counselor

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
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Classics - B.A.
Classical Civilization Concentration Requirements

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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

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

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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. Visit the department’s website for course offering projections and advising with 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:

1. Intermediate I and II of the same language
2. Elementary I and II of a second language
3. 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

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**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 |

| Minimum Total Credit Hours: | 120 |
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 though 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.