

What is the study of Classics?

The Department of Classics is devoted to the study of the ancient Mediterranean civilizations of Greece and Rome which stand at the beginning of the history and culture of the whole of Western civilization. A wide variety of subjects and methods of investigation come within the experience of students who pursue the study of the Classical world, including (among others) Ancient History, Archaeology, Art History, the Latin and ancient Greek languages, Linguistics, Modern Word Origins, Mythology, Literature and Drama, Religion, and the Origins of Western Thought.

What is unique about Classics at the UM?

Despite its small size, the Department of Classics has a range of expertise and activity that is more characteristic of its larger counterparts. The Department has a Greek archaeologist and a Roman archaeologist among its members. Other members of the Department conduct research and publish substantially in Greek and Roman language and literature, history, religion, mythology, philosophy, as well as Greek manuscripts and papyri. Students may also study ancient Greek and Latin to a high level of fluency, but most courses in the Department of Classics do not require knowledge of these languages. Students in the Classics program also have the opportunity to travel to Europe for research and to work on archeological digs. The department has implemented a travel bursary for students and helped to co-ordinate this adventure.

Program Options

B.A. Advanced Major - 4 yearsB.A. Advanced Double Major - 4 yearsB.A. General Major - 3 yearsMinor

Career Opportunities

Conservation Technician
Cultural Resource Manager
Curatorial Assistant
Heritage/Historic Interpretor
Historic Preservation Specialist
Immigrant Settlement Worker

