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# Classical Studies

## Bachelor of Arts in Classical Studies

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### Why Should I Major in Classical Studies at Seton Hall?

As a classical studies student, you will gain a strong foundation in the Greek and Roman origins of Western culture and thought. Many modern ideas about politics, representative government, the rule of law, the study of history, war and imperialism, sexuality and athletics, come from the ancient Greeks and Romans. The classical ideal of balance among physical, intellectual and spiritual aspects of our lives is still a goal today. Study of Latin and Greek expands your English vocabulary and improves grammar skills. The Department of Classical Studies at Seton Hall University is a small department, facilitating personal attention by each professor to the individual needs and goals of every student. Qualified students may join the Theta Delta chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, the National Honor Society for Classical Studies.

### The Curriculum:

The classical studies curriculum ranges over the history and culture of the ancient Greek and Roman worlds, including language and literature, philosophy, religion and mythology, science, politics, history, drama, art and architecture, and their influence on modern thought, literature, art and architecture. In our Greek and Latin courses, you learn how to read the original words of Virgil, Cicero, Homer and the New Testament, for yourself, rather than relying on translations.

### What Does It Take to Graduate?

The classical studies major involves the in-depth study of Greek or Latin authors in the original languages, and/or a wide range of courses in English translation that examine the Greco-Roman world from the third millennium B.C. to the Middle Ages. Eighteen credits give a minor in classical languages, classical culture or Latin. If you fulfill your language requirement by taking 12 credits in Latin, an additional two (language) courses or four (culture) courses will result in minors in Latin, classical languages or classical culture.

### Career Opportunities:

Career opportunities for those with a bachelor's degree in classical studies include law, teaching at all levels, health professions, the creative arts, journalism and the Church. The Department of Classical Studies offers students the opportunity to participate in the New Jersey Teacher Certification Program for Latin.

Seton Hall's classical studies students have gone on to graduate school not only in classics, but in fields ranging from anthropology and biochemistry to museum studies and psychology. Other students have chosen to attend law school, business school, medical school, dental school and seminary.

### How Do I Apply for Admission?

Send your application to Seton Hall University and include the \$55 non-refundable application fee (\$45 if applying online). Freshman applicants must submit official high school transcripts and any college or university transcripts where credit was attempted, plus the results of the SAT I or ACT assessments. Transfer students must submit transcripts from each college or university where credit was attempted. Those with fewer than 24 earned credits must complete the freshman requirements. Applications are available at [admissions.shu.edu](http://admissions.shu.edu).

### Can I Get Financial Aid?

Almost 90 percent of the students who entered Seton Hall last year received some form of financial aid, and 75 percent of these students received money directly from the University. The four types of financial aid include scholarships, grants and discounts, loans, and part-time jobs on campus. For further information, visit [admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm](http://admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm) or call (973) 761-9332.

## Classic Studies Requirements

### Core Curriculum Requirements\*

- A. English Language (6 credits)
- B. Communication (3 credits)
- C. Mathematics (3 credits and prerequisites) — MATH 1202
- D. Natural Sciences (6 credits) and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
- E. Western Civilization (6 credits), Foreign Language at the intermediate level (6 credits) and American Civilization/African, Asian and Latino Civilizations/Foreign Literature/Advanced Language (6 credits)
- F. Ethical Questions (3 credits)
- G. Philosophy and Religious Studies (9 credits)

\* Please see Undergraduate Catalogue

### Classical Studies Major

Degree candidates must complete a minimum of 36 credits in classical studies; at least 18 credits must be in Latin or Greek.

Note: GREK 2207-8 New Testament Greek satisfies the College of Arts and Sciences' language requirement. All programs are worked out in consultation with the department adviser who may modify the program in view of the student's background and special objectives.

### Classical Studies Minor Programs\*

IA. Latin (18 credits minimum)

LATN 1101-1102 Elementary Latin I-II

LATN 2101-2102 Intermediate Latin I-II

LATN 3111-3395 Choose two courses

IB. Classical Languages (18 credits minimum)

LATN 1101-1102 Elementary Latin I-II

LATN 2101-2102 Intermediate Latin I-II

GREK 1205-3395 Choose two courses

II. Classical Culture (18 credits minimum)

CLAS 2317 Classical Mythology

CLAS 1311-3290 Choose five courses

\* Please see the Undergraduate Catalogue for a complete list of courses.

### Degree Requirements: 130 total credit hours

Students can minor or double major in any of the College of Arts and Sciences disciplines.

**For more information**, call an admissions counselor at **1-800-THE-HALL**, send an e-mail to [thehall@shu.edu](mailto:thehall@shu.edu) or visit [admissions.shu.edu](http://admissions.shu.edu).

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