CLASSICS IS THE STUDY of the languages, literature, physical remains, society, culture and history of Greco-Roman civilization. The study of classics seeks to enlarge, preserve and transmit in-depth knowledge and understanding of the ancient civilizations, which continue to exert a central influence on modern society. Students acquire an interdisciplinary body of knowledge and the rigorous application of several investigative methodologies, while developing disciplined problem-solving skills and intellectual acuity applicable to graduate study and numerous professional careers.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in:
▶ Classics
▶ Classical Humanities

Minors: Greek, Latin, classical humanities and theatre

The Xavier Advantage:
▶ Participate in research projects for presentation at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) and other major conferences.
▶ Enroll in the summer Xavier University study abroad program in Greece to complete courses and travel through well-known sites.
▶ Join the Senior Classical League to interact with all Classics students and attend special events and conferences.
▶ Attend lectures sponsored by the Cincinnati chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America.
▶ Be nominated to Eta Sigma Phi, the Xavier chapter of the National Classics Honor Society.

Xavier classics graduates go on to:
▶ Adobe Systems
▶ AOL Time Warner
▶ Case Western Reserve University
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▶ United Nations Geneva Centre for Human Rights
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THE PROGRAM

Based in Schott Hall, Xavier’s Classics program focuses primarily upon literature and language. These areas stand at the center of this discipline, and are essential for further study of any of the specialized aspects of classical antiquity. More important, they infuse the undergraduate student with the words and contexts of many of the world’s greatest writers and thinkers, broadening and deepening the understanding of the uniqueness and ethical ubiquity of human experience.

A degree in classics is designed to bring students into lively engagement with the world of the ancient Greeks and Romans through the study of their language, literature and culture. Students specialize in either Latin or Greek while pursuing courses in translation.

The classical humanities degree is designed for students who have an interest in the ancient world but prefer breadth rather than specialization in their undergraduate education. There is less emphasis on language and more emphasis on classical culture, in particular art, archaeology, architecture and mythology. Often classical humanities majors pursue a second major or several minors. This degree combines the minimum number of course requirements with a maximum number of elective courses.

Classics students also learn to:
- Examine Greek and Roman cultures through interdisciplinary study and the rigorous application of several investigative methodologies.
- Explore the words and contexts of many of the world’s greatest writers and thinkers from Homer to Plato.
- Engage in comparative and critical evaluation of ancient civilizations and contemporary society.
- Develop disciplined problem-solving skills and intellectual acuity in preparation for graduate study and for numerous professional careers.

The classics faculty is strongly committed to the students, and professors are also active in research, publishing and professional organizations. All members of the department serve on University committees and are officers and board members of national and international classical organizations. The department also plays a major role in the Honors Bachelor of Arts program.

RESOURCES

Classics students take advantage of many professional development opportunities:
- Working alongside faculty in research projects and in department-funded summer research opportunities.
- Presenting research projects at student conferences such as the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) and the Miami Undergraduate Conference in Classics.
- Traveling to Greece in the Xavier University Study Abroad program and taking courses in fine arts, social sciences or theology, while touring such well-known Greek cities and sites as Delphi, Olympia, Sparta, Crete, Athens and more.
- Participating in other study abroad programs to Rome, London and Paris.

OUTCOMES

The study of classics prepares students for a wide range of careers. The department works closely with Xavier’s Career Services to assist students in taking advantage of internships. As a result, our graduates have successfully pursued a broad variety of careers in business, law, medicine and journalism, working with such employers as:
- Adobe Systems
- AOL Time Warner
- Case Western Reserve University
- Procter & Gamble
- Nationwide Insurance Companies
- Shell Oil Company
- United Nations Geneva Centre for Human Rights
- U.S. Air Force

Classics graduates have been accepted to graduate programs at such prestigious institutions as:
- Catholic University
- The Ohio State University
- University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
- University of Chicago
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Georgia
- University of Missouri
- University of Toronto
- University of Vienna
- University of Virginia
- University of Wisconsin

Several groups provide additional ways to broaden the classical studies experience:
- The Senior Classical League is open to all advanced students in the ancient languages and sponsors play readings, lectures and professional conferences on campus.
- The Archaeological Society which, in cooperation with the University of Cincinnati, welcomes Xavier students to lectures sponsored by the Cincinnati chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America. Members of the Archaeological Society have participated in excavations throughout the United States, Europe and the Middle East.
- Students with an active interest in the classics can be nominated to Eta Sigma Phi, the Xavier chapter of the National Classics Honor Society. Eta Sigma Phi students frequently excel in national Latin and Greek competitions and earn scholarships for summer study abroad in Greece and Italy.

The Honors BA program in the classics department hosts two annual lectures series in the Conaton Learning Commons: The John W. Rettig Lecture Series and the Robert J. Murray Lecture Series.

The Conaton Learning Commons, opened in 2010, is the heart of the James E. Hoff, S.J., Academic Quad. The Commons provides students with the facilities, technologies and services to help them...
master essential skills and gain a competitive advantage in their respective disciplines and careers. As a result, Xavier graduates are better prepared to enjoy successful lives and careers. The Commons:

- Features 84,000 square feet, five floors and 24/7 environment.
- Creates a focal point for connecting teaching, learning and the Jesuit mission of service to others.
- Equips students with academic and technological tools in a wireless setting.
- Offers ample space for individual study and group work in a wireless setting with access to plasma screens, movable white boards and a café.
- Houses centers for academic advising and career services and labs for math, writing and modern languages.
- Includes a digital media lab, classrooms, auditorium and a centralized location for reference and technology assistance.

THE COLLEGE & THE CITY

The College of Arts and Sciences is the oldest and largest college at Xavier University. Its goal is to provide excellent liberal arts education in the Jesuit tradition that prepares students for careers, professional or graduate school, and life in a global society.

Centrally located in the heart of the Midwest and set along the Ohio River, Cincinnati is a thriving city, offering college students in the region a wide range of opportunities for internships and careers. Culture and entertainment ranges from the Cincinnati Art Museum to the Cincinnati Reds. Affordable and accessible, Cincinnati is rated one of the “most wired” U.S cities (Forbes Magazine), most sociable city in the world (mashable.com), and one of the top 15 U.S. cities to live and work (Fortune Magazine).

CORE CURRICULUM

The foundation of Xavier’s success is its commitment to its Jesuit heritage. The Core Curriculum embodies Xavier’s mission and philosophy of education and serves as a valuable foundation for all undergraduate students. Within the Core, the four-course Ethics/Religion and Society (E/RS) Focus fosters students’ understanding of socially significant issues through study of the humanities, especially literature, philosophy and theology, as well as the social and natural sciences. Along with courses in their major, Xavier students also take Core courses in: cultural diversity, English composition, fine arts, foreign language, history, literature, mathematics, philosophy, science, social science and theology.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Core Curriculum: Minimum 64 credit hours

Major in classics: 33 credit hours, including 21 hours beyond the intermediate level in Latin or Greek, and 12 hours of a second language, which may be either an ancient or modern language

Major in classical humanities: 36 credit hours, including six hours of Latin or Greek beyond the intermediate level and 18 hours of classical culture offerings

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