Classics: Classical Studies, Greek, Latin (and Archaeology)

Greek and Latin DO satisfy the language requirement.
Classics courses may appear under separate headings in the Course Guide: Classical Studies, Greek, Latin, and Classical & Near Eastern Archaeology

Types of Courses: The Department of Classics offers two types of courses:
• courses in classical studies (CSTS) on Greco-Roman culture that are taught exclusively in English.
• courses in Ancient Greek (GREK) and Latin (LATN) language and literature (see section III information about placement and beginning a language at Haverford);

Who should consider taking Greek or Latin? In addition to students who are interested in Greco-Roman antiquity and the classical tradition, those interested in Comparative Literature, English, History, Philosophy, & Religion (among other disciplines) can complement their studies by learning Greek or Latin.

Collaboration with Bryn Mawr: Our department offers a shared curriculum with Bryn Mawr's Department of Greek, Latin, and Classical Studies. We encourage students to take courses on both campuses.

I. Classics Courses of Interest to First-Year Students

Greek and Latin Courses: first-year students interested in beginning or resuming one of the ancient languages and those considering a major in Greek, Latin, or Classical Languages should take Latin or Greek at the appropriate level; for details on placement, see below.

Classical Studies Courses designed to be introductions to the study of Greco-Roman Antiquity
(CSTS & ARCH Courses are taught in English and will require no knowledge of Greek or Latin)

Fall Semester
CSTS H227: Race & Ethnicity in the Classical World (Ulrich)

Spring Semester
CSTS H121: The Roman Revolution (Germany and Mulligan)

Other Classical Studies Courses taught in 2015–16 recommend to first-year students

Fall Semester
ARCH B125: Myths in Art & Sky (Lindenlauf)
CSTS B205: Greek History (Tober)
CSTS B212: Magic in the Greco-Roman World (Edmonds)

Spring Semester
ARCH B234: Picturing Women (Lindenlauf)
ARCH B254: Cleopatra (Tasopoulou)
CSTS H212: Monsters, Marvels, and Magic: Refashioning the Past (Silverblank)
CSTS H2xx: History of Healing: Ancient Medicine (Ulrich)

II. Four Options for Majoring and Three for Minoring in Classics

Students can major in (1) Classical Languages (Latin and Greek), (2) Greek, (3) Latin, or (4) Classical Culture and Society, which requires two semesters of Greek or Latin at the 100-level or above.

Students can also minor in (1) Greek, (2) Latin, or (3) Classical Culture and Society.

NB: Students considering a major in Classical Languages, Latin, or Greek should normally be taking one of the languages in their first year, though students with a strong language preparation in high school can sometimes start later. The major in Classical Culture and Society requires less coursework in the languages, and so can be started later. Prospective majors or minors are encouraged to talk to Prof. Mulligan.

Majoring, Minoring, or Concentrating in Archaeology or Geoarchaeology: students can major or minor in Archaeology at Bryn Mawr. Additional information at: brynmawr.edu/archaeology/
III. Placement Guidelines for Greek and Latin

Most students begin their studies at the Elementary (001–002) or Intermediate (101–102) levels. Because of the varied preparation in languages provided at the secondary level, the Classics department uses an on-line diagnostic and discussion with students to determine proper placement. If students have not taken the diagnostic, they should contact Prof. Mulligan or Prof. Germany as soon as possible. Below, we offer below general guidelines for Greek and Latin courses, but students are encouraged to contact Prof. Mulligan or another member of the department before the start of classes; otherwise, we recommend that they go to the class for which they feel most qualified (see guidelines below) and speak to the instructor.

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<td>Little or no previous experience</td>
<td>Should take LATN 001–002 (Elementary Latin), taught by Prof. Mulligan. This is a year-long course; the first semester combines an introduction to grammar and syntax with brief readings drawn from the 2000-year history of literary Latin. In the second semester the class will finish the basics of the language and read longer selections in prose and poetry. Students may also consider the equivalent course at Bryn Mawr. Because this is, like all elementary language courses, a yearlong course, students should only sign up for it if they plan to take both semesters.</td>
<td>Should normally take GREK 001–002 (Elementary Greek), taught by Prof. Germany. This is a year-long course; the first semester will combine an introduction to grammar and syntax with brief readings in prose and poetry. In the second semester the class will finish learning the basics and read longer texts (including one of Plato’s shorter dialogues). Students may also consider Bryn Mawr’s course in elementary Greek, GREK 010. Because this is, like all elementary language courses, a yearlong course, students should only sign up for it if they plan to take both semesters.</td>
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<td>High school background but needs substantial review</td>
<td>May try LATN 101 with Prof. Mulligan (see below), but might be better served by starting afresh in LATN 001–002. Students in this situation should speak with Prof. Mulligan or another member of the department to determine their best course of action.</td>
<td>Should consult with a member of the department as soon as possible. They may be able to take GREK B101: <em>Herodotus</em>, taught at Bryn Mawr. This course is followed in the spring semester by GREK 102: <em>Homer</em>, taught by Prof. Roberts at Haverford.</td>
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<td>Strong high school preparation</td>
<td>Should normally take LATN 101: <em>Enemies of Rome</em> at Haverford, taught by Prof. Mulligan, or the Bryn Mawr equivalent, LATN 110. LATN 101 combines translation with interpretation and consideration of Roman identity as reflected in how they describe their enemies. We read works by Ovid, Vergil, Nepos, Cicero, Horace, and other authors. <em>Students who have read some of these authors will still gain a great deal from this course.</em> LATN 101 may be followed in the spring either by LATN 102: <em>The Language of Love and Hate in the Roman Republic</em> at Haverford or by LATN 112: <em>Horace and Livy</em> at Bryn Mawr.</td>
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<td>Exceptionally extensive preparation</td>
<td>In rare cases, students with exceptionally extensive HS preparation (well beyond the levels above) have begun their studies at the 200-level. Students who think they may qualify for this level should consult with Prof. Mulligan before taking such a class.</td>
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**Resuming language instruction in Spring Semester:** Students with prior experience with Latin, even if they have not taken a language course in the fall, may be able to resume their studies in the spring. Students should speak to the instructors as soon as possible:

- Students with 3+ years of Latin, or more but with a significant gap in instruction may be able to start with LATN 002. Speak to Prof. Mulligan at start of fall semester, if possible.
- Students with very strong HS Latin may be able to start with LATN 102 (*The Language of Love and Hate in the Roman Republic*).