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

Language Requirement: Greek and Latin DO satisfy the language requirement

**Types of Courses:** The Department of Classics offers two types of courses:

- courses in Ancient Greek and Latin language and literature; see below (III) for information about placement and beginning a language at Haverford; and
- courses in classical studies (CSTS) on Greco-Roman culture that are taught exclusively in English.

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

**Collaboration with Bryn Mawr:** Our department collaborates closely with Bryn Mawr’s department of Greek, Latin, and Classical Studies, offering a shared curriculum that contributes to programs on both campuses. We encourage students to take language and CSTS courses on both campuses.

**Note:** Classics courses at Haverford, Bryn Mawr, and Swarthmore are listed in the Course Guide under separate headings: Classics & Classical Studies, Greek, and Latin.

I. 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 (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 work in the languages, and so can be started later. Students who think they might be interested in one of the majors or minors offered by the Classics Department are encouraged to talk to Prof. Roberts.

**Majoring, Minoring, or Concentrating in Archaeology or Geoarchaeology:** students can major or minor in Archaeology at Bryn Mawr. Additional information at: brynmawr.edu/archaeology/

II. Classical Studies Courses of Interest to First-Year Students

**Classical Studies** *(Note: These are taught in English and will require no knowledge of Greek or Latin).* We mention here only the courses most directly relevant to the experience of first-year students.

**Courses designed to be introductions to the study of Greco-Roman Antiquity**

**Fall Semester:**
- CSTS 119: Culture and Crisis in the Golden Age of Athens (Germany)

**Other courses taught in 2013-14 open to/appropriate for first-year students** *(B=taught at Bryn Mawr)*

**Fall Semester**
- CSTS B255: Show and Spectacle in Greece and Rome (Baertschi)
- CSTS 293: Translation and Other Transformations (Roberts)

**Spring Semester**
- CSTS B175: Feminism in Classics (Conybeare)
- CSTS 208: Roman Empire (Scott)
- CSTS B209: Eros in Ancient Greek Culture (Edmonds)
- CSTS 212: Refashioning the Past: Ancient Texts and Modern Writers (Roberts)
- CSTS 2xx: (planned new course on race in the ancient world) (Roy)

For additional courses on Greco-Roman antiquity, see the departments of Archaeology at Bryn Mawr, Religion at Haverford, and History and Philosophy at Haverford and Bryn Mawr.
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 does not give formal placement tests; we offer below general guidelines for Greek and Latin courses, but if students have further questions they should contact Prof. Roberts before the start of classes. If students are unable to speak with her before classes begin, 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 LATIN 001-002 (Elementary Latin), taught by Prof. Tortorelli. This is a year-long course: the first semester combines an introduction to grammar and syntax with brief readings from ancient authors, and 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. <em>Because this is, like all elementary language courses, a year-long course, students should only sign up for it if they plan to take both semesters.</em></td>
<td>Should normally take GREEK 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, and 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, GREEK 010. <em>Because this is, like all elementary language courses, a year-long course, students should only sign up for it if they plan to take both semesters.</em></td>
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<td>High school background but needs substantial review</td>
<td>May try LATIN 101 or Bryn Mawr’s Latin 110 (see below), but might be better served by starting afresh in Latin 001-002. Students in this situation should speak with Prof. Roberts or another member of the department to figure out where they should start.</td>
<td>Should consult with a member of the department as soon as possible. They may be able to take GREEK 101: <em>Herodotus and Greek Lyric</em>, taught by Prof. Roberts. This course is followed in the spring semester by GREEK 102: <em>Homer</em>, taught at Bryn Mawr.</td>
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<td>Strong high school preparation</td>
<td>Should normally take LATIN 101: <em>The Language of Love and Hate in the Roman Republic</em> at Haverford, taught by Prof. Tortorelli, or the Bryn Mawr equivalent, Latin 110. Latin 101 includes readings in the poems of Catullus and in Cicero’s <em>Pro Caelio</em>, and combines translation with interpretation and consideration of cultural context. <em>Students who have read some Cicero and Catullus in high school shouldn’t assume that this course has nothing to offer them.</em> LATIN 101 may be followed in the spring either by LATIN 102: <em>Roman Comedy</em> at Haverford or by the more intensive LATIN 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. Roberts before taking such a class.</td>
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**Starting language in Spring Semester:** If students have prior experience with Latin, even if they have not taken a language course in the fall, they 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 LATIN 002.
- Students with very strong HS Latin may be able to start with LATIN 102, Roman Comedy