

MINOR IN CLASSICAL CIVILIZATIONS

Program Learning Outcomes for the Minor in Classical Civilizations

Upon completing the minor in Classical Civilizations, students will be able to:

1. Identify and research texts, artifacts, institutions, personalities, places, and events that are integral to ancient Greek and Roman culture and contextualize them culturally and historically.
2. Communicate both orally and in writing the historical significance of ancient Greek and Roman culture and their continuing influence on the modern world.
3. Relate classical civilization to the modern world, and appreciate the profound influence classical civilization has had and continues to have on global culture.

Requirements for the Minor in Classical Civilizations

Students pursuing the minor in Classical Civilizations must complete:

- A minimum of 6 courses (18 credit hours) to satisfy minor requirements.
- A minimum of 3 courses (9 credit hours) taken at the 300-level or above.
- A maximum of 2 courses (6 credit hours) from study abroad or transfer credit. For additional departmental guidelines regarding transfer credit, see the [Policies](#) (p. 1) tab.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this minor. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the minor's academic advisor, or where applicable, the Program Director. (Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the minor's [Official Certifier](#) (<https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/>)). Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

Summary

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours Required for the Minor in Classical Civilizations		18

Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Requirements ¹		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
CLAS 107 / HUMA 107	GREEK CIVILIZATION AND ITS LEGACY	
CLAS 108 / HUMA 111	ROMAN CIVILIZATION AND ITS LEGACY	

CLAS 235	CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGY: INTERPRETATION, ORIGINS, AND INFLUENCE
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CLAS 336 / LING 336	INTRO TO INDO-EUROPEAN
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Elective Requirements¹ 12

Select 4 elective courses from departmental course offerings in CLAS, GREE, or LATI at any level

Total Credit Hours 18

Footnotes and Additional Information

¹ A minimum of 3 courses (9 credit hours) must be taken at the 300-level or above.

Policies for the Minor in Classical Civilizations

Students pursuing the minor in Classical Civilizations should be aware of the following program restrictions:

- As noted in [Majors, Minors, and Certificates](#) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/majors-minors-certificates/>), i.) students may declare their intent to pursue a minor only after they have first declared a major, and ii.) students may not major and minor in the same subject.
- Students pursuing the major in Classical Studies may not additionally declare the minor in Classical Civilizations.
- Students pursuing the minor in Classical Civilizations may not additionally declare the minor in Greek Language and Literature.
- Students pursuing the minor in Classical Civilizations may not additionally declare the minor in Latin Language and Literature.

Transfer Credit

For Rice University's policy regarding transfer credit, see [Transfer Credit](#) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/>). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. The Office of Academic Advising maintains the university's official list of [transfer credit advisors](#) (<https://oaa.rice.edu/advising-network/transfer-credit-advisors/>) on their website: <https://oaa.rice.edu>. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program's transfer credit advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

Departmental Transfer Credit Guidelines

Students pursuing the minor in Classical Civilizations should be aware of the following departmental transfer credit guidelines.

- No more than 2 courses (6 credit hours) of transfer credit from U.S. or international universities of similar standing as Rice may apply towards the minor.
- Requests for transfer credit will be considered by the departmental Director of Undergraduate Studies (and/or the program's official transfer credit advisor) on an individual case-by-case basis.

Distribution Credit Information

The determination of distribution credit eligibility is done initially as part of the [new course creation process](#) (<https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/courseprocess/>). Additionally, as part of an [annual roll call](#) (https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/distribution_credit/) coordinated each Spring by the Office of the Registrar, course distribution credit eligibility is

routinely reviewed and reaffirmed by the Dean's Offices of each of the academic schools.

Faculty and leadership in the academic schools are responsible for ensuring that the courses identified as distribution-credit-eligible meet the criteria as set in the General Announcements (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text>). Students are responsible for ensuring that they meet graduation requirements (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text>) by completing coursework designated as distribution-credit-eligible at the time of course registration.

Distribution courses from the Department of Modern and Classical Literatures and Cultures are broad in theme and scope and provide students with a substantial inquiry into literature, art, media, history, thought, and/or politics, including specific national traditions, linguistic contexts, and historical periods. Such courses involve a broad and often interdisciplinary spectrum of knowledge, providing students with the tools for thinking critically about the formation of modern culture, its colonial past, and its national and linguistic traditions from antiquity to the present.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Modern and Classical Literatures and Cultures website: <https://cultures.rice.edu> (<https://cultures.rice.edu/>)

Opportunities for the Minor in Classical Civilizations

Academic Honors

The university recognizes academic excellence achieved over an undergraduate's academic history at Rice. For information on university honors, please see [Latin Honors](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/>) (*summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *cum laude*) and [Distinction in Research and Creative Work](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/>). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Modern and Classical Literatures and Cultures website: <https://cultures.rice.edu> (<https://cultures.rice.edu/>)

See <https://humanities.rice.edu/student-life> (<https://humanities.rice.edu/student-life/>) for tables of fellowships, prizes, and internships/practica that may be relevant to this minor.