

CLASSICS AND ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES, B.A.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Arts degree in Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	21
Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements	24
Requirements for the Major	30

3 of the 24 credits for Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements are included in the Requirements for the Major, General Education, or Electives and 0-12 credits are included in Electives if world language proficiency is demonstrated by examination.

Per Senate Policy 83-80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of coursework in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

No more than 15 credits in courses numbered 99, 199, 299, 399, or 499 may count toward the requirements for the major.

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
CAMS 5	Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations	3
CAMS 400W	Comparative Study of the Ancient Mediterranean World	3
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 3 credits in Greek or Roman literature and language, civilization, or archaeology from approved department list		3
Select 3 credits in Near Eastern literature and language, civilization, or archaeology from approved department list		3

Select 6 credits, at or above the 100 level, from approved department list ¹ 6

Requirements for the Option

Requirements for the Option: Require a grade of C or better

Select an option 12

¹ Appropriate offerings include ancient Near Eastern languages and literatures, ancient history, anthropology, art history, classics and ancient Mediterranean studies, Greek, Hebrew, Jewish studies, Latin, linguistics, philosophy, or religious studies.

Requirements for the Option

Ancient Languages Option (12 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 12 credits at the 400 level in either Greek or Latin or in Akkadian, Aramaic, Biblical Hebrew, Egyptian, Hittite, Sumerian, or other ancient Near Eastern language in consultation with major adviser ¹		12

¹ At least 6 credits must be in one language.

Ancient Mediterranean Archaeology Option (12 credits)

Up to 6 credits of fieldwork may be applied to the Common Requirements for the Major.

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better		
CAMS 440W/	Studies in Classical and Ancient Mediterranean	3
ANTH 439W	Archaeology	
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better		
Select 0-3 credits from the following:		0-3
CAMS/JST/ RLST 90	Jerusalem: Past, Present, and Future	
CAMS/HIST 104	Ancient Egypt	
CAMS 140	Classical Archaeology--Ancient Greece	
CAMS 150	Classical Archaeology--Ancient Rome	
CAMS 199	Foreign Studies	
Select 6-9 credits from the following:		6-9
ANTH 410	Osteology	
ANTH 425	Zooarchaeology	
ANTH 426W	Archaeological Laboratory Analysis	
ANTH 428	Archaeological Methods and Theory	
CAMS 430/ ANTH 420/JST 420	Archaeology of the Near East	
CAMS 499	Foreign Studies	

400-level fieldwork course in an approved archaeological project in the Mediterranean region or Near East in consultation with major adviser

Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies Option (12 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 6 credits at the 400 level from Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies (CAMS), ancient Near Eastern languages, Greek, or Latin courses		6
Select 6 credits at the 400 level from approved department list ¹		6

¹ Appropriate courses include ancient Near Eastern languages and literature, ancient history, anthropology, Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Jewish studies, linguistics, philosophy, or religious studies.

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements**First Year Engagement**

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

B.A. Degree Requirements

World Language (0-12 credits): Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one world language in addition to English. This proficiency must be demonstrated by either examination or course work. See the Placement Policy for Penn State World Language Courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advising-planning-degree-program/course-placements/placement-policy-world-language-courses/>).

B.A. Fields (9 credits): Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts, World Languages, Natural Sciences, Quantification (may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major; world language credits in this category must be in a second world language in addition to English or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the first language). Credits must be selected from the list of approved courses.

World Cultures (0-3 credits): Select 3 credits from approved list. Students may count courses in this category in order to meet other major, minor, elective, or General Education requirements, except for the University Cultural Diversity (US/IL) requirement.