

CLASSICS AND ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The CAMS minor recognizes the completion of a broadly interdisciplinary study of the cultures of the ancient Mediterranean world through 18 credits of course work, including 6 credits at the 400-level. The courses offered are concerned with the cultures of the ancient Near East, Egypt, and Mesopotamia, Greece, and Rome in such fields as civilization, archaeology, history, philosophy, religion, and mythologies. Students who complete the Penn State Athens Education Abroad Program and its prerequisite course may apply to receive the minor. Students in the minor may also receive credit for participating in approved archaeological fieldwork in the Mediterranean region. While the study of language is not required, students are encouraged to study the appropriate ancient languages. The minor is especially suitable for students in such fields as history, medieval studies, anthropology, literature, philosophy, and education.

What is Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies?

Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies (CAMS) is the study of ancient civilizations that arose and flourished around the Mediterranean basin (including Egypt, Greece, Rome, Anatolia, Israel, Mesopotamia, and North Africa) from the “cradle of civilization” in Mesopotamia (ca. 4000 BCE) to the end of Greco-Roman antiquity (ca. 600 CE). CAMS investigates the entire scope of the ancient Mediterranean world and trains students to interpret the linguistic and archaeological evidence of the greatest ancient cultures.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You want to learn the methods of archaeology and archaeological interpretation with the goal of reconstructing the social practices and historical development of different peoples in the ancient Mediterranean.
- You want to master an interdisciplinary subject with a long-term perspective on the human condition and on cultural achievements across diverse geographical regions.
- You want to pursue a career in education, archaeology, or law.