CLASSICAL STUDIES (CLAS)

CLAS 102 - INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF WESTERN ART I: ANTICQUITY TO GOTHIC
Short Title: INTRO TO HIST OF WESTERN ART I
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: A survey of painting, sculpture, and architecture from Antiquity through the 15th century. Cross-list: HART 101, MDEM 111. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for CLAS 102 if student has credit for HART 220.

CLAS 107 - GREEK CIVILIZATION AND ITS LEGACY
Short Title: GREEK CIVILIZATION & LEGACY
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: An examination of the literary, artistic, and intellectual achievements of classical Greek civilization from Homer through the golden age of classical Athens to the spread of Greek culture in the Hellenistic world. The influence of ancient Greece on Western culture will be a focus. Case studies in the later reception of classical Greek literature (e.g., tragedy), philosophy (e.g., Socrates), history (e.g., democracy), and art (e.g., The Parthenon) will be examined. Cross-list: HUMA 107.
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CLAS 108 - ROMAN CIVILIZATION AND ITS LEGACY
Short Title: ROMAN CIVILIZATION &ITS LEGACY
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: This course will investigate central aspects of Roman civilization: politics, religion, law, oratory, private life, public entertainment, literature, and visual art and architecture. We will also examine the place of ancient Rome in the western imagination, and the influence of ancient Rome on later politics, literature, and art. Cross-list: HUMA 111.
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CLAS 124 - CLASSICAL ANTIQUITY IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE
Short Title: ANTIQUITY IN CHILDREN'S LIT
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: We will study children's literature, from the Victorian period to the present day, in which models from classical antiquity and/or the idea of classical antiquity itself are prominent, seeking to understand the meanings "classical antiquity" held and holds for their authors and readers, and the agendas they served and serve. Taught in English.

CLAS 208 - THE FALL OF ROME
Short Title: THE FALL OF ROME
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: The course will consider the fall of Rome as an historical event and an historical topic. We will examine how, why, and even if the Roman empire fell in antiquity. We will also consider the historical narrative of Rome's fall, including in Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire.

CLAS 209 - CAMENAE TO CHRISTIANITY: A SURVEY OF LATIN POETRY
Short Title: A SURVEY OF LATIN POETRY
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: A survey of Latin poetry from its origins to its late period. Readings are in English. The course provides a broad overview of Latin literary history through the close study of Roman poetry and of the culture in which it was produced. Authors include Catullus, Virgil, Horace, and Ovid.
CLAS 210 - HOMER AND VIRGIL AND THEIR RECEPTION
Short Title: HOMER AND VIRGIL
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: This course reads Homer's ILLIAD and ODYSSEY and Virgil's AENEID in translation. Topics include the nature of oral poetry, the history of the epic genre, Virgilian intertextuality, the cultural and political contexts in which the poems arose, and case studies in the poets' reception.
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CLAS 218 - CITIES, SANCTUARIES, CIVILIZATIONS: INTRODUCTION TO GREEK ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY
Short Title: GREEK ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: An introduction to the art and archaeology of the ancient Greek world. Artistic media, such as sculpture and vase painting will be examined in a broad range of the material culture ancient Greeks created and used. Consideration of these materials within their cultural, social and religious contexts will be discussed. Cross-list: HART 216.

CLAS 219 - OLD ENGLISH: READINGS IN BEOWULF
Short Title: OLD ENGLISH
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: We will read selections from Beowulf in the original Old English, and discuss its literary and historical importance. No prior knowledge of Old English required.

CLAS 225 - AUGUSTUS AND THE 'GOLDEN AGE' OF ROME
Short Title: AUGUSTUS & 'GOLDEN AGE' ROME
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: An exploration of Augustan Rome through the literature, art, and architecture that revolutionized the eternal city under its first Emperor, both through his agency and in more subversive form. We will ask how writers and artists responded to this moment of transformation, and how text and material culture interacted to shape Roman Imperial culture.

CLAS 235 - CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGY: INTERPRETATION, ORIGINS, AND INFLUENCE
Short Title: CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGY
Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: We will read and analyze some of the most influential Greek myths (including their parallels and permutations in other cultures). Employing insights from a variety of theoretical approaches to myth, we will identify typical story patterns, characters, and events, and the values, anxieties, and aspirations for which they stand.
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French Revolution and beyond. Ancients and moderns have participated in constant complexities of our own approaches to the past. This seminar traces the rudimentary beginnings in Homer to the complex, incisive arguments attempted to understand how ancient Greeks thought about politics from political society, democracy, reached its pinnacle in Athens. We shall society in order to understand and improve it. One particular form of the course will seek to understand the life and thought of Socrates, arguably the most influential philosopher in history. Readings will focus on Plato's Socratic dialogues, among the world's masterpieces of prose literature, and Aristophanes' Clouds, in which the "sophist" Socrates is mercilessly mocked for his outlandish uselessness. We will read Plato's Apology of Socrates at both the beginning and the end of the course, considering the reasons that Socrates was tried, convicted, and executed by his fellow citizens, and what was the nature of his defense. Mutually exclusive with FWIS 149. Students cannot receive credit for both FWIS 149 and CLAS 303. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for CLAS 303 if student has credit for FWIS 149.

CLAS 316 - DEMOCRACY AND POLITICAL THEORY IN ANCIENT GREECE

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: The Greeks created political society and studied political society in order to understand and improve it. One particular form of political society, democracy, reached its pinnacle in Athens. We shall attempt to understand how ancient Greeks thought about politics from the rudimentary beginnings in Homer to the complex, incisive arguments of Aristotle. Cross-list: PLST 316.

CLAS 319 - ANCIENTS VERSUS MODERNs

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Ancients and moderns have participated in constant dialogue — sometimes friendly, sometimes hostile — that still shapes the complexities of our own approaches to the past. This seminar traces approximately two millennia of conflict and compromise between so-called "ancients" and "moderns" from ancient Greece and Rome to the French Revolution and beyond.

CLAS 336 - INTRO TO INDO-EUROPEAN

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course will begin with a brief survey of the Indo-European languages, followed by a detailed reconstruction of Proto-Indo-European phonology, morphology, and syntax. The second half of the course will deal with Indo-European culture, laws, society and poetics, together with a consideration of advanced topics in the individual branches. Cross-list: LING 336.

CLAS 477 - SPECIAL TOPICS

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

CLAS 492 - SPECIAL TOPICS

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Independent work. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

CLAS 493 - SENIOR THESIS

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Independent work. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.
CLAS 494 - SENIOR THESIS

Short Title: SENIOR THESIS

Department: Modrn & Classicl Lit & Culture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Independent Study

Credit Hours: 3

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level

Prerequisite(s): CLAS 493

Description: Continuation of CLAS 493. Open to Classical Studies majors in their final year. Thesis, approximately 7,500-15,000 words (30-60 pages), on a topic of the student's choice in consultation with a faculty member. Instructor Permission Required.