Bachelor of Arts (BA)

The major in Latin provides training in Latin from the ground up, enabling students to encounter texts such as Virgil’s *Aeneid*, Tacitus’ *Annals*, and Apuleius’ *Golden Ass* in their original form. Students majoring in Latin contextualize these readings by taking classes in Classical Civilizations, where they explore many different aspects of Roman culture and read a broad array of ancient texts in translation.

Declaring the Major

The easiest way to declare a major is to meet with an undergraduate advisor, who will have all the necessary forms. Please also see the Letters & Science Advising site for a guide to declaring a major (https://ls.berkeley.edu/advising/degree-requirements/declaring-major).

Honors Program

Students who are declared majors in Latin and who have a GPA (both general and departmental) of at least 3.6 are eligible for honors in Latin. The honors program consists of a two-semester course sequence — LATIN H195A and LATIN H195B that is designed to support the writing of a thesis. This thesis, which will be evaluated by an honors committee of three members, may either build on work in a previous upper division course used in fulfillment of the Latin major or may be a newly conceived project. It is due the Monday of the 13th week of the semester in which Latin H195B is taken.

Further details can be found online at Classics Undergraduate Honors (http://www.classics.berkeley.edu/programs/undergraduate/honors). Please consult with a Classics undergraduate adviser to begin planning to participate in honors.

Minor Program

The Department of Classics offers a minor in Latin Studies. For information regarding how to declare the minor, please contact the department. Please see the Minor Requirements tab on this page for details regarding the requirements for this minor.

Other Majors and Minors Offered by the Department of Classics

Classical Languages (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/classical-languages) (Major only)

Classical Civilizations (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/classical-civilizations) (Major and Minor)

Greek (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/greek) (Major and Minor)

In addition to the University, campus, and college requirements, listed on the College Requirements tab, students must fulfill the below requirements specific to their major program.

General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the major requirements below must be taken for graded credit, other than courses listed which are offered on a Pass/No Pass basis only. Other exceptions to this requirement are noted as applicable.

2. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student’s major and minor programs, with the exception of minors offered outside of the College of Letters & Science.

3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be maintained in both upper and lower division courses used to fulfill the major requirements.

For information regarding residence requirements and unit requirements, please see the College Requirements tab.

Summary of Major Requirements

Lower division: Two courses 8
Elementary Language: One or Two courses 8-10
Basic Reading: Three courses 12
Senior Reading: Four courses 16
One additional upper division course from the list of recommended courses (see below) 4
Total Units 48-50

Lower Division

CLASSIC 10A  Introduction to Greek Civilization 1 4
CLASSIC 10B  Introduction to Roman Civilization 1 4
Total Units 8

1  To completed, if possible, by the end of the student's junior year.

Elementary Language

Select one of the following: 8-10
LATIN 1  Elementary Latin
& LATIN 2  and Elementary Latin
LATIN 15  The Latin Workshop [10]
Total Units 8-10

Basic Reading

LATIN 100  Republican Prose 4
LATIN 101  Vergil 4
LATIN 102  Lyric and Society 4
Total Units 12

Senior Reading

Select four courses from the following: 16
LATIN 115  Roman Drama [4]
LATIN 119  Latin Epic [4]
LATIN 120  Latin Prose to AD 14 [4]
LATIN 121  Tacitus [4]
LATIN 122  Post-Augustan Prose [4]
LATIN 140  Medieval Latin [4]
LATIN 155A  Readings in Medieval Latin [4]
Total Units 16
General Guidelines

1. All minors must be declared no later than one semester before a student’s Expected Graduation Term (EGT). If the semester before EGT is fall or spring, the deadline is the last day of RRR week. If the semester before EGT is summer, the deadline is the final Friday of Summer Sessions. To declare a minor, contact the department advisor for information on requirements, and the declaration process.

2. Five upper division courses in the Classics Department. Courses or seminars taught by Classics professors in other departments may also be accepted, in consultation with the Undergraduate Faculty Adviser. One of the five courses may be taken outside of the department on campus or abroad with the approval of the Undergraduate Faculty Adviser.

3. All courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements below must be taken for a letter grade.

4. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.

5. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth requirement, for Letters & Science students.

6. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student’s major and minor programs.

7. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which you plan to graduate.

8. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

Requirements

Upper Division

Select five upper division courses in Latin language and related courses:

At least three courses must be in the Latin language.

Up to two courses may be courses with substantial content relevant to Latin literature, philosophy, culture, or history.

Undergraduate students must fulfill the following requirements in addition to those required by their major program.

For detailed lists of courses that fulfill college requirements, please review the College of Letters & Sciences (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science) page in this Guide. For College advising appointments, please visit the L&S Advising (https://ls.berkeley.edu/advising/about-undergraduate-advising-services) Pages.

University of California Requirements

Entry Level Writing (http://writing.berkeley.edu/node/78)

All students who will enter the University of California as freshmen must demonstrate their command of the English language by fulfilling the Entry Level Writing requirement. Fulfillment of this requirement is also a prerequisite to enrollment in all reading and composition courses at UC Berkeley.

American History and American Institutions (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science/american-history-institutions-requirement)

The American History and Institutions requirements are based on the principle that a US resident graduated from an American university, should have an understanding of the history and governmental institutions of the United States.

Berkeley Campus Requirement

American Cultures (http://americancultures.berkeley.edu/students/courses)

All undergraduate students at Cal need to take and pass this course in order to graduate. The requirement offers an exciting intellectual environment centered on the study of race, ethnicity and culture of the United States. AC courses offer students opportunities to be part of research-led, highly accomplished teaching environments, grappling with the complexity of American Culture.

College of Letters & Science Essential Skills Requirements

Quantitative Reasoning (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science/quantitative-reasoning-requirement)

The Quantitative Reasoning requirement is designed to ensure that students graduate with basic understanding and competency in math, statistics, or computer science. The requirement may be satisfied by exam or by taking an approved course.
Foreign Language (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science/foreign-language-requirement)
The Foreign Language requirement may be satisfied by demonstrating proficiency in reading comprehension, writing, and conversation in a foreign language equivalent to the second semester college level, either by passing an exam or by completing approved course work.

Reading and Composition (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science/reading-composition-requirement)
In order to provide a solid foundation in reading, writing, and critical thinking the College requires two semesters of lower division work in composition in sequence. Students must complete parts A & B reading and composition courses by the end of their second semester and a second-level course by the end of their fourth semester.

College of Letters & Science 7 Course Breadth Requirements

Breadth Requirements (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science/#breadthrequirementstext)
The undergraduate breadth requirements provide Berkeley students with a rich and varied educational experience outside of their major program. As the foundation of a liberal arts education, breadth courses give students a view into the intellectual life of the University while introducing them to a multitude of perspectives and approaches to research and scholarship. Engaging students in new disciplines and with peers from other majors, the breadth experience strengthens interdisciplinary connections and context that prepares Berkeley graduates to understand and solve the complex issues of their day.

Unit Requirements

• 120 total units
• Of the 120 units, 36 must be upper division units
• Of the 36 upper division units, 6 must be taken in courses offered outside your major department

Residence Requirements

For units to be considered in “residence,” you must be registered in courses on the Berkeley campus as a student in the College of Letters & Science. Most students automatically fulfill the residence requirement by attending classes here for four years. In general, there is no need to be concerned about this requirement, unless you go abroad for a semester or year or want to take courses at another institution or through UC Extension during your senior year. In these cases, you should make an appointment to meet an adviser to determine how you can meet the Senior Residence Requirement.

Note: Courses taken through UC Extension do not count toward residence.

Senior Residence Requirement

After you become a senior (with 90 semester units earned toward your BA degree), you must complete at least 24 of the remaining 30 units in residence in at least two semesters. To count as residence, a semester must consist of at least 6 passed units. Intercampus Visitor, EAP, and UC Berkeley-Washington Program (UCDC) units are excluded.

You may use a Berkeley Summer Session to satisfy one semester of the Senior Residence requirement, provided that you successfully complete 6 units of course work in the Summer Session and that you have been enrolled previously in the college.

Modified Senior Residence Requirement

Participants in the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP), Berkeley Summer Abroad, or the UC Berkeley Washington Program (UCDC) may meet a Modified Senior Residence requirement by completing 24 (excluding EAP) of their final 60 semester units in residence. At least 12 of these 24 units must be completed after you have completed 90 units.

Upper Division Residence Requirement

You must complete in residence a minimum of 18 units of upper division courses (excluding UCEAP units), 12 of which must satisfy the requirements for your major.

Mission

The learning goals should be understood in the context of the mission statement of the Department of Classics. The first two components of that statement are especially relevant to undergraduate teaching and are repeated here:

• To give students across the University access to the literature, history, archaeology, mythology, and philosophy of the ancient Greek and Roman world through an array of undergraduate courses on classical culture in translation. These courses introduce students to texts, artefacts, and ideas that are worth studying both in their own right and as abidingly influential elements in the imagination and history of later cultures. Such study deepens students’ understanding of present-day issues by inculcating a sense of historical perspective that takes account of both the differences and the continuities between contemporary and ancient cultures.
• To enable undergraduates to immerse themselves in the language and culture of ancient Greece and Rome through its majors in Greek, Latin, and Classical Civilizations. These majors equip students with knowledge and analytical skills that can be applied in many areas (e.g., law, politics, business, biosciences, computer science, and media) as well as providing essential preparation for graduate study in classics, comparative literature, philosophy, and other fields.

Learning Goals for the Majors

1. Acquire a basic grounding in the vocabulary, morphology, and syntax of classical Latin.
2. Practice the skills needed to use dictionaries, grammars, and other resources to read intermediate texts accurately and to deal comfortably with at least some advanced texts in the original language(s).
3. Learn to identify and understand key events, institutions, personalities, places, and concepts of ancient Greek and Roman culture.
4. Gain a critical awareness of continuities and differences between and within cultures and of ideologies of gender, group identity, social status, and political organization.
5. Demonstrate the ability to interpret texts and material culture and to understand the implications of interpretive methods.
6. Demonstrate the ability to synthesize a well-organized argument from textual or other evidence and to express it in formal English prose.
Latin

Expand all course descriptions [+]Collapse all course descriptions [-]

LATIN 1 Elementary Latin 4 Units
Offered through: Classics
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
Beginners' course.
Elementary Latin: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Latin/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Elementary Latin: Read Less [-]

LATIN 2 Elementary Latin 4 Units
Offered through: Classics
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
Beginners' course.
Elementary Latin: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 1 or equivalent
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of lecture per week
Summer:
6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week
8 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Latin/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
The Latin Workshop: Read Less [-]

LATIN 15 The Latin Workshop 10 Units
Offered through: Classics
Terms offered: Summer 2020 10 Week Session, Summer 2019 10 Week Session, Summer 2018 10 Week Session
Designed for anyone who wishes to acquire reading knowledge of Latin; replaces 2+ semesters of traditional study. Lectures, discussions, drills and tutorial sessions on grammar and vocabulary; readings in Latin prose and poetry (e.g., Cicero and Ovid).
The Latin Workshop: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Senior or graduate standing, or consent of instructor
Credit Restrictions: Students will receive five units of credit for Latin 15 after completing Latin 1, five units after completing Latin 2, and no credit after completing Latin 10.
Hours & Format
Summer: 10 weeks - 15 hours of lecture and 15 hours of recitation per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Latin/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
The Latin Workshop: Read Less [-]

LATIN 99 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units
Offered through: Classics
Terms offered: Fall 2014, Spring 2014, Fall 2013
Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and 3.3 overall GPA; restricted to freshmen and sophomores
Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Latin/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.
Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read Less [-]
**LATIN 100 Republican Prose 4 Units**  
Offered through: Classics  
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019  
Selected readings in Caesar, Sallust, and Cicero; some review of grammar.  
Republican Prose: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 2, 10, or 15

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:  
6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week  
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Latin/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Republican Prose: Read Less [-]

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**LATIN 101 Vergil 4 Units**  
Offered through: Classics  
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Spring 2018, Fall 2018  
Selected readings from Vergil.  
Vergil: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 100

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Latin/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Vergil: Read Less [-]

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**LATIN 102 Lyric and Society 4 Units**  
Offered through: Classics  
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Spring 2017  
Reading in Catullus and Horace, and of short selections from prose literature of their periods.  
Lyric and Society: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 100

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Latin/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Lyric and Society: Read Less [-]

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**LATIN 115 Roman Drama 4 Units**  
Offered through: Classics  
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2009, Fall 2008  
Readings in Comedy (Plautus and/or Terence) and Tragedy (Seneca).  
Roman Drama: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 101 or 102

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Latin/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Roman Drama: Read Less [-]
LATIN 116 Lucretius, Vergil's Georgics 4 Units
Offered through: Classics
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Spring 2013, Fall 2011
Readings in the De Rerum Natura and the Georgics.
Lucretius, Vergil's Georgics: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 101 or 102
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Latin/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Lucretius, Vergil's Georgics: Read Less [-]

LATIN 119 Latin Epic 4 Units
Offered through: Classics
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Fall 2017, Spring 2014
Readings in Latin epic poetry.
Latin Epic: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 101 or 102
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Latin/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Latin Epic: Read Less [-]

LATIN 120 Latin Prose to AD 14 4 Units
Offered through: Classics
Terms offered: Fall 2014, Fall 2013, Spring 2009
Readings in Latin prose authors such as Sallust, Cicero, Caesar, and Livy.
Latin Prose to AD 14: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 100 and either 101 or 102 or 140
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Latin/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Latin Prose to AD 14: Read Less [-]

LATIN 121 Tacitus 4 Units
Offered through: Classics
Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2012, Fall 2008
Readings in Tacitus.
Tacitus: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 100 and either 101 or 102 or 140
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Latin/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Tacitus: Read Less [-]
LATIN 122 Post-Augustan Prose 4 Units
Offered through: Classics
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Spring 2017
Readings in Seneca, the younger Pliny, and other prose writers.
Post-Augustan Prose: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 100 and either 101 or 102 or 140
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Latin/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Post-Augustan Prose: Read Less [-]

LATIN 140 Medieval Latin 4 Units
Offered through: Classics
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2017, Spring 2016
Introduction to medieval Latin: readings in prose and poetry from Cassiodorus to the Italian Renaissance, with emphasis on certain periods.
Medieval Latin: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 100
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Latin/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Medieval Latin: Read Less [-]

LATIN 155A Readings in Medieval Latin 4 Units
Offered through: Classics
Terms offered: Fall 2015, Spring 2010, Spring 2006
Study of texts selected from the early, high, or late medieval periods. Focuses on prose.
Readings in Medieval Latin: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 100 or 101 or 102 or 140, or consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Latin/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: 107.
Readings in Medieval Latin: Read Less [-]

LATIN 160 Latin Prose Syntax and Stylistics 4 Units
Offered through: Classics
Terms offered: Spring 2020
The goal of this course is to improve your understanding of Latin prose, its basic syntactical principles and the stylistic variation we see across the corpus. To this end, the course will comprise several components: review of grammar (especially syntax), vocabulary, and idiom; composition exercises; and reading passages (prepared and at sight) from Latin authors.
Latin Prose Syntax and Stylistics: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Latin/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Latin Prose Syntax and Stylistics: Read Less [-]
**LATIN H195A Honors Course in Latin 2 - 4 Units**
Offered through: Classics
Terms offered: Prior to 2007
This is a two-semester Honors course [H195A-B]. The work for the Honors course may either build on work in a previous upper division course used in fulfillment of the Latin major or may be a newly conceived project. The work will result in the writing of a thesis, to be evaluated by an Honors committee of three members. Written thesis due the Monday of the 13th week of the semester in which the course is taken.
Honors Course in Latin: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**
Prerequisites: A student must be a declared major in the Classics Department and in the subject in which Honors is done. A student must have a 3.6 overall GPA and a 3.6 GPA in the major courses

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Latin/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part one of a year long series course. A provisional grade of IP (in progress) will be applied and later replaced with the final grade after completing part two of the series. Final exam not required.

Honors Course in Latin: Read Less [-]

**LATIN H195B Honors Course in Latin 4 Units**
Offered through: Classics
Terms offered: Spring 2020
This is a two-semester course [H195A-B]. The work for the Honors course may either build on work in a previous upper division course used in fulfillment of the Latin major or may be a newly conceived project. The work will result in the writing of a thesis, to be evaluated by an Honors committee of three members. Written thesis due the Monday of the 13th week of the semester in which the course is taken.
Honors Course in Latin: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**
Prerequisites: A student must be a declared major in the Classics Department and in the subject in which Honors is done. A student must have a 3.6 overall GPA and a 3.6 GPA in the major courses

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Latin/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part two of a year long series course. Upon completion, the final grade will be applied to both parts of the series. Final exam not required.

Honors Course in Latin: Read Less [-]

**LATIN 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units**
Offered through: Classics
Terms offered: Fall 2014, Spring 2014, Fall 2013
Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**
Prerequisites: Restricted to senior honor students
Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week
Summer:
6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of independent study per week
8 weeks - 2-7.5 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Latin/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read Less [-]