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Major Requirements

- Demonstration of reading comprehension, reading and writing proficiency. Students who are uncertain of their Latin level should consult with Tina Passman, 581-2072.
- A minimum of 24 hours in Latin above the intermediate level.
- Latin 247/248 should be taken the junior year or earlier.
- 18 hours in related disciplines, as explained above.
- Highly recommended: Students preparing for teaching Classics and Latin, or going on for Classical Studies in graduate school should take 6 hours in Ancient Greek and the CLA sequence (or equivalent) as related areas.

Minor Requirements

- Latin: A minimum of 18 credit hours, 12 credit hours in the language above intermediate level.
- Classical Studies with ancient language : A minimum of 18 hours in Classical Studies, with 6 hours in Latin or Ancient Greek. The student studying Ancient Greek must take CLA 101; the student studying Latin must take CLA 102.
- Classical Studies without ancient language: CLA 101/102, CLA 201/202, other available courses focused on Classical Studies (ancient philosophy, ancient history, Honors courses - please consult with Professor Passman if you have questions).

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Program Description

Latin, ancient Greek and Classics courses are available in language, literature, philology, and culture. Many programs throughout the University of Maine require or recommend the successful completion of 6 credit hours of a foreign language, or proven proficiency in a foreign language through the intermediate level as an integral component of their majors. The degree in Latin offers students the opportunity to study a language and culture that has vastly influenced the formation of Western Europe.

Latin major students planning to teach a foreign language need to complete a major program in the department, as well as 18 credit hours in a subject commonly taught in high school (i.e., history, English, mathematics, etc.). Some students view the Latin major as a way to earn certification in language teaching. Future teachers have access to courses leading to language teaching certification, including MLC 466: The Teaching of Modern Languages. (The course is modified when a Latin student enrolls.)

There are several study abroad options for Latin students through the Office of International Programs. All students (not just language majors or minors) are encouraged to make study abroad part of their educational experience.

The Latin major combines 24 credit hours of Latin above the intermediate level with 18 hours in two or more related disciplines in Liberal Arts and Sciences. These related disciplines may include Classics courses, Ancient Greek, Art History courses, Philosophy courses, Political Science courses, English courses and Honors courses. All related courses must have a focus on the Classical or Medieval world. Ancient Greek is highly recommended.

Classical Studies Major: Students interested in majoring in Classical Studies should inquire into the Interdisciplinary B.A.

Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (*including biology*)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language (*same language*)
- Academic electives (*to equal at least 17 total credits*)

To ensure current mathematical skills students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

Career Opportunities

Career opportunities: Latin has long been seen as a stepping stone to the study of law and medicine, as well as useful for those in the sciences and philosophy. Students with Latin degrees have gone on to study law and medicine, health and science professions, and offering tours with an archeological and ancient emphasis. A Latin degree develops skills which enhance job opportunities in every field through the development of higher order thinking and a deep knowledge of languages and attitudes derived from the ancient European world. These skills include, besides what is noted above, library sciences, social services, corporate work.

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General Education Requirements*

ENG 101	College Composition
18 credits	Human Values & Social Context area (<i>a single course may satisfy more than 1 sub-category, but a total of 18 credits must be completed</i>) Western Cultural Tradition Social Context & Institutions Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives Population & the Environment Artistic & Creative Expression
2 courses	Designated Writing Intensive (<i>1 must be within the major</i>)
2 courses	Biological or Physical Sciences (<i>must include at least 1 laboratory course</i>)
1 course	Ethics (<i>emphasis on discussion of ethical issues in 1 course or series of courses</i>)
6 credits	Mathematics (<i>including statistics & some computer science, only 3 credits in computer science can count toward this requirement</i>)
1 capstone	An approved experience in which the student integrates the components of his or her undergraduate training to perform at a professional level. The capstone experience is usually completed during the senior year in consultation with the student's academic advisor.

**All UMaine students must complete these general education requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

Specialized Information

Under the New England Regional Student Program, administered through the New England Board of Higher Education, the Bachelor of Arts degree in Latin is open to applicants who reside in Rhode Island for reduced tuition (in-state tuition plus 50 percent). The department also offers a minor in French, German, Latin or Spanish. The minors are open to all undergraduate, degree-seeking University of Maine students and require the completion of 18 credit hours of coursework in the desired minor.

All students, not only foreign language majors, are strongly encouraged to study abroad for a period of time during their undergraduate career. Among the most popular and successful opportunities are the CIEE Program at Rennes, France; Junior Year Abroad in Salzburg, Austria; and the CIEE Program in Seville and Alicante, Spain; as well as Argentina and the Dominican Republic.

Graduate Study

Graduates have also gone on for a Master of Arts or Doctor of Philosophy degree at such institutions as Tulane University, University of Maryland, Rutgers, Cornell, the State University of New York at Buffalo, the University of Illinois, Bowling Green State University, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Purdue University, the University of California and Harvard.

In addition, graduates have received prestigious Fulbright Grants to study in Europe. Some former students have received advanced degrees in Literature and Language, others in Linguistics, Bilingual Education and Pedagogy.

Our students have gone on to teach in high schools and universities throughout the country.

Academic Programs 2008-2009

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