

# CLASSICS

## What can I do with this major?

### AREAS

### EMPLOYERS

### STRATEGIES

#### EDUCATION

Teaching  
Research  
Administration  
Student Affairs Including:  
    International Education/Study Abroad  
    Academic Advising  
    Admissions  
    Student Support Services  
Library and Information Services

Universities and colleges  
Elementary and secondary schools, public  
    and private  
Professional language schools

Earn a Ph.D. for college/university teaching or a graduate degree in college student affairs or library/information science for other university positions.  
Learn the certification process for teaching K-12.  
Acquire certification in additional subject areas for increased job possibilities.  
Maintain a high grade point average and develop strong recommendations from faculty.  
Get involved on campus as a resident assistant, orientation leader, admissions guide, etc.

#### THE ARTS

Administration/Management  
Archival Work  
Education  
Research  
Translation  
Museum Work: Curatorship, Conservation,  
    Restoration  
Design: Period, Exhibit, Costume, Set  
Development/Fundraising  
Appraisal

Museums including:  
    Public, private, university  
Art galleries  
Antique dealerships  
Art councils  
Historical societies and sites  
Archives  
Libraries  
Public research agencies  
Private foundations  
Theatrical companies

Minor in art history or take other relevant courses.  
Develop excellent writing and communication skills.  
Volunteer or intern in an art or historical museum.  
Earn a graduate degree in museum studies, art history, library/information science, or other related field.  
Be prepared to relocate to areas with higher concentrations of art-related employers.

#### GOVERNMENT

Administration  
Research  
Policy Analysis  
Lobbying  
Program Management  
Translation  
Foreign Language Teaching  
Library/Information Services

State and local government  
Federal government including: State Department, Civil Rights Commission, Education Department, EPA, Federal Trade Commission, Government Printing Office, Health and Human Services, Labor Department, Library of Congress, National Labor Relations Board, National Park Service, Departments of Transportation

Learn federal, state, and local job application process.  
Take additional courses or earn a minor in area of interest.  
Gain relevant work experience through government internship programs.  
Earn a master's or professional degree in a related field to qualify for the most job opportunities.  
Get involved in campus leadership roles.  
Develop excellent written and oral communication skills.

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**STRATEGIES**

**NONPROFIT**

Administration  
Research  
Grant Writing  
Development  
Programming

Nonprofit organizations  
Social service organizations  
Churches and religiously affiliated groups

Volunteer or intern with social service organizations.  
Learn to work well with people of diverse backgrounds.  
Develop excellent communication skills.  
Take a course in grant writing.  
Join a service fraternity or get involved in community service projects.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Technical Writing  
Editing  
Copywriting  
Journalism  
Research  
Translation

Publishers  
Magazines  
Newspapers  
TV stations  
Film companies  
Internet sites  
Advertising agencies

Develop excellent writing and research skills.  
Take courses in applicable areas such as English, technical writing, or journalism.  
Gain related work experience by completing an internship.  
Develop a portfolio of writing samples.  
Write for campus or community newspapers.  
Learn appropriate computer software packages.

**BUSINESS/INDUSTRY**

Customer Service  
Management  
Sales  
Human Resources  
Public Relations  
Importing and Exporting

Business corporations in various industries such as:  
Banking, retailing, insurance, financial services,  
travel, and tourism

Many businesses hire students of "any major" if they have relevant experience and have developed the skills employers seek.  
Minor in business or another relevant field.  
Obtain related experience through internships, summer, and part-time jobs.  
Develop strong technical and analytical skills.  
Learn to work well on a team.  
Get involved in campus organizations and seek leadership roles.

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**LAW**

Law Assistance  
Prosecution  
Defense  
Contractual  
Corporate  
Nonprofit or Public Interest  
Government  
Mediation  
Lobbying

Law firms  
Government agencies  
State and local government  
Corporations  
Public interest organizations  
Private practice  
Colleges and universities

Develop strong research skills and attention to detail.  
Participate in a debate or forensic team to hone communication skills.  
Take courses in and gain experience with mediation and conflict resolution.  
Get involved with pre-law organizations.  
Obtain a summer or part-time job in a law firm.  
Shadow an attorney to learn more about the field and various specialties.  
Complete special training requirements for paralegal positions.  
Attend law school and earn a J.D. to become an attorney. Maintain an excellent grade point average and secure strong faculty recommendations to gain law school admittance. Plan to take the LSAT.

**MEDICINE**

Medicine  
Dentistry  
Optometry  
Podiatry  
Pharmacy  
Allied Health Including:  
Occupational Therapy  
Physical Therapy

Hospitals  
Medical centers and clinics  
Nursing homes  
Private practice  
Armed services  
Government agencies

Plan on attending medical school or other related graduate program. Alternative undergraduate degrees may be preferred by some medical schools.  
Take applicable prerequisites for medical or professional school and maintain an excellent grade point average, particularly in the sciences.  
Meet with a pre-health advisor periodically.  
Seek experiences in hospital or healthcare settings through volunteering, shadowing, part-time positions, or internships.  
Get involved in campus organizations and take leadership roles.  
Secure strong faculty recommendations.  
Prepare for applicable graduate admission exams, e.g. the MCAT or GRE.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Classics is an interdisciplinary major useful for cultivating verbal, written, and logical reasoning skills and for broadening one's world view.
- An undergraduate major is adequate for entry-level positions in fields such as communications, business, and government or community organizations.
- Develop a career goal and then gain the appropriate experiences, skills, and credentials to qualify for those types of positions.
- Seek experience in your interest area through internships, summer or part-time work, or volunteer positions.
- Develop excellent writing and research skills.
- Join organizations such as The American Classical League or The American Philological Association to establish a professional network.
- Study and/or travel abroad to contribute to your understanding of the field.
- Pursue graduate education in classics for increased opportunities. Plan to specialize in one area such as Latin and Greek, classical literature, classical archaeology or classical civilization.
- A classics major serves as good preparation for graduate study in other analytical subjects such as law, anthropology, history, or English and for research or practice in religion. Consider combining study in the classics with a major or minor in another discipline to maximize opportunities.
- Latin and Greek language training is particularly helpful for learning legal and medical terminology.
- Secure strong relationships and personal recommendations from professors, and become familiar with the specific entrance exam for graduate or professional schools.