The Classical Studies major explores the civilization, archaeology, languages, and literature of the ancient Greek and Roman worlds. Majors may choose from three concentrations: Classical Civilization, designed to provide a solid and wide-ranging background for understanding the origin and development of our Western ideas, values, languages, institutions, and attitudes.

Classical Archaeology, designed to allow students to engage with the archaeology of the ancient Mediterranean world.

Classical Language and Literature, designed to give students preparation in Greek or Latin and to acquaint students with those works that form the origin of European literature, history, and philosophy. Students whose concentration is Classical Language and Literature may be qualified for a career as a Latin teacher in elementary or secondary schools (would require taking additional courses early in their teaching career).

Degree Outcomes

- Enter the work force in jobs in business, law, banking, the military, the clergy, teaching Latin, teaching English as a second language, retail management, higher education administration, real estate, and insurance.
- Students develop advanced ability to communicate and think critically, and receive excellent preparation for graduate entrance exams for medical, law, and other professional programs.
- Graduates have enrolled in graduate programs at universities including The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Tufts University, Cornell University, University of Cincinnati, Colorado State University, University of Maryland, and the University of Georgia.

The Student Experience

- Faculty members committed to excellence in teaching and opportunities to interact with faculty inside and outside the classroom.
- Training in the largest such program in North Carolina, one focused exclusively on undergraduate education.
- Individualized advising and career counseling; a classical studies library and undergraduate study room.
- Fascinating courses in mythology, cosmology, ancient warfare, women in antiquity, and many more.
- Faculty teaching and research interests covering a wide variety of areas.
- Clubs and organizations tailored to specific academic interests.
- Undergraduate research opportunities with a faculty mentor, including an archaeological field school in Greece.
- Internships and study abroad opportunities, including a summer program in Rome.