

CLASSICS

What can I do with this major?

AREAS	EMPLOYERS	STRATEGIES
<u>EDUCATION</u> 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.
<u>THE ARTS</u> 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.
<u>GOVERNMENT</u> 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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<u>NONPROFIT</u> 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 back-grounds. Develop excellent communication skills. Take a course in grant writing. Join a service fraternity or get involved in community service projects.
<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> 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.
<u>BUSINESS/INDUSTRY</u> 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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<u>LAW</u> 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. Plan to 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.
<u>MEDICINE</u> 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/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. Join related student organizations, and demonstrate leadership abilities. 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.