CLAS - CLASSICS

CLAS169 Special Topics in Study Abroad I (1-6 Credits)
Special topics course taken as part of an approved study abroad program.
Repeatable to: 15 credits if content differs.

CLAS170 Greek and Roman Mythology (3 Credits)
An introduction to the mythology of ancient Greece and Rome. This course is particularly recommended for students planning to major in foreign languages, English, history, the fine arts, or journalism. Taught in English. Cross-listed with RELS170.
Credit Only Granted for: CLAS170 or RELS170.

Additional Information: This course cannot be taken for language credit.

CLAS171 Classical Myths in Europe (1 Credit)
The role which Classical Myths have played in the arts, architecture and politics of a major European city. This will only be offered through the study abroad program.

CLAS180 Discovering the World of Ancient Greece (3 Credits)
An exploration of the cultural traits and developments of ancient Greek civilization and its forerunners, from the Bronze Age Mycenaeans and Minoans, through the rise of the classical Greek city-states, to the expansion of Greek cultural influence in the wake of the conquests of Alexander the Great. Drawing upon the evidence of the archaeological remains as well as ancient historical and literary documents, students gain a basic familiarity with the principal monuments and artifacts of classical Greek civilization, the various institutions and values that characterized the Greeks, and the significant historical events that transformed the culture over the course of antiquity.

CLAS269 Special Topics in Study Abroad II (1-6 Credits)
Special topics course taken as part of an approved study abroad program.
Repeatable to: 15 credits if content differs.

CLAS275 Why do we laugh? (3 Credits)
An introduction to the breadth and complexity of humor’s role in society. Students will familiarize themselves with the explanations that various disciplines have offered about what makes us laugh, and analyze the major impact humor has in our understanding of who we are and how we see the world.

CLAS305 Archaeological Methods and Practice (3 Credits)
A team-taught, interdisciplinary course discussing theories, methods, and ethical issues in the practice of archaeology.
Prerequisite: ANTH240, ARTH200, or CLAS180. Cross-listed with ANTH305, ARTH305.
Credit Only Granted for: ANTH305, ARTH305, or CLAS305.

CLAS308 The Classics in Context (1-3 Credits)
A Study Abroad course which introduces students to the topography, archaeology and culture of the ancient Mediterranean world.
Prerequisite: Permission of ARHU-Classics department.
Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

CLAS309 Special Topics in Classical Literature (3 Credits)
Readings in translation.
Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

CLAS310 Ancient Philosophy (3 Credits)
The origins and development of philosophy and science in Ancient Greece, focusing on the pre-Socratics, Socrates, Plato and Aristotle.
Prerequisite: 6 credits in CLAS courses; or 6 credits in PHIL courses.
Credit Only Granted for: CLAS310 or PHIL310.

CLAS311 Inventing Ancient Greek Culture (3 Credits)
Who were the ancient Greeks, and were they the founders of Western civilization? The course examines the foundations of ancient Greece. Through an analysis of the historical, archaeological, and linguistic evidence, it sheds light on the so-called Black Athena Controversy, which raised doubts about the ancient Greek contribution to Western culture. The course also focuses on the impact of modern identity politics on scholarly discussions of antiquity and the ways in which the Culture Wars of the 1980s and 1990s have influenced analyses of the ancient Greek world.

CLAS315 Greek and Roman Athletics (3 Credits)
The origin and evolution of athletics in ancient Greece and Rome studied as recreation, as play, as education, as a profession and as mass entertainment.

CLAS320 Women in Classical Antiquity (3 Credits)
A study of women’s image and reality in ancient Greek and Roman societies through an examination of literary, linguistic, historical, legal, and artistic evidence; special emphasis in women’s role in the family, views of female sexuality, and the place of women in creative art. Readings in primary sources in translation and modern critical writings. Cross-listed with WMST320.
Credit Only Granted for: CLAS320 or WMST320.

CLAS330 Ancient Greek Religion: Gods, Myths, Temples (3 Credits)
Survey of Greek religious ideas and practices as they evolve from the Bronze Age to the early Christian period. Cross-listed with RELS370.
Credit Only Granted for: CLAS330 or RELS370.

CLAS331 Roman Religion: From Jupiter to Jesus (3 Credits)
Survey of the major institutions of Roman state and private religion and of the diverse religions, including Judaism and Christianity, practiced in the Roman empire.
Formerly: CLAS309J.

CLAS369 Special Topics in Study Abroad III (1-6 Credits)
Special topics course taken as part of an approved study abroad program.
Repeatable to: 15 credits if content differs.

CLAS374 Greek Tragedy in Translation (3 Credits)
Study and analysis of the tragedies of Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides with special attention to the concepts of character and of thought as conceived by Aristotle in The Poetics.

CLAS375 Ancient Comedy (3 Credits)
Representative plays by Aristophanes, Menander, Plautus and Terence in translation; examination of Greek tradition in Roman and postclassical periods.
CLAS380 Archaeological Fieldwork in Greece (4 Credits)
Students will learn about the archaeology, history and culture of Greece by participating in the archaeological investigations at Kenchreai, the eastern port of ancient Corinth. Students will learn about data analysis, artifact processing, and conservation, all important components in archaeological fieldwork. This program also gives students a rare chance to live and to learn in one of the most archaeologically rich, historically important, and naturally beautiful regions in Greece, the northeastern Peloponnese. Students will visit sites and museums throughout this region, attend seminars, and experience life in a small village. In this way they will learn not only about the practice of archaeological field research, but also about Greek history and culture from ancient to modern times. While the course focuses on southern Greece during the Roman Empire and Late Antiquity, a period of prosperity and diversity at Kenchreai and in its broader area, students will also explore cultural and historical developments that influenced other regions and longer periods, from the Bronze Age to the Modern era, including religion and cult-practice, art and iconography, settlement and the environment, and the construction of identity.

Credit Only Granted for: CLAS369K or CLAS380.
Formerly: CLAS369K.

CLAS386 Experiential Learning (3-6 Credits)

CLAS409 Classics Capstone Seminar (3 Credits)
Comparative study of selected central aspects of both ancient Greek and Roman cultures as viewed from the standpoints of literary study, history, art history, and other fields as appropriate. Seminar format involving intensive student research.

Restriction: Permission of ARHU-Classics department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

CLAS419 The Classical Tradition (3 Credits)
Examination of the role of Greek and Roman civilization in shaping the arts and ideas of western culture.

Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.
Credit Only Granted for: CLAS419 or CLAS420.
Formerly: CLAS420.

CLAS470 Approaches to Greek Mythology (3 Credits)
Ancient and modern approaches to understanding Greek myth as expression of human experience, including interpretations drawn from psychology, anthropology, and comparative mythology.
Prerequisite: CLAS170; or permission of ARHU-Classics department.

CLAS488 Independent Study in Classical Civilization (3 Credits)

CLAS499 Independent Study in Classical Languages and Literatures (1-3 Credits)