When one visits Rome or Athens, they also visit the many layers of physical, historical, and cultural development that have contributed to the complex evolution of those cities. When one tours the Roman Forum or the Greek Parthenon, they set foot on monuments whose physical impressiveness symbolizes political strength and historical importance; in a very physical way they experience the past. When one studies Latin and Greek language and culture, they embark on a tour of an alternative kind, making their way through texts and other cultural forms—such as paintings, sculptures, and philosophical ideas—that bring them directly into contact with the Greco-Roman past. Literature, philosophy, history, art and architecture, linguistics, papyrology, religion: all (and more) are branches of investigation to which the modern student of classics/classical studies has access through the surviving literary and material evidence.

But when one studies in the original language Virgil’s Aeneid, say, or Plato’s philosophical writings, they find that ancient Greek or Latin literature deals with issues and ideas that are, for us, of central contemporary importance: e.g., How can I be happy? What is the best political constitution for our (or any) state? What responsibilities do I have to the society in which I live? What national significance is served or owed by literature?

The study of Greek and Latin language and culture concentrates in one main area (ancient Greece and Rome) and on many of the questions that are of direct pertinence to the ways in which modern lives are shaped and lived, at the same time, Greco-Roman literature and philosophy, so fundamental to the later development of the Western tradition, boast works of great intrinsic worth and interest. While all Columbia students get an introduction to classical texts in Literature Humanities and Contemporary Civilization, classics/classical studies provides a more advanced study of ancient cultural issues and habits of mind already sampled in the Core.

Study abroad in Greece or Italy offers a variety of educational experiences that are continuous with those of the major, enriching both linguistic expertise and cultural awareness. Students in classics have the opportunity to take part in archaeological digs abroad and, on occasion, to assist faculty in research projects that require, for example, bibliographical collection or the checking of research data.

Many majors pursue graduate study in classics and classical studies. Upon earning their graduate degrees, they often embark on teaching careers in universities, colleges, and high schools. Many graduating majors also enter a number of other professional fields, among them law, banking, accountancy, publishing, and museum-work. Employers tend to find that students in classics are articulate on paper, as well as orally; are organized of mind; and have good skills in general reasoning, an ability developed by the study of Greek and Latin language. In effect, the study of classics opens up a wide array of options, both in education and in the wider world.

The program of the department aims for a comprehensive understanding of classical literature and culture, and the mastery of Greek and Latin on which such understanding depends. Careful study of the language occupies the largest part of the first-year courses and is not omitted in the more advanced courses. Although literature becomes the chief subject only in the advanced courses, important authors like Homer, Plato, and Virgil are studied as literary texts already in the intermediate courses. A wide variety of courses are offered in translation.

Through a joint program with Barnard, the department offers a broad range of subjects. The department annually offers four advanced courses in each language (at the 3000- or 4000-level), the content of which changes each year in order to provide a curricular range and to balance authors and genres over a two-year period.

Opportunities for individual projects of reading and research are available. Students are also permitted to take graduate courses if they are sufficiently prepared. Additionally, they can supplement their studies within the department through work in other departments, such as art history and archaeology, history, philosophy, and the other departments of languages and literature.

It is not necessary to have previously studied either language in order to major in it. A student starting Greek or Latin at Columbia can meet all the requirements of a major within an ordinary undergraduate program.

### In Fulfillment of the Language Requirement

Students beginning the study of Greek or Latin at Columbia must take four terms of either of the following two-year sequences:

#### Greek

- **GREK UN1101** Elementary Greek I
- **GREK UN1102** and Elementary Greek II
- **GREK UN2101** Intermediate Greek I Attic Prose
- **GREK UN2102** and Intermediate Greek II: Homer

#### Latin

- **LATN UN1101** Elementary Latin I
- **LATN UN1102** and Elementary Latin II
- **LATN UN2101** Intermediate Latin I
- **LATN UN2102** and Intermediate Latin II

With the permission of the director of undergraduate studies, GREK UN2102 Intermediate Greek II: Homer may be taken before GREK UN2101 Intermediate Greek I Attic Prose.

The intensive elementary courses GREK UN1121 Intensive Elementary Greek and LATN UN1121 Intensive Elementary Latin may be substituted for the two-term **UN1101-UN1102** sequence. The intensive intermediate courses GREK S2121Q Intensive Intermediate Greek: Poetry and Prose and LATN S2121Q Intensive Intermediate Latin: Poetry and Prose may be substituted for the two-term **UN2101-UN2102** sequence.

LATN UN2101 Intermediate Latin I should be taken before LATN UN2102 Intermediate Latin II.
For students with secondary-school training in Greek or Latin, the director of undergraduate studies determines, on the basis of records and test scores, what further work is needed to fulfill the language requirement.

**Advanced Placement**

The department grants 3 credits for a score of 5 on the Latin AP exam, which also satisfies the foreign language requirement, upon successful completion (with a grade of B or higher) of a Latin class at the 3000-level or higher.

**Major Program**

The department offers a major in classics and a major track in classical studies. The major in classics involves the intensive study of both Greek and Latin, as well as their cultural matrix; the track in classical studies offers a more interdisciplinary approach. The major in classics is recommended for students planning to continue the study of classics in graduate school. The department also participates in the interdepartmental ancient studies program and offers a concentration in classics; these are all described below.

The major in classics and the track in classical studies are designed in part to build on the experience of the ancient world that undergraduates have acquired at Columbia in the Core Curriculum (especially in Literature Humanities). The major in classics is structured on the principle of gradual and closely monitored linguistic progress from the elementary (1100-level) to the advanced (3000- and 4000-levels) and ultimately to the literature survey courses (GU4105-GU4106) in Greek and/or Latin.

Those majors intending to embark on graduate study in classics are especially encouraged to undertake, in their senior year, an independent research project (UN3998). This option is designed to allow students to personalize their experience in the major by conducting advanced study in a specialized area under the guidance of the specializing faculty member of their choice.

**Associate Professors**

Marcus Folch
Joseph Howley
Elizabeth Irwin
Ellen Morris (Barnard)

**Assistant Professors**

Alan Ross

**Senior Lecturer**

Elizabeth Scharffenberger

**Lecturers**

Dimitrios Antoniou
Nikolas Kakkoufa
Darcy Krasne

**Major in Classics**

The major in classics involves a program in both Greek and Latin languages and literatures, and in Greek and Roman civilization. Students generally emphasize the study of one of the languages (the primary language), but significant study of the other (secondary) language is required as well.

The major requires the completion of 11 courses (a minimum of 34 points) and must include the following:

1. In a primary language:
   - Four courses at or above the UN2100-level;
   - The Major Seminar UN3996;
   - Two courses from the following four advanced options: GU4105, GU4106, GU4139, UN3998 (any others may count toward the four upper level requirement).

2. In a secondary language:
   - Two courses at or above the UN2100-level.

3. Two ancient culture courses, including:
   - One course in the culture of the primary language;
   - One course in any aspect of ancient history or culture (HIST, AHIS, PHIL, CLLT, CLCV). All substitutions must be approved by the director of undergraduate studies.

The classical languages follow a standard track of elementary (1100-level) and intermediate (2100-level) levels, followed by 3000- and 4000-level classes that may generally be taken in any order.

Although it is easier to complete the major if at least one classical language is begun no later than the first year, it is possible to begin one classical language in the sophomore year and the other in the junior year and still complete the major.

Those planning to go on to graduate study in classics are urged to take both terms of GU4105-GU4106 if possible, to write a senior research
thesis, and to acquire a reading knowledge of German and preferably also of French (Italian is also useful).

To be eligible for departmental honors and prizes, students must take UN3998.

Major Track in Classical Studies

The major track in classical studies requires the completion of 11 courses (a minimum of 35 points) and must include the following:

1. Five courses, at or above the UN1102-level, in either or both Latin and Greek;
2. The Major Seminar UN3996;
3. Four classes in Ancient History, Art, Philosophy, Religion, and Civilization. Note that certain courses may be 6 credits, e.g., ICCS’s City of Rome course, and may count as two courses towards this requirement. Students in doubt about a course’s relevance should confirm it with the director of undergraduate studies as soon as possible;
4. Senior Thesis UN3998, completed on a chosen aspect of Greek or Roman civilization under the direction of a faculty member (3 points).

Summer courses 1221/1221 are counted as four credits for the purposes of major requirements.

Major in Ancient Studies

Concentration in Classics

Students who declared this program before this date should contact the director of undergraduate studies for the department in order to confirm their correct course of study.

The concentration in classics is designed for those who cannot fit the complete major into their undergraduate schedule, but still wish to take a substantial program in Greek and Latin.

The concentration requires the completion of seven courses (a minimum of 21 points) and must include the following:

1. In a primary language, six courses distributed as follows:
   • Five courses above the 1100-level, three of which must be 3000- or 4000-level;
   • One course from the following three advanced options: GU4105, GU4106, GU4139.
2. One course in Ancient History or Classical Civilization (3 points).

Special Concentration in Hellenic Studies

The courses in the Hellenic Studies program are designed to develop the student’s proficiency in aspects of Modern Greek culture, language, and history. The minimum credit requirement for the Hellenic Studies Concentration is 21 credits and includes:

1. Modern Greek language and culture courses (Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced, Conversation I & II, Reading in Greek; minimum 8 credits).
2. Modern Greek Studies interdepartmental courses (CLGM, CSGM, HSGM; minimum 12 credits). The program of study should be planned as early as possible with the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Students meet with the Director of Undergraduate Studies each semester in order to obtain program approval. Opportunities exist for study abroad in Greece, Cyprus and Turkey for the summer or an academic term for credit. Students work closely with the concentration advisor on the selection of the foreign schools and the transfer of credit.

Students may also wish to write a Senior Thesis which will substitute one Modern Greek Studies interdepartmental seminar. While not required for graduation, the thesis enables a student to be considered for departmental honors. It is advisable to begin planning for the thesis during the student’s junior year. Interested students should identify a potential faculty advisor.

Latin

LATN UN1101 Elementary Latin I. 4 points.
For students who have never studied Latin. An intensive study of grammar with reading of simple prose and poetry.

LATN UN1102 Elementary Latin II. 4 points.
Prerequisites: LATN UN1101. A continuation of LATN UN1101, including a review of grammar and syntax for students whose study of Latin has been interrupted.

LATN UN121 Intensive Elementary Latin. 4 points.
Designed to cover all of Latin grammar and syntax in one semester in order to prepare the student to enter LATN un2101 or un2102.

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LATN UN2101 Intermediate Latin I. 4 points.
Prerequisites: LATN UN1101-UN1102, or LATN UN1121, or the equivalent.
Selections from Catullus and from Cicero or Caesar.

LATN UN2102 Intermediate Latin II. 4 points.
Prerequisites: LATN UN2101 or the equivalent.
Selections from Ovid’s Metamorphoses and from Sallust, Livy, Seneca, or Pliny.

LATN UN3012 Augustan Poetry. 3 points.
Prerequisites: LATN UN2102 or the equivalent.
Selections from Vergil and Horace. Combines literary analysis with work in grammar and metrics.

LATN UN3033 Medieval Language and Literature. 3 points.
Prerequisites: four semesters of college Latin or the instructor’s permission.
This survey focuses on translation, grammatical analysis, and discussion of the literary and cultural contexts of medieval Latin prose and poetry. It includes widely read texts by major authors (e.g., Augustin, Boethius, Abelard and Heloise, Bernard of Clairvaux, Petrarch) as well as lesser-known anonymous pieces (e.g., love lyric from the Cambridge Songs and the Carmina Burana, poetic satire from a rotulus, and a novel, the Historia Apollonii).

LATN UN3035 Poetry as Neurosis: Lucan’s Bellum Civile. 3 points.
This course is an intensive study of Lucan’s revolutionary and enigmatic Bellum Civile, the epic masterpiece of the Neronian age, which was admired and imitated all through the history of Western culture by authors such as Dante, Montaigne, Milton, Voltaire, Goethe, Shelley, and Baudelaire among others. The course will examine major controversies concerning the form and meaning of the poem, with special emphasis on the poetic tension created by the narrator’s neurotic personality. The narration of the 49 BCE civil war between Caesar and Pompey is for Lucan the pretext for an original and intensely personal reflection on themes such as political oppression, the role of the individual in society, nihilism, self-destructiveness, mental disorder, and artistic creation. The poem will be analyzed from various critical perspectives that include rhetoric, intertextuality, deconstruction, reception theory, and psychoanalysis; no previous knowledge of any of these methodologies is required. Although an acceptable knowledge of Latin (intermediate or above) is assumed, the primary focus of this course is literary and sociological interpretation rather than linguistic competence. In addition to the Latin reading assignments, the poem will also be read entirely in English translation, allowing students to comprehend the whole while they engage with particular sections in the original language. The assignment for each class will include: (1) approximately five hundred lines to be read in English translation; (2) translation of short Latin passages, whose size may be adapted to the level of the class/student; (3) secondary readings.

LATN UN3309 LATIN LITERATURE SELECTIONS. 3 points.
Prerequisites: LATN UN2102 or the equivalent.
Since the content of this course changes from year to year, it may be repeated for credit.

LATN UN3310 Selections from Latin Literature: Roman Britain. 3 points.
Prerequisites: LATN UN2102 or the equivalent.
Since the content of this course changes from year to year, it may be repeated for credit.

LATN UN3320 Intensive Reading Course. 3 points.
Prerequisites: LATN UN2101-UN2102 or the equivalent.
This course is limited to students in the Postbaccalaureate program. The intensive reading of a series of Latin texts, both prose and verse, with special emphasis on detailed stylistic and grammatical analysis of the language.
LATN UN3980 Post-Baccalaureate Seminar. 3 points.
Open only to students enrolled in the post-baccalaureate certificate program in Classics.

This seminar aims to provide students in the post-baccalaureate certificate program with opportunities 1) to (re-)familiarize themselves with a selection of major texts from classical antiquity, which will be read in English, 2) to become acquainted with scholarship on these texts and with scholarly writing in general, 3) to write analytically about these texts and the interpretations posed about them in contemporary scholarship, and 4) to read in the original language selected passages of one of the texts in small tutorial groups, which will meet every week for an additional hour with members of the faculty.

LATN UN3997 Directed Readings in Latin Literature. 3 points.
Prerequisites: the director of undergraduate studies’ permission.
A program of reading in Latin literature, to be tested by a series of short papers, one long paper, or an oral or written examination.

LATN UN3998 Supervised Research in Latin Literature. 3 points.
Prerequisites: the director of undergraduate studies’ permission.
A program of research in Latin literature. Research paper required.

LATN GU4106 Latin Literature of the Empire. 4 points.
Prerequisites: at least two terms of Latin at the 3000-level or higher.
Latin literature from Augustus to 600 C.E.

LATN GU4107 Latin Literature of the Republic. 4 points.
Prerequisites: at least two terms of Latin at the 3000-level or higher.
Latin literature from the beginning to early Augustan times.

LATN GU4152 Medieval Latin Literature. 3 points.
Prerequisites: the instructor’s permission.
This course covers various topics in Medieval Latin Literature.
LATN GR5139 Elements of Prose Style. 4 points.
Prerequisites: at least four semesters of Latin, or the equivalent.
Intensive review of Latin syntax with translation of English sentences and paragraphs into Latin.

Fall 2019: LATN GR5139
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LATN 5139 | 001/48638 | T Th 11:40am - 12:55pm | 414 Pupin Laboratories | Gareth Williams | 4 | 18/20 |

Greek
GREK UN1101 Elementary Greek I. 4 points.
For students who have never studied Greek. An intensive study of grammar with reading and writing of simple Attic prose.

Fall 2019: GREK UN1101
Course Number | Section/Call Number | Times/Location | Instructor | Points | Enrollment |
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GREK 1101 | 001/48639 | M W F 1:10pm - 2:25pm | 222 Pupin Laboratories | Lien Van Geel | 4 | 10/18 |
GREK 1101 | 002/10601 | T Th 6:10pm - 8:00pm | 313 Hamilton Hall | Charles Pletcher | 4 | 12/18 |

GREK UN1102 Elementary Greek II. 4 points.
Prerequisites: GREK UN1101 or the equivalent, or the instructor or the director of undergraduate studies' permission.
Continuation of grammar study begun in GREK UN1101; selections from Attic prose.

Spring 2020: GREK UN1102
Course Number | Section/Call Number | Times/Location | Instructor | Points | Enrollment |
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GREK 1102 | 001/13963 | M W F 1:10pm - 2:25pm | 313 Pupin Laboratories | Lien Van Geel | 4 | 7/18 |
GREK 1102 | 002/13964 | T Th 6:10pm - 8:00pm | 616 Hamilton Hall | Charles Pletcher | 4 | 13/18 |

GREK UN1121 Intensive Elementary Greek. 4 points.
Covers all of Greek grammar and syntax in one term. Prepares the student to enter second-year Greek (GREK UN2101 or GREK UN2102).

Fall 2019: GREK UN1121
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GREK 1121 | 001/48615 | T Th F 1:10pm - 2:25pm | 425 Pupin Laboratories | Shenda Kuang | 4 | 7/18 |

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GREK 1121 | 001/13965 | T Th F 1:10pm - 2:25pm | 616 Hamilton Hall | Emma Ian | 4 | 10/18 |

GREK UN2101 Intermediate Greek I Attic Prose. 4 points.
Prerequisites: GREK UN1101-GREK UN1102 or the equivalent. Selections from Attic prose.

Fall 2019: GREK UN2101
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GREK 2101 | 001/48675 | T Th F 10:10am - 11:25am | 401 Chandler | Catherine Lambert | 4 | 11/18 |

GREK UN2102 Intermediate Greek II: Homer. 4 points.
Prerequisites: GREK UN1101-GREK UN1102 or GREK UN1211 or the equivalent.
Detailed grammatical and literary study of several books of the Iliad and introduction to the techniques or oral poetry, to the Homeric hexameter, and to the historical background of Homer.

Spring 2020: GREK UN2102
Course Number | Section/Call Number | Times/Location | Instructor | Points | Enrollment |
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GREK 2102 | 001/00652 | T Th F 10:10am - 11:25am | 111 Milstein Center | Helene Foley | 4 | 13/25 |

GREK UN3309 Selections from Greek Literature. 3 points.
Since the content of this course changes from year to year, it may be repeated for credit. The topic that will be taught in Fall 2018 is "Plato."

Fall 2019: GREK UN3309
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GREK 3309 | 001/48712 | T Th 1:10pm - 2:25pm | 604 Butler Library | Elizabeth Scharffenberger | 3 | 8/30 |

GREK UN3310 Selections from Greek Literature II. 3 points.
Prerequisites: GREK UN2101-GREK UN2102 or the equivalent.
Since the content of this course changes from year to year, it may be repeated for credit.

Spring 2020: GREK UN3310
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GREK 3310 | 001/13966 | T Th F 1:10pm - 2:25pm | 618 Hamilton Hall | Deborah Steiner | 3 | 3/25 |

GREK UN3980 The Post-Baccalaureate Seminar. 3 points.
Open only to students enrolled in the post-baccalaureate certificate program in Classics.
This seminar aims to provide students in the post-baccalaureate certificate program with opportunities 1) to (re)familiarize themselves with a selection of major texts from classical antiquity, which will be read in English, 2) to become acquainted with scholarship on these texts and with scholarly writing in general, 3) to write analytically about these texts and the interpretations posed about them in contemporary scholarship, and 4) to read in the original language selected passages of one of the texts in small tutorial groups, which will meet every week for an additional hour with members of the faculty.

Fall 2019: GREK UN3980
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GREK 3980 | 001/48676 | Th 4:10pm - 6:00pm | 618 Hamilton Hall | Elizabeth Scharffenberger | 3 | 5/15 |

GREK UN3996 The Major Seminar. 3 points.
Prerequisites: junior standing.
Required for all majors in classics and classical studies. The topic changes from year to year, but is always broad enough to accommodate students in the languages as well as those in the interdisciplinary major. Past topics include: love, dining, slavery, space, power.

Fall 2019: GREK UN3996
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GREK 3996 | 001/48677 | F 2:10pm - 4:00pm | 613 Hamilton Hall | Marcus Folch | 3 | 3/20 |
A program of research in Greek literature. Research paper required. Prerequisites: the director of undergraduate studies' permission. A program of reading in Greek literature, to be tested by a series of short papers, one long paper, or an oral or written examination.

**GREK UN3997 Directed Readings. 3 points.**
Prerequisites: the director of undergraduate studies' permission.

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**GREK UN3998 Supervised Research. 3 points.**
Prerequisites: the director of undergraduate studies' permission.
A program of research in Greek literature. Research paper required.

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**GREK GU4009 Sophocles & Aristophanes. 3 points.**
Prerequisites: GREK V1201 and V1202, or their equivalent. Since the content of the course changes from year to year, it may be taken in consecutive years.

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**GREK GU4010 Selections from Greek Literature. 3 points.**
Prerequisites: GREK UN2101 - GREK UN2102 or the equivalent. Since the content of this course changes each year, it may be repeated for credit.

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**GREK GU4030 Philo of Alexandria: Life of Moses, On the Contemplative Life. 3 points.**
We will read in the original language selections from three treatises -- In Flaccum, Legatio ad Gaum, and De Vita Contemplativa -- of Philo of Alexandria; aside from their importance as Imperial Greek texts, these essays provide essential and very rare evidence for the environment (early Imperial Alexandria) and thought of their author.

**GREK GU4105 History of Greek Literature I. 4 points.**
Prerequisites: at least two terms of Greek at the 3000-level or higher. Readings in Greek literature from Homer to the 4th century B.C.

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**GREK GU4106 History of Greek Literature II. 4 points.**
Prerequisites: at least two terms of Greek at the 3000-level or higher. Greek literature of the 4th century B.C. and of the Hellenistic and Imperial Ages.

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**Classical Civilization**

CLCV UN2441 Egypt in the Classical World. 4 points.
This class traces Egypt's evolving integration into the Classical World from the Saite Dynasty (c. 685 BCE) to the suppression of paganism by the Coptic church. We'll pay close attention to the flashpoints that created conflicts between pagan Egyptians, Greeks, Jews, and Christians and also to integrative aspects of society.
CLCV UN3059 WORLDS OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT. 3 points.
CC/GS/SEAS: Partial Fulfillment of Global Core Requirement

This course looks at the narrative and the historical context for an extraordinary event: the conquest of the Persian empire by Alexander III of Macedonia, conventionally known as “Alexander the Great”. We will explore the different worlds Alexander grew out of, confronted, and affected: the old Greek world, the Persian empire, the ancient near-east (Egypt, Levant, Babylonia, Iran), and the worlds beyond, namely pre-Islamic (and pre-Silk Road) Central Asia, the Afghan borderlands, and the Indus valley. The first part of the course will establish context, before laying out a narrative framework; the second part of the course will explore a series of themes, especially the tension between military conquest, political negotiation, and social interactions. Overall, the course will serve as an exercise in historical methodology (with particular attention to ancient sources and to interpretation), an introduction to the geography and the history of the ancient world (classical and near-eastern), and the exploration of a complex testcase located at the contact point between several worlds, and at a watershed of world history. There will be two weekly lectures and one weekly discussion section.

Fall 2019: CLCV UN3059
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CLCV 3059  001/48733  T Th 8:40am - 9:55am  302 Fayerweather  John Ma  3  18/30

CLCV UN3060 Worlds of Alexander the Great Discussion. 0 points.
Corequisites: CLCV UN3059
Discussion section to accompany CLCV 3059, “The Worlds of Alexander the Great”: examination of sources, interpretation and historiography; broad discussion as well as close reading of texts.

Fall 2019: CLCV UN3060
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
CLCV 3060  001/10462  F 12:00pm - 12:50pm  401 Chandler  0  16/30

CLCV UN3101 The Archaeology of Ancient Egypt and Nubia. 3 points.

Thanks to the pyramids of Giza, the treasure of Tutankhamun, and other remains of royal activity, pharaonic Egypt is justly famous for its monuments and material culture. Equally fascinating, if less well known, however, are the towns, fortresses, cultic centers, domestic spaces, and non-elite cemeteries that have been excavated over the past 200 years or so. The archaeology of Nubia is also little known but fascinating on many levels. This course will focus on what archaeology can reveal about life as it was experienced by individuals of all social classes. Through a combination of broad surveys and case studies of some of Egypt and Nubia’s most culturally indicative and intriguing sites, we will explore issues such as the origins of inequality, state formation and its effects, the uneasy mix of state-planned settlements and village life, urbanism, domestic and community worship, gendered spaces, ethnicity and colonialism, religious revolution and evolution, bureaucracy, private enterprise, and the effects of governmental collapse on life and death in ancient Egypt and Nubia.

Fall 2019: CLCV UN3101
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CLCV 3101  001/07554  T Th 1:10pm - 2:25pm  237 Milbank Hall  Ellen Morris  3  18/25

CLCV UN3220 War, reality and truth in Thucydides. 4 points.
Between 431 and 404 BCE, a world war pitted the sea empire of democratic Athens against the land-based hegemony of Sparta, the culmination of decades of cold war, uneasy coexistence and open conflict between the two powers. The first twenty years of this major event in ancient history are painstakingly recorded in a monumental work, the War of the Peloponnesians and Athenians by the Athenian Thucydides, a participant in the conflict. This remarkable and highly crafted text combines a hyperreal narrative season by season, analyses of causality, character and motivation, and competing ethical and practical interpretations. We will approach Thucydides’ War in four different ways: as a piece of historiography; as set of political or social scientifically oriented demonstrations; as a philosophical meditation on justice and power in the world; and as a historical document for a richly interesting period. Are these four approaches mutually compatible and reinforcing? The close reading of the text (for reasons of time, we will look at Books 1-5, 8 will be completed by engagement with secondary literature (four monographs and articles) and with contemporary documents (inscriptions), the latter offering a fragmentary counterpart to Thucydidean narrative. After reading the text, we will spend time on thematic debates involving the narrative and contextual material. The aim of this close work is to produce a Thucydides beyond the clichés of contemporary punditry (“the Thucydides trap”), closely fitting within Columbia undergraduate training (where Thucydides has vanished from the Core), and bridging the gap between contextualizing and modernizing readings.

Spring 2020: CLCV UN3220
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
CLCV 3220  001/15119  M W 8:40am - 9:55am  303 Hamilton Hall  John Ma  4  13/30

CLCV UN3321 War, reality and truth in Thucydides - Discussion. 0 points.
Between 431 and 404 BCE, a world war pitted the sea empire of democratic Athens against the land-based hegemony of Sparta, the culmination of decades of cold war, uneasy coexistence and open conflict between the two powers. The first twenty years of this major event in ancient history are painstakingly recorded in a monumental work, the War of the Peloponnesians and Athenians by the Athenian Thucydides, a participant in the conflict. This remarkable and highly crafted text combines a hyperreal narrative season by season, analyses of causality, character and motivation, and competing ethical and practical interpretations. We will approach Thucydides’ War in four different ways: as a piece of historiography; as set of political or social scientifically oriented demonstrations; as a philosophical meditation on justice and power in the world; and as a historical document for a richly interesting period. Are these four approaches mutually compatible and reinforcing? The close reading of the text (for reasons of time, we will look at Books 1-5, 8 will be completed by engagement with secondary literature (four monographs and articles) and with contemporary documents (inscriptions), the latter offering a fragmentary counterpart to Thucydidean narrative. After reading the text, we will spend time on thematic debates involving the narrative and contextual material. The aim of this close work is to produce a Thucydides beyond the clichés of contemporary punditry (“the Thucydides trap”), closely fitting within Columbia undergraduate training (where Thucydides has vanished from the Core), and bridging the gap between contextualizing and modernizing readings.
CLCV V3230 Classics and Film. 3 points.
Considers cinematic representations of the ancient Mediterranean world, from early silent films to movies from the present day. Explores films that purport to represent historical events (such as Gladiator) and cinematic versions of ancient texts (Pasolini's Medea). Readings include ancient literature and modern criticism.

CLCV GU4106 Religions of the Roman world. 3 points.
The goal of this course is to convey an important amount of knowledge on the religious history of the Roman empire focusing both on paganism, Christianity and Judaism and their interaction. We will study the religious space, the agents of cults and religions, rituals and networks and dynamics of power. The course will also face the challenge to reconsider the points of view from which to think the religious history of the Roman Empire and therefore will be an invitation to revise our intellectual tools and questions towards an awareness to what is at stake when an object of religious debate emerges.

CLCV GU4110 Gender and Sexuality In Ancient Greece. 3 points.
Prerequisites: sophomore standing or the instructor's permission. Examination of the ways in which gender and sexuality are constructed in ancient Greek society and represented in literature and art, with attention to scientific theory, ritual practice, and philosophical speculation. Topics include conceptions of the body, erotic and homoerotic literature and practice, legal constraints, pornography, rape, and prostitution.

Classical Literature

CLLT UN3125 Book Histories and the Classics. 3 points.
Prerequisites: HUMA CC1001 or HUMA GS1001COCCI CC1101 ,HUMA CC1001 or HUMA GS1001 or COCCI CC1101
This seminar will introduce students of classical literature to the history of the Western book, and to the relationship between book history and the transmission and reception history of the literature of ancient Greece and Rome. Students will also learn how to make use of rare books materials including manuscripts and early printed books......

CLLT UN3127 Hercules: Hero, Murderer, Philosopher, Buffoon. 3 points.
Hercules is one of the most ancient, widespread, and enduring figures to emerge from the ancient Mediterranean. He is a figure of multiples: myriad labors, multiple wives, multiple fathers, and multiple identities. Together we will discover a broad range of literature on this hero and like ancient writers and thinkers-we will use Hercules to explore mortality, divinity, masculinity, madness, and contradiction. We will read Hercules in different ancient genres, with a particular emphasis on Tragedy, Comedy, and Philosophy. The final units of our course will explore contemporary "heros," including the Hulk, "The Rock," and Disney's Hercules.

CLLT UN3128 THE ARTIST AND THE DICTATOR: ROMAN WRITERS UNDER NERO. 3 points.
This course aims at highlighting both the most important general features and the most important peculiarities of the literary masterpieces produced in the age of Nero. The basic question we will be addressing in class is what it means to be a literary artist under the rule of a despot. In order to fulfill Nero's megalomaniac need for exaltation, cope with his absolute power and, at the same time, maintain their personal identity and ethical values as writers, Seneca, Petronius and Lucan strove to balance in their works the emperor's expectations and their own artistic designs. These artists were not free to write what they wanted to write for present and future generations, but they tried to write it nevertheless. In this course, we will examine the extent of freedom of expression under Nero; the rhetorical techniques Neronian writers resorted to in order to express tactful modes of oblique commentary and criticism; the difficulties of the individual's liberty in a climate of dictatorial oppression; the ways in which literature helps us discover more about the society of a given time; and, ultimately, the universal and eternal desire for artists to be themselves and express their own views in spite of mortal dangers. Such issues are all the more pertinent in the present day in 1989, the novelist Salman Rushdie was sentenced to death by the ayatollah Khomeyni after the publication of The Satanic Verses and fled to the United Kingdom; in 2011, the visual artist Ai Weiwei, whose most recent installation is currently exhibited in New York City, at Washington Square Park, served 81 days in a Chinese prison because of his artwork against dictatorial regimes. He eventually left China and settled in Berlin.No knowledge of Latin is required, as the focus of this course is literary, historical and sociological interpretation rather than linguistic competence.

CLLT UN3132 Classical Myth. 3 points.
BC: Fulfillment of General Education Requirement: Literature (LIT).
Survey of major myths from the ancient Near East to the advent of Christianity, with emphasis upon the content and treatment of myths in classical authors (Homer, Hesiod, Aeschylus, Euripides, Sophocles, Vergil, Livy, Ovid).

CLLT GU4300 The Classical Tradition. 3 points.
BC: Fulfillment of General Education Requirement: Cultures in Comparison (CUL).
Overview of Greek and Roman literature. Close analysis of selected texts from the major genres accompanied by lectures on literary history. Topics include the context out of which the genres arose, the suitability of various modern critical approaches to the ancient texts, the problem of translation, and the transmission of the classical authors and their influence on modern literature.
Modern Greek

GRKM UN1101 Elementary Modern Greek I. 4 points.
This is the first semester of a year-long course designed for students wishing to learn Greek as it is written and spoken in Greece today. As well as learning the skills necessary to read texts of moderate difficulty and converse on a wide range of topics, students explore Modern Greece's cultural landscape from "parea" to poetry to politics. Special attention will be paid to Greek New York. How do "our", "American", "Greek-American" definitions of language and culture differ from "their", "Greek" ones?

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GRKM UN1102 ELEMENTARY MODERN GREEK II. 4 points.
Prerequisites: GRKM UN1101 GRKM V1101 or the equivalent. Continuation of GRKM V1101. Introduction to modern Greek language and culture. Emphasis on speaking, writing, basic grammar, syntax, and cross-cultural analysis.

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GRKM UN2101 Intermediate Modern Greek I. 4 points.
Prerequisites: GRKM UN1101 and GRKM UN1102 or the equivalent. Corequisites: GRKM UN2111
This course is designed for students who are already familiar with the basic grammar and syntax of modern Greek language and can communicate at an elementary level. Using films, newspapers, and popular songs, students engage the finer points of Greek grammar and syntax and enrich their vocabulary. Emphasis is given to writing, whether in the form of film and book reviews or essays on particular topics taken from a selection of second year textbooks.

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GRKM UN2102 Intermediate Modern Greek II. 4 points.
Prerequisites: GRKM UN2101 or the equivalent. Continuation of GRKM UN2101. Students complete their knowledge of the fundamentals of Greek grammar and syntax while continuing to enrich their vocabulary.

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GRKM UN3001 Advanced Modern Greek I. 3 points.
Prerequisites: GRKM V2101 or the equivalent. This semester we will continue to build language skills but with particular attention to speaking and writing Greek at the university level. We will focus on such topics as diaspora, history, politics, and identity. We will use materials from literature, critical essays, historiography, film, and mass media as a way to advance knowledge in Modern Greek literature and culture. In addition we will explore the diversity of Greek language as it is spoken in different regions and gain understanding of its evolution through time. Materials include: essays (Seferis, Theotokas); newspaper articles; television interviews (Flessa and Papanikolaou); advertisement; stand-up-comedy (Lazopoulos); music (art-song, rebetika, hip-hop); theatre (Demetriadis); literature (Roides, Papadimitantis, Kazantzakis, Lymberaki, Karapanou, Galanaki, Charalambides, Chatzopoulos, Chouliares).

GRKM UN3003 Greece today: language, literature, and culture (in Greek). 3 points.
Prerequisites: GRKM un2102
This course builds on the elements of the language acquired in GRKM1101 through 2102, but new students may place into it, after special arrangement with the instructor. It introduces the students to a number of authentic multimodal materials drawn from a range of sources which include films, literary texts, media, music etc. in order to better understand Greece's current cultural, socio-economic, and political landscape. In doing so, it aims to foster transcultural understanding and intercultural competence, while further developing the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Topics of discussion include language, gender equality, youth unemployment, education, queer identities, refugees, and the multilayered aspects of the crisis. Pre-requisite for this class: GRKM 2102 or placement test. Instructor's permission required if the students have not taken GRKM2102 or equivalent.

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GRKM UN3935 Hellenism and the Topographical Imagination. 3 points.
CC/GS/SEAS: Partial Fulfillment of Global Core Requirement
This course examines the way particular spaces—cultural, urban, literary—serve as sites for the production and reproduction of cultural and political imaginaries. It places particular emphasis on the themes of the polis, the city, and the nation-state as well as on spatial representations of and responses to notions of the Hellenic across time. Students will consider a wide range of texts as spaces—complex sites constituted and complicated by a multiplicity of languages—and ask: To what extent is meaning and cultural identity, site-specific? How central is the classical past in Western imagination? How have great metropolises such as Paris, Istanbul, and New York fashioned themselves in response to the allure of the classical and the advent of modern Greece? How has Greece as a specific site shaped the study of the Cold War, dictatorships, and crisis?

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GRKM UN3996 Readings in Modern Greek. 1 point.
Prerequisites: This course may be taken as a 1 point corequisite with GRKM GU4135, or as a separate 1 point course.
The course allows students in Topics through Greek Film (GU4135) with an intermediate to advanced level of Greek to supplement their study of that course’s theme through materials in Greek. Each week we will be reading short texts (excerpts from novels and essays, blogs, newspaper articles) on a theme discussed that week in GU4135.

GRKM UN3997 Directed Readings. 1-4 points.
Designed for undergraduates who want to do directed reading in a period or on a topic not covered in the curriculum.

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GRKM UN3998 Senior Research Seminar. 1-4 points.
Designed for students writing a senior thesis or doing advanced research on Greek or Greek Diaspora topics.

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GRKM GU4135 Topics Through Greek Film. 3-4 points.
Optional 1-point bilingual guided reading.

This course explores issues of memory and trauma, public history and testimony, colonialism and biopolitics, neoliberalism and governmentality, and crisis and kinship, all through the medium of Greek film. It brings the Greek cinema canon (Angelopoulos, Gavras, Cacoyiannis, Koundouros, et al.) into conversation with the work of contemporary artists, documentary filmmakers, and the recent “weird wave” and asks: what kind of lens does film offer onto the study of a society’s history and contemporary predicament? The viewing and discussion of films is facilitated through a consideration of a wide range of materials, including novels, criticism, archival footage, and interviews with directors. The course does not assume any background knowledge and all films will have English subtitles. An additional 1-credit bilingual option (meeting once per week at a time TBD) is offered for students who wish to read, view, and discuss materials in Greek.
GRKM GU4460 Supervised Independent Research. 3 points.

All supervisors will be Columbia faculty who hold a PhD. Students are responsible for identifying their own supervisor and it is at the discretion of faculty whether they accept to supervise independent research.

Projects must be focused on Hellenic Studies and can be approached from any disciplinary background. Students are expected to develop their own reading list in consultation with their supervisor. In addition to completing assigned readings, the student must also write a Hellenic studies paper of 20 pages. Projects other than a research paper will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Hellenic Studies is an interdisciplinary field that revolves around two main axes: space and time. Its teaching and research are focused on the study of post-classical Greece in various fields: Language, Literature, History, Politics, Anthropology, Art, Archaeology, and in various periods: Late Antique, Medieval, Byzantine, Modern Greek etc. Therefore, the range of topics that are acceptable as a Hellenic Studies seminar paper is broad. It is upon each supervisor to discuss the specific topic with the student.

The work submitted for this independent study course must be different from the work a student submits in other courses, including the Hellenic Studies Senior Research Seminar.

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Comparative Literature-Greek Modern

CLGM UN3005 Dictatorships and their Afterlives. 3 points.

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What does the investigation of a dictatorship entail and what are the challenges in such an endeavor? Why (and when) do particular societies turn to an examination of their non-democratic pasts? What does it mean for those who never experienced an authoritarian regime first-hand to remember it through television footage, popular culture, and family stories? This seminar examines dictatorships and the ways in which they are remembered, discussed, examined, and give rise to conflicting narratives in post-dictatorial environments. It takes as its point of departure the Greek military regime of 1967-1974, which is considered in relation to other dictatorships in South America, Asia, Africa, and Europe. We will be drawing on primary materials including Amnesty International reports, film, performance art, and architectural drawings as well as the works of Hannah Arendt and Günter Grass to engage in an interdisciplinary examination of the ways in which military dictatorships live on as ghosts, traumatic memories, urban warfare, litigation, and debates on the politics of comparison and the ethics of contemporary art.

CLGM UN3110 The Ottoman Past in the Greek Present. 3 points.

CC/GS/SEAS: Partial Fulfillment of Global Core Requirement

Almost a century after the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire, the Ottoman past lives on in contemporary Greece, often in unexpected sites. In the built environment it appears as mosques, baths, covered markets, and fountains adorned with Arabic inscriptions. It also manifests itself in music, food, and language. Yet Ottoman legacies also shape the European present in less obvious ways and generate vehement debates about identity, nation-building, human rights, and interstate relations.

In this course, we will be drawing on history, politics, anthropology, and comparative literature as well as a broad range of primary materials to view the Ottoman past through the lens of the Greek present. What understandings of nation-building emerge as more Ottoman archives become accessible to scholars? How does Islamic Family Law—still in effect in Greece—confront the European legal system? How are Ottoman administrative structures re-assessed in the context of acute socio-economic crisis and migration?

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CLGM UN3920 WORLD RESPONDS TO THE GREEKS. 4 points.
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This course examines various literary, artistic, and cultural traditions that respond to some of the most recognizable Greek motifs in myth, theater, and politics, with the aim of understanding both what these motifs might be offering specifically to these traditions in particular social-historical contexts and, at the same time, what these traditions in turn bring to our conventional understanding of these motifs, how they reconceptualize them and how they alter them. The overall impetus is framed by a prismatic inquiry of how conditions of modernity, postcoloniality, and globality fashion themselves in engagement with certain persistent imaginaries of antiquity.

CLGM UN3921 The World Responds to the Greeks ~ Modernity, Postcoloniality, Globality- Discussion. 0 points.

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CLGM GU4450 How to do things with Homosexual Bodies. 4 points.

Homosexuality, as a term, might be a relatively recent invention in Western culture but bodies that acted and appeared 'differently' existed long before that. This course will focus on acts, and not identities, in tracing the evolution of writing the homosexual body from antiquity until today. In doing so it will explore a number of multimodal materials – texts, vases, sculptures, paintings, movies etc. – in an effort to understand the evolution of the ways in which language (written, spoken or visual) registers the homosexual body in literature and culture. When we bring the dimension of the body into the way we view the past, we find that new questions and new ways of approaching old questions emerge. What did the ancient actually write about the homosexual body? Did they actually create gender non-binary statues? Can we find biographies of the lives of saints in drag in Byzantium? How did the Victorians change the way in which we understand homosexual writing in Antiquity? How is the queer body registered in Modern Greek Literature and Culture? Can one write the history of homosexuality as a history of bodies? These are some of the questions that we will examine during the semester.

CLGM GU4150 C.P. Cavafy and the poetics of desire. 4 points.

This course takes C. P. Cavafy’s oeuvre as a departure point in order to discuss desire and the ways it is tied with a variety of topics. We will employ a number of methodological tools to examine key topics in Cavafy’s work such as eros, power, history, and gender. How can we define desire and how is desire staged, thematized, or transmitted through poetry? How does a gay poet write about desired bodies at the beginning of the previous century? What is Cavafy’s contribution to the formation of gay identities in the twentieth century? How do we understand the poet’s desire for an archive? How important is the city for activating desire? How do we trace a poet’s afterlife and how does the desire poetry transmits to readers transform through time? How does literature of the past address present concerns? These are some of the questions that we will examine during this course.
History-Classics

HSCL UN3000 The Persian Empire . 4 points.
This seminar studies the ancient Persian (Achaemenid) Empire which ruled the entire Middle East from the late 6th to the late 4th centuries BCE and was the first multi-ethnic empire in western Asian and Mediterranean history. We will investigate the empire using diverse sources, both textual and material, from the various constituent parts of the empire and study the different ways in which it interacted with its subject populations. This course is a seminar and students will be asked to submit a research paper at the end of the semester. Moreover, in each class meeting one student will present part of the readings.

Grading: participation (25%), class presentation (25%), paper (50%).