

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY
MAJORS: BA IN CLASSICAL LANGUAGES,
BA IN CLASSICAL STUDIES
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PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT AND/OR PROGRAM GOALS:

The Classics Program at Pacific Lutheran University seeks to provide students with a disciplinary education in classical philology and a broader interdisciplinary study of the ancient world through cooperation with programs in religion, art history, literature, and philosophy.

Majors in Classical Studies gain proficiency in one classical language through the intermediate level and another through the elementary level, and they supplement their language instruction with classical studies courses offered jointly with other departments in accord with their disciplinary standards.

Majors in Classical Languages gain further proficiency in both classical languages and consider interdisciplinary issues through a more extensive examination of classical texts in their original languages.

In both majors, the breadth of subject matter and rigor of classical language study help students gain a copia of classical wisdom and the disciplined attention they need to apply it in lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership, and care in local and global communities.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Courses in the Classics Program improve students' facility in dealing with a number of disciplinary and interdisciplinary challenges.

Students will:

- master the elements of Greek and Latin grammar.
- read and comprehend Greek and Latin texts in their original languages.
- use their knowledge of Greek and Latin to aid their study in other programs in the liberal arts, understand the historical foundations and interrelations of those studies, and bring them together into shared projects.
- discern a diverse range of value systems and complex points of view by familiarizing themselves with the idiosyncratic and seminal institutions of the Greeks and the syncretic culture of the Romans.

- examine more closely Greek, Roman, and Early Christian traditions and understand how each tradition shaped the views and actions of the major figures in them.
- construct a critical and charitable approach to each of those traditions and gain a far-reaching perspective on the ways those cultures developed over time, grew, declined, clashed with each other, and adapted to the world around them.