

IMPORTANT: This document is meant to serve as an example and a planning tool. It is *not* a substitute for meeting with your academic advisor. Be sure to review your course plans with your advisor and check DegreeWorks regularly to keep track of your progress toward graduation.

The course scheduling details shared here are for planning purposes only. They do not guarantee when or how often specific courses will be offered. Course offerings can change depending on faculty availability and student demand. For the most up-to-date and accurate information, always check the online course schedule and consult with your academic advisor.

Keep in mind that there are many different ways to complete a major or program of study, including opportunities like study away or other special options. Your advisor can help you design an academic pathway that best fits your goals and interests.

Major Pathway: Classics (Greek and Latin Combined)

Program: Greek, Latin and Ancient Mediterranean Studies

Department of History and Humanities

As most of the course requirements for this major do not involve sequences, and as the major can be started in the first or the second year, this Pathway is a narrative, not a spreadsheet.

The major, **which requires 40 credits and a non-credit bearing Capstone Experience**, must include five courses in the primary language group, to include at least one at the 300 level, and three courses in the secondary language group. Progress in the major is primarily a matter of taking more languages courses, one per semester. 200-level and 300-level courses in Greek and in Latin, focusing on different authors in a three-year rotation, are offered every semester. There is no required sequence of these courses; it is the level, not the topic, that is crucial.

A student wishing to choose Greek as the primary language is advised to begin Greek in the first year, as the two-semester elementary Greek sequence, starting in the 2025-26 year, begins in the spring. A student may choose to begin in the second year, but will then be able to take only the minimum five courses with one at the 300 level. The secondary language, Latin, requires a minimum of three courses, and may be begun in the first, second, or third year. Students with high school Latin typically enter at the 200 level; under these circumstances, a third Latin course at the 300 level is highly recommended. It is not possible to take more than one Latin course, or more than one Greek course, per semester.

All Wheaton majors require three 300-level courses. Beyond the eight required courses, students in the Classics major may choose more courses within the languages, GLAM courses in translation at any level, or two courses in the study of the Ancient Mediterranean chosen from among:

HIST-111 - Ancient Rome and Early Medieval Europe

HIST-110 - Ancient Egypt, Greece and Mesopotamia

HIST-343 - Late Antiquity: Transformation and Migration

PHIL-203 - Ancient Greek Philosophy

REL-110 - Literature of the New Testament: The Real Jesus, Ancient and Modern Views

REL-310 - New Testament: Acts and Letters

These courses may be taken at any time within the student's eight semesters.

Majors are strongly encouraged to take a semester abroad to take advantage of a still wider range of courses on the ancient Mediterranean world; spring semester of the junior year is ideal.

A non-credit-bearing capstone experience is currently required as part of the major, but as of the 2025-26 year an interdisciplinary Senior Seminar within the Department of History and Humanities will be required. Currently declared majors may choose the Senior Seminar instead of the capstone.