

Classics: Latin



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"It may truly be said that the classical languages are a solid basis for most, and an ornament to all the sciences."

Thomas Jefferson, *Letter to John Brazer* (24 August, 1819)

"Those who have not learned to read the ancient classics in the language in which they were written must have a very imperfect knowledge of the history of the human race ... They only talk of forgetting them who never knew them."

Henry David Thoreau, "Reading," *Walden* (1854)

New students considering a concentration in classical civilization, classical archaeology or Latin should select a language course (**Latin** and/or **Greek**) according to their high school preparation or interest.

New students considering a concentration in classical civilization, classical archaeology, or Latin should select an appropriate level Latin course according to their high school preparation.

New students considering a major in any of the classical concentrations may also select **CLAS 101**, which is required for all classics majors, **CLAS 110**, and/or **ARTH 114A**.

Students with a background in Latin are strongly encouraged to take the placement exam and be prepared to make adjustments in their course registration for the semester in accordance with the results of the exam. Check the [New Student Guide](#) for more information on the language placement exams offered this summer.

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Below please find some examples of first semester schedules for a Classics major who intends to major in Latin. There are many variations of a first semester schedule; the examples are just meant to help you see that there are many ways to reach the same goals.

Example 1:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. CLAS 110 – Greek and Roman Myth (3)	HES
2. LATN 101** - Elementary Latin (3)	Major Prerequisite, Lang
3. EESC 111 – Our Dynamic Earth w Lab (4)	NS
4. MATH 121 – Calculus I (3)	QR
5. FSEM 100K5 – Documentary Filmmaking (3)	FSEM

Example 2:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. LATN 356** - Vergil (3)	Major
2. MATH 110 – Finite Math	QR
3. FSEM 100E1 – Ted.com Ideas Worth Sharing (3)	FSEM
4. CHEM 111 – Intro Chemistry w Lab (4)	NS
5. EDUC 204 – Intro Learn & Teach Secondary	Certificate

Example 3: Athletes for varsity sports must register for the 400-level course of the sport. Practice times for varsity sports can vary, but generally speaking, athletes should allow for enough time to get to and from practice on weekdays from 3 - 6 p.m. Please check with the individual coach for your sport to verify specific practice times each semester.

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. FSEM 100H6 – Mashups and Markerbots (3)	FSEM
2. COMM 205 - Public Speaking (3)	Elective, SI*
3. LATN** 101 - Elementary Latin (3)	Major Prerequisite, Lang
4. GEOG 101 - World Regional Geography (3)	GI
5. PHYD 417 - Intercollegiate Rowing - Men (1)	Elective

**Please note that not all sections of a course may have the Speaking Intensive (SI) or Writing Intensive (WI) attributes. These designations for a course are dependent on instructor and semester, and are listed in the Banner description for the semester in which you are registering.*

***This particular course is in a discipline that allows students with demonstrated competence upon admission to UMW (such as AP/IB credit, dual enrollment, etc.) to begin courses at a higher level. Talk to your Student Success Coordinator if you believe you should start at a higher level.*