CLASSICS (CLAS)

Also see:

Classic Archeology
Greek
Latin

CLAS 210 Introduction to Greek and Roman Literature (Units: 3)
Introduction to the main genres of Greek and Roman literature (e.g., epic, lyric, historiography, drama, philosophy, letters, pastoral, etc.) through close readings of select examples of each. Emphasis on the social and cultural context of these works of literature.
Course Attributes:
  • C2: Humanities
  • C3 or C2: Humanities/Lit.

CLAS 230 Ancient Epic Tales (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: GE Area A2.
Epic literature of the ancient Mediterranean world. Mythic and heroic themes, narrative techniques, historic and social backgrounds, and cross-cultural influences. [Formerly CLAS 330]
Course Attributes:
  • C2: Humanities
  • C3 or C2: Humanities/Lit.

CLAS 240 Greek and Roman Drama (Units: 3)
Introduction to masterpieces of Greek and Roman tragedy and comedy with an emphasis on close reading and appreciation of historical and performative context.
Course Attributes:
  • C2: Humanities
  • C3 or C2: Humanities/Lit.
  • Social Justice

CLAS 260 Greek and Roman Mythology (Units: 3)
Classical myths that furnish background material for Western literary and cultural traditions; nature, function, and interpretation of myth.
Course Attributes:
  • C2: Humanities
  • Global Perspectives

CLAS 280 The Ancient World in Film (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: ENG 114 or equivalent.
Examination of how ancient Greek and Roman myth and history are represented in film, often as a way of looking critically at modern society and its values. (This course is offered as CLAS 280 and CINE 180 [formerly CINE 280]. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)
Course Attributes:
  • C2: Humanities

CLAS 319 Magic in the Ancient Mediterranean World (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to upper-division standing; GE Area E.
Magical practices and the worldviews underpinning them, represented by literary, epigraphic, and papyrological material, ca. 500 BCE-500 CE, in ancient Mediterranean and Near East. Focus on Greek cities, Rome, and the entire Roman empire. Central issues include cultural "influence," history of tradition, and the reconstruction of social roles from scant evidence. (This course is offered as HIST 319 and CLAS 319. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

CLAS 400GW Approaches to the Classics - GWAR (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: GE Area A2; at least one CLAR or CLAS course.
Introduction to disciplinary methodologies and writing in the Classics. (ABC/NC grading only)
Course Attributes:
  • Graduation Writing Assessment

CLAS 410 Ancient Greek Literature (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: GE Areas A1, A2, A3, and B4 or consent of the instructor.
Introduction to ancient Greek literature in its social and historical context. (This course is offered as CLAS 410 and HUM 401. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)
Course Attributes:
  • UD-C: Arts and/or Humanities

CLAS 415 Ancient Roman Literature (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: GE Areas A1, A2, A3, and B4 or consent of the instructor.
Introduction to ancient Roman literature in its social and historical context. (This course is offered as CLAS 415 and HUM 402. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)
Course Attributes:
  • UD-C: Arts and/or Humanities

CLAS 420 Classics and the Environment (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Upper-division standing or consent of the instructor.
Examination of the duality of humanity and the natural environment through Classical texts and reception. Development of the ability to analyze the origin and history of human discourses about nature in literary, social, cultural, political, economic contexts; understanding mutual dependency of human perspective and natural environment. (Not for students who have completed CLAS 421.) (Plus-minus letter grade only)
Course Attributes:
  • Environmental Sustainability
  • Global Perspectives
CLAS 421 Classics and the Environment at the SFSU Sierra Nevada Field Campus (Unit: 1)
Prerequisite: Upper-division standing or consent of the instructor.

Examining humanity and natural environment through Classical texts and their reception; analyzing origin and history of human discourses about nature in literary, social, cultural, political, and economic contexts; understanding mutual dependency of human perspective and natural environment. Taught summers at the Sierra Nevada Field Campus. (Not for students who have completed CLAS 420.)

CLAS 490 History of Ideas in the Ancient Classical World (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: GE Areas A1, A2, A3, and B4 or consent of the instructor.

The intellectual and cultural history of the ancient classical world of Greece and Rome from its beginnings to the death of Saint Augustine. Evolution of ideas, their origins, interconnections, impact, and influence. 

Course Attributes:
- UD-C: Arts and/or Humanities

CLAS 510 The Byzantine Empire (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: GE Area E.

Political, social, economic, and cultural history of the Byzantine Empire from 7th to 15th centuries A.D. and the relations of Byzantium with its Germanic, Slavic, Arabic, and Turkic speaking neighbors. 

(This course is offered as MGS 510, CLAS 510, HIST 326. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

CLAS 530 Gender and Sexuality in Ancient Greece and Rome (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: GE Areas A1, A2, A3, and B4 or consent of the instructor.

Role of gender and sexuality in the ancient world. Areas of inquiry: women's bodies and social roles; homosexuality; and the socialization of adolescents into adult gender and sex roles. 

(This course is offered as CLAS 530 and SXS 530. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

Course Attributes:
- UD-C: Arts and/or Humanities

CLAS 582 Tales from Ancient India: Hinduism and Buddhism (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: GE Areas A1, A2, A3, B4, and E; or consent of the instructor.

Study of ancient Indian (Hindu and Buddhist) culture, religion, and literature. Examination of epics, plays, devotional, and love poetry from Sanskrit and other Indian languages. Indian languages and their related research tools (e.g., inscriptions, coins, papyrus manuscripts, material remains). 

CLAS 720 Seminar in Classical Languages and Literature (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Classics or consent of the instructor.

In-depth exploration of one or more authors or themes within Ancient Greek and Roman literature. Topics to be specified in the Class Schedule. May be repeated when topics vary.

CLAS 890 Editing and Publishing the Classics Journal (Units: 1-3)
Prerequisite: Classics majors or consent of the department. 

Supervised experience in editing and production of journal of student work. Credit not applicable to major/minor fields in classics. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. (CR/NC grading only)

CLAS 896 Directed Reading in Classics (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Approved Advancement to Candidacy (ATC) and Culminating Experience (CE) forms must be on file in the graduate studies office.

Supervised study of primary texts and topics in classics, based on departmental reading list and student's special areas of emphasis, in preparation for the comprehensive oral examination. Not open to M.A. candidates selecting the thesis option. (CR/NC grading only)

CLAS 896EXM Culminating Experience Examination (Units: 0-3)
Prerequisites: Consent of the instructor, committee chair, and approval of Advancement to Candidacy (ATC) and Culminating Experience (CE) forms by Graduate Studies. ATC and Proposal for Culminating Experience Requirement forms must be approved by the Graduate Division before registration. 

Enrollment in 896EXAM required for students whose culminating experience consists of an examination only. Not for students enrolled in a culminating experience course numbered 892, 893, 894, 895, 898, or 998, (or in some cases, courses numbered 890 - see program's graduate advisor for further information). (CR/NC, RP)

CLAS 898 Master's Thesis (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Consent of the instructor and approval of Advancement to Candidacy (ATC) and Culminating Experience (CE) forms by Graduate Studies. Advancement to Candidacy (ATC) and Proposal for Culminating Experience Requirement forms must be approved by the Graduate Division before registration. (CR/NC grading only)
CLAS 899 Independent Study (Units: 1-3)
Prerequisite: Consent of the graduate major adviser and supervising faculty member.

Study is planned, developed, and completed under the direction of a member of the department. Open to graduate students who have demonstrated ability to do independent work. Enrollment by petition. May be repeated for a total of 6 units.