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WHY STUDY CLASSICS?
The canvas of the modern world has been stretched on the frame of the classical past...

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Salvete! Cairete!
welcome hello

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We have four concentrations, each with major, minor, and Honors tracks: Latin, Ancient Greek, Classical Civilization, and Classical Archaeology.

A classical education gifts you with the ability to hear and detect these cultural resonances today, and to understand them at their core. The pursuit of Classics is a bridge to questions of global identity and heritage.

The study of Greek and Latin literature allows you to see the world through the eyes of ancient authors themselves, by reading and studying texts in their original language.

English borrowed widely from Latin and ancient Greek, and this is especially true for legal, medical, and other scientific vocabulary. Studying Latin and Greek gives you the ability to readily draw connections between terms and ideas that otherwise would require explanation.

Our Classical Civilization courses enable you to study ancient Greek and Roman culture without taking Latin and ancient Greek. Classical Archaeology introduces you to the art, architecture, and other material culture of ancient Greece and Rome, enabling you to understand their significance as well as their reception today.

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Career Opportunities

Classics, A Major For All Seasons

As a Classics major, you can become a high school teacher or go to graduate school in Classics. Latin high school teachers are especially in demand in Tennessee.

A Classics education also prepares you for a wide variety of other careers. Classics students have a deep understanding of language and are trained to analyze sources, construct effective arguments, and use print and electronic media in their research.

Above all, a Classics graduate has skills valued by any employer, such as problem solving, processing and analyzing complex information, and the finely honed language skills for creating precisely worded written reports.

Classics majors obtained the highest GRE scores in verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing skills, and ranked as the highest scorers on LSAT and MCAT exams. See our Classics website for links to employer surveys and studies.

Famous Classics students who chose various career paths, and remained inspired by Classical literature, philosophy, and mythology:

SIGMUND FREUD
Founder of psychoanalysis
Inspired by: Greek philosophy, literature, and mythology; e.g. Oedipus complex, narcissism.

TONI MORRISON
Nobel Prize for Literature
Inspired by: Classical mythology, literature, and civilization.

MARK ZUCKERBERG
Founder and CEO of Facebook
Inspired by the logic and structure of Latin.

“I have learned to value imagination in a much broader sense... In its arguably most transformative and revelatory capacity, it is the power that enables us to empathize with humans whose experiences we have never shared.” - J.K. Rowling, Author of Harry Potter

Inspired by: Classical mythology, literature, and languages.

Yes, I’m considering classics!

Name:______________________ Phone:______________________

High School:______________________ Major:______________________

I’m interested in: (check all that apply)

[ ] Latin [ ] Ancient Greek [ ] Classical Civilization [ ] Classical Archaeology

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