

# CLASSICAL AND ANCIENT STUDIES PROGRAM

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The field of classics is the original interdisciplinary field of study, including the study of language, literature, religion, philosophy, art, and archaeology. Modern Classics programs continue to focus on the ancient Mediterranean world, particularly Greek and Roman culture, but also encompass the study of non-Western cultures and post-Greco-Roman societies. The broad scope and intellectual rigor of the Classical and Ancient Studies major and minor options help students to understand the contemporary world and to prepare for a wide range of careers.

## Faculty

**Jeff Rydberg-Cox**, Ph.D., Curators' Distinguished Professor, Department of English; Classical and Ancient Studies Program Director  
**Virginia Blanton**, Ph.D., Department of English  
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**Cynthia Jones**, Ph.D., Lecturer, Classical and Ancient Studies Program  
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**Massimiliano Vitiello**, Ph.D., Curators' Distinguished Professor, Department of History  
**James Falls**, Ph.D., Associate Professor Emeritus, Department of History

## Undergraduate

The Classical and Ancient Studies program provides several options for the study of history, literature, art, culture, and language of the Ancient Mediterranean world. Students can major in English and complete the track in Classical, Medieval, and Early Modern Literature; major in Languages and Literatures with an emphasis in Classical Languages and Cultures; or pursue a minor in Classical and Ancient Studies in conjunction with any of the degrees above or with any other degree program.

## Undergraduate Programs

- English Department: Emphasis in Classical, Medieval, and Early Modern Literature (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/academic-departments-programs/english-language-literature/classical-medieval-early-modern-literature-track/>)
- World Languages and Literatures Department: Emphasis in Classical Languages and Cultures (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/academic-departments-programs/world-languages-cultures/bachelor-of-arts-languages-literatures/classical/>)

## Minor

Minor in Classical and Ancient Studies (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/academic-departments-programs/classical-ancient-studies-program/classical-ancient-studies-minor/>)