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Welcome to the department of Classical Studies and its vibrant community of undergraduate scholars! We are thrilled to join you in your journey of exploration and self-discovery. Together we will study the ancient Greek and Roman civilizations in all of their fascinating complexity. We hope that this familiar and unfamiliar past will give you insight into our own ways of thinking and being in the world. Our approach combines attention to the languages, literatures, and material record of Greece and Rome in an effort to understand their history, society, and culture. Our courses will encourage you to make connections across space and time, between disciplinary domains within and outside our department, with only your curiosity and ambition as the limit.

We seek to encourage undergraduate research through close relationships with faculty mentors in an intimate collegial setting. Our faculty has strengths in the major disciplines of Classical Studies and extraordinary resources that include papyri, manuscripts from the Rubenstein Library, and the collections of the Nasher Museum. By training you to reflect critically about our increasingly global culture, Classical Studies is an excellent gateway into a variety of careers in the humanities, law, medicine, finance, public policy, science, and academia.

Majors

We offer two majors:

- BA IN CLASSICAL LANGUAGES — Ensures mastery of both Greek and Latin through the second year, with eight courses in Greek and Latin (six at the 300-level or above), complemented by one CLST (200-level or above), and crowned by one capstone seminar (CLST 480S).
- BA IN CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION — Ensures substantial acquaintance with ancient Greece and Rome through a combination of flexible requirements:
 - two courses in Greek and Roman civilization (CLST 181S & 182S) or Greek and Roman history (CLST 283 & 284) **OR** two courses in Greek or Latin below the 300-level;
 - seven CLST courses (at or above the 200-level) distributed over three or more of the following areas: Literature, Philosophy, Art and Archaeology, and History (Greek and Latin courses at the 300-level or above may be substituted for CLST literature courses in translation);
 - one capstone seminar (CLST 480S).

Besides these ten courses, our majors also complete a senior dossier that helps them to reflect on their Duke experience and aids the department in improving its undergraduate program.

Advising

If Classical Studies is your first major, the Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS) will be your primary advisor. Before each registration period, the DUS will contact you to discuss your course selection and advise you on your progress toward the major. Address to the DUS questions at any point regarding the major, research opportunities, study abroad programs, graduate school information, or any academic matters.

Our warmest welcome and best wishes for the exciting road ahead!



José M. González
Director of Undergraduate Studies