

Ancient Mediterranean Studies Certificate

About Us

The Ancient Mediterranean Studies Certificate Program encompasses the study of the cultures and societies of ancient Greece and Rome. The certificate emphasizes the broad spectrum of classical culture and civilization with the opportunity to study classical languages.

Drawing on the resources of specialists working in this field at UWM, the program offers students a coordinated core of courses clustered around the disciplines of classics, history, and art history. The program also draws on the resources of several other related areas and disciplines, such as anthropology, comparative literature, English, Hebrew studies, philosophy, and political science.

While the program requires some study of the classical languages, proficiency in Latin and Greek is not required for certification. However, students may obtain the certificate with language proficiency if they complete 9 credits in Latin or Greek courses at the 300-level or above either as a part of the certificate requirements or in addition to the requirements. Students can also obtain the certificate with language proficiency by passing a proficiency exam.

The faculty who teach the courses for the certificate are drawn from five different departments and programs: anthropology, art history, classics, history, and philosophy.

Value of the Certificate

Students of antiquity have strong analytical skills and are able to integrate the past with the present, making them valuable candidates for jobs in a variety of fields. Traditional career paths include work with universities, museums, archaeological projects, libraries, and research centers. Other career options, some of which require graduate studies, include business, law, education, community development, and medicine.



Joining the Program

The program is open to all students seeking a bachelor's degree from UWM as well as to individuals who already hold a bachelor's degree either from UWM or elsewhere. The program coordinator will interview interested students to ascertain how appropriate the program is in terms of meeting their academic goals and also to inform students of program requirements.

Certificate Requirements

The certificate in Ancient Mediterranean Studies requires completion of a minimum of 24 credits distributed as follows:

Core requirements (18-20 credits)

- 6 credits in History to be chosen from: Hist 201, 202, 303, 304, 307 and 308; Hist 370 and 371 can be taken with approval from the coordinator.
- 6 credits in Art History selected from ArtHist 101 and/or any 300-level and above ArtHist courses from the approved list.
- Two semesters at any level in one of the following languages: Latin, Greek, or Biblical Hebrew (6-8 credits, depending on the course).

Certificate programs are similar to minors. They are comprised of 15 to 26 credits in a specialized subject matter, and include coursework from different departments. Certificates can be combined with a degree program, or they are available as stand-alone options for individuals who already hold a bachelor's degree from any accredited college or university. Many certificates also will enroll individuals with a strong interest in the topic area but who do not have a degree.

In addition to the core requirements, students also must complete 6 credits from the list of approved courses (usually found in Anthropology, Art History, Classics, Hebrew Studies, History, and Philosophy), at least 3 of which must be taken in an approved CAMS course at the 300-level or above or in any Latin or Greek course not used to fulfill the language requirement. Other courses may count toward the certificate at the discretion of the Program's Advisory Committee. Students may petition to include courses with appropriate content that do not appear on the list.

Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the courses that satisfy the Program requirements, and all such courses must be graded rather than taken on a credit/no credit basis. Of the 24 required credits, at least 9 credits must be taken at the advanced level (courses numbered 300 and above) in residence at UWM. At least 12 credits must be taken in courses in the College of Letters and Science, with at least 6 of these at the advanced level.

Approved Course List

There are over 100 approved courses that can be elected for the certificate. A sampling of these includes:

- Anthro103 – Digging up the Past: Approaches to Archaeology (3 credits)
- Anthro306 – European Archaeology (3 credits)
- ArtHist 101 - Ancient and Medieval Art and Architecture (3 credits)
- ArtHist 313 – Greek Art and Archaeology (3 credits)
- ArtHist 316 – Roman Art and Archaeology (3 credits)
- Classic 170 – Classical Mythology (3 credits)
- Classics201 – Introduction to Greek Life and Literature (3 credits)
- Classic 202 – Introduction to Roman Life and Literature (3 credits)
- Classic 302 – War and Politics in Ancient Greece (3 credits)
- Classic 303 – Life and Literature of the Roman Empire (3 credits)
- Classic 390 – Egyptian Mythology (3 credits)
- Greek 103 – First Semester Greek (4 credits)
- Greek 104 – Second Semester Greek (4 credits)
- Greek 501 – Readings in Classical Greek Prose: (Subtitle) (3 credits)
- Hebr St 131 – Introduction to Biblical Studies (3 credits)
- Hebr St 235 – The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible (3 credits)
- Hist 201 – The Ancient World: The Near East and Greece (3 credits)
- Hist 202 – The Ancient World: The Roman Republic and Empire (3 credits)
- Hist 274 – Ancient Egyptian Civilization (3 credits)
- Latin 103 – First Semester Latin (4 credits)
- Latin 104 – Second Semester Latin (4 credits)
- Philos 430 – History of Ancient Philosophy (3 credits)
- Philos 551 – Aristotle (3 credits)

Events and Study Abroad

Students are encouraged to enhance their education by participating in community and campus events related to the field. The Archaeological Institute of America, Milwaukee Society, regularly hosts experts in the field for presentations at UWM.

Students also are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to study abroad, including fieldwork in archaeology, which may also be used to fulfill certificate requirements.

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