

*What can I do with a major in...*

# CLASSICS

## CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION, CLASSICAL ARCHAEOLOGY, & LATIN

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### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Classics at the University of Mary Washington offers three distinct concentrations: classical civilization, classical archaeology, and Latin. All three concentrations feature the study of the languages, history, and civilizations of the ancient Greek and Roman worlds. More specifically, students examine and evaluate the literary, intellectual, and artistic works of classical antiquity. Of the three concentrations, Latin is the one most geared towards the study of the text; classical archaeology towards the study of physical as well as textual evidence; and classical civilization towards an overview of classical culture and its influence on the western world.

Those with a bachelor's degree in one of these three fields often find jobs as primary, middle, or secondary school teachers or in business and finance. Their interest and training in other cultures sometimes lead them to positions with international companies, the travel industry, or the Foreign Service. Additional training in the sciences, or in fields such as art, journalism, or library and information studies, expands job possibilities. Those who continue their studies on the graduate level frequently become college teachers, museum curators, or lawyers.

Special mention must be made of the many job opportunities in teaching at the middle and high school level for those concentrating in Latin. There is currently a shortage of Latin teachers across the United States. Jobs for Latin teachers are going unfilled, and without qualified teachers, Latin programs are in danger of being cancelled. Teaching Latin at any level can be an exciting and rewarding career, especially for those who want to travel and continue learning. Scholarships abound for high school Latin teachers to take summer courses, including courses held in Greece and Italy.

The job titles and hiring institutions that follow are meant to give you an idea of the careers available to classics, classical archaeology, and Latin majors; many other possibilities, however, also exist. You are encouraged to explore all career paths that interest you.

### POTENTIAL JOB TITLES

Airplane flight attendant  
Anthropologist  
Archaeologist  
Archivist  
Business/management trainee  
College/university faculty  
Curator (art galleries, museums)  
Editor  
Foreign correspondent

Foreign service officer  
Guide, travel  
Historian  
Import-export agent  
Intelligence specialist  
Lawyer  
Librarian/information specialist  
Museum technician & Conservator  
Park naturalist

Research assistant or director  
Scientific linguist (philologist, etymologist)  
Teacher, K-12

Translator  
Travel agent

## REPRESENTATIVE HIRING INSTITUTIONS

Air, bus and rail lines  
Archives  
Art galleries  
Colleges, schools, & educ. institutions  
Film companies  
Government agencies

Law offices  
Libraries  
Magazines, newspapers and periodicals  
Museums  
Publishing companies  
Travel agencies

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

1. American Philological Association:  
[www.apaclassics.org](http://www.apaclassics.org)
2. Archaeological Institute of America:  
[www.archaeological.org](http://www.archaeological.org)
3. The American Classical League:  
[www.acleclassics.org](http://www.acleclassics.org)
4. The Classical Assoc. of the  
Middle West and South:  
[www.camws.org](http://www.camws.org)

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