Degree(s)
+ Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in classical humanities

About the Faculty
Faculty in the department are respected scholars in their fields, coming from a wide variety of interests.

Program Overview
The study of classical humanities, offered by the department of languages, literatures and cultures, is designed for students seeking firm foundations and interdisciplinary depth in their liberal arts education. It’s also intended for students who plan to pursue studies that are facilitated by knowledge of classical languages and culture. These include law, medicine, theology, philosophy, medieval and Renaissance studies, political science, communication, mythology, anthropology, psychology, art history, cultural criticism and the history of education.

+ Students studying classical languages enjoy small classes and personalized attention.
+ Students have flexibility in their programs, with many types of tutorials and independent study possible.
+ Students enjoy the resources of Saint Louis University’s Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies as well as the Vatican Film Library.
+ Students have access to computing facilities that offer computer software and Internet support for Latin and Greek studies, literary studies and comparative literature.

Curriculum
The major in classical humanities requires 27 credit hours. Students may choose to concentrate in Latin or Greek or both.

Requirements for the major include:
+ Three prerequisites courses (1010, 1020 and 2010 in Greek or Latin)
+ Six electives, taken from Greek and Latin courses and upper-division courses relating to classical culture
Admission Requirements

Freshman: All applications are thoroughly and carefully reviewed. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary criterion in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student’s ability to meet the University’s academic requirements and to qualify the student for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be approaching graduation from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.

Internships and Careers

While most graduates of this program continue their professional study in other fields, a few recent graduates have pursued graduate studies in classical languages at universities such as the City University of New York and Washington University.

Other graduates have entered fields such as law, theological studies, social work, art history, hospital administration and education. These students have attended graduate and professional schools such as the University of Wisconsin at Madison, University of Chicago, University of Notre Dame, Bowling Green State University, Northwestern University and Saint Louis University.