

Artium Baccalaureatus

The *Artium Baccalaureatus*, the A.B. Degree, is the traditional bachelor's degree conferred by the College of Charleston. At the founding of the college in 1770, study of Classics -- Greek, Latin, and Classical Civilization -- formed the core curriculum for all students. The State Gazette of South Carolina once praised students at the college for their knowledge of "Greek and Latin languages, as well as their extraordinary proficiency in the liberal arts and sciences." Today, the *Artium Baccalaureatus* is awarded to students who follow this centuries-old tradition and include in their undergraduate studies significant coursework in Classics.

Students in any major may elect to work towards the *Artium Baccalaureatus* instead of a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree by including in their general education curriculum coursework in Ancient Greek or Latin language and humanities courses exploring Classical civilization. In recent years students from a wide range of majors, including Biology, Chemistry, Classics, English, Historic Preservation, History, Mathematics, Political Science and Psychology, have elected to pursue an A.B. Degree.

Earning the *Artium Baccalaureatus* need not add any additional requirements. All students at the College of Charleston must satisfy General Education requirements in foreign languages and humanities. Choose your courses wisely and you can earn an A.B. Degree without adding any additional courses. Ancient Greek and Latin language courses fulfill the foreign language requirement. Advanced-level Greek & Latin classes can be used to fulfill the humanities requirement, as can Classics courses in History, Philosophy and Art History.

WHY PURSUE THE ARTIUM BACCALAUREATUS DEGREE?

The *Artium Baccalaureatus* curriculum provides rigorous academic training and will demonstrate to others your commitment to the traditions of Classics and the Liberal Arts. The A.B. Degree is also an excellent way to stand out from the crowd—especially if you are considering graduate or professional school. Recent A.B. graduates have gone on to:

George Mason University, School of Law
Medical University of South Carolina, School of Pharmacy
University of California, Berkeley, Ph.D. Program
Duke University, Ph.D. Program
Vanderbilt University, M.A. Program
University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law
Medical College of Georgia, School of Medicine

A.B. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

18 hours in Ancient Greek *or* 18 hours in Latin (six courses)

- _____ Ancient Greek (GREK) or Latin (LATN) 101 or equivalent
- _____ Ancient Greek (GREK) or Latin (LATN) 102 or equivalent
- _____ Ancient Greek (GREK) or Latin (LATN) 201 or equivalent
- _____ Ancient Greek (GREK) or Latin (LATN) 202 or equivalent
- _____ Additional course in Ancient Greek or Latin above the 202-level
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6 hours in Classical Civilization (any two courses)

- _____ CLAS 101 Greek Civilization
 - _____ CLAS 102 Roman Civilization
 - _____ CLAS 103 Classical Mythology
 - _____ CLAS 104 Introduction to Classical Archaeology
 - _____ CLAS 121 Classical Greece (Travel)
 - _____ CLAS 122 Bronze Age Greece (Travel)
 - _____ CLAS 242 Images of Women in Classical Antiquity
 - _____ CLAS 253 Ancient Epic
 - _____ CLAS 254 Classical Drama: Tragedy
 - _____ CLAS 255 Classical Drama: Comedy
 - _____ CLAS 256 Ancient Satire
 - _____ CLAS 270 The Romans in Cinema
 - _____ CLAS 301 Topics in Greek Literature
 - _____ CLAS 302 Topics in Latin Literature
 - _____ CLAS 303 Topics in Classical Civilization
 - _____ CLAS 401 Research Seminar in Classics
 - _____ HIST 230 Egypt and Mesopotamia
 - _____ HIST 231 Ancient Greece
 - _____ HIST 232 Ancient Rome
 - _____ PHIL 220 History of Ancient Philosophy
 - _____ ARTH 220 History of Greek and Roman Art
- + Selected special topics courses in ARTH, HIST, PHIL, and RELS

Students must achieve an earned GPA of 2.5 or higher in the courses used to satisfy the A.B. requirements. Special requirements exist for students majoring in Classics. For more information about the *Artium Baccalaureatus*, stop by the Classics Department on the third floor of historic Randolph Hall or visit us on the web at <http://www.cofc.edu/~classics>



View from the Classics Department, Randolph Hall, College of Charleston