



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Year 1** Explore Ancient Civilization courses. Acquaint yourselves with fellow students
- Year 2** Core history and philosophy courses
- Year 3** Elective courses in Art History, Classics, or Jewish Studies
- Year 4** Capstone course typically taken in the first semester of the senior year

## Introduction to the Major

**Prepared for panoramas of pagan art, glittering churches, a philosophical journey, or a quest for the origins of Western spirituality and cultures? Check us out, the Ancient Civ folks.**

You will be fascinated to learn how the civilizations that thrived in the Mediterranean before the birth of Christ, in societies so massively sundered from ours in mindset and outlook, have spread their influence through the historical evolution of the West and have deeply permeated our current world in all of its aspects: from politics to architecture, to language, to philosophy, to legal and literary forms. This is a journey of discovering vanished empires and crowning glories of our past.

## CORE COURSES

Our core courses span art history, Jewish studies, philosophy, and courses on Greco-Roman antiquity and include classical languages and literature. They are designed to deepen the student's appreciation of the values and riches of classical literature and civilization and help them draw connections between ancient societies and issues facing the modern Western world.

- History of Ancient Philosophy
- Jewish History in the Ancient and Medieval World
- Ancient Greek Art
- Plato
- Introduction to Classical Mythology
- Ancient Greek Drama in Translation

**100%**

of Ancient Civ majors have a working knowledge of Hebrew, classical Greek, or Latin

**"The various modes of worship which prevailed in the Roman world were all considered by the people as equally true; by the philosopher as equally false; and by the magistrate as equally useful."**

— EDWARD GIBBON (1737- 1794),  
ENGLISH HISTORIAN AND POLITICIAN



# ANCIENT CIVILIZATION

Bachelor of Arts



DESIGN  
YOUR  
JOURNEY



**Explore  
and navigate  
Clark curriculum**



**Connect  
and engage  
with communities**



**Discover  
and pursue  
your passions**



**Develop  
professional  
skills**



**Reflect,  
design  
and plan**

YEAR

1

YEAR

2



## □ **Investigate the Ancient Civilization studies major**

Come around to the Language, Literature & Culture office in Estabrook Hall and get to know the faculty and staff. Meet with the Ancient Civilization studies program director.



## □ **Identify potential Clark Core courses with the support of an adviser**

Talk with your adviser to identify courses that support your academic interests and goals. Visit the department website to check language placement guidelines and consider taking an elementary course in Hebrew or an introductory course in Greek or Latin.



## □ **Try out new interests**

Start connecting with peers and learn about student organizations on campus.



## □ **Explore campus opportunities**

Check out events at the Higgins School of Humanities, visit the Schiltkamp Gallery, contemplate the artwork, and consider how art impacts your own life and applies to your learning experience.



## □ **Utilize campus resources**

Build your writing skills through the Writing Center.



## □ **Investigate resources off campus**

Seek out Greek, Jewish, or Roman art and philosophy books at the Worcester Art Museum and the Worcester Public Library.



## □ **Reflect on what sparks your interest**

Consider the new interests you have discovered. What new classes do you want to take, and people you want to meet?



## □ **Dig in and define your interests**

Try out a 200-level Hebrew, philosophy, Art History, or Latin literature course. Gain a deeper understanding of Greco-Roman Antiquity, Jewish history, or aspects of Art History.



## □ **Declare your major**

Give thought to doing a double major. Acquisition of skills in more than one area ensures versatility and furnishes opportunities. The program director will help you identify a faculty adviser.



## □ **Start networking**

Start making connections with faculty and peers to see if there are opportunities you would like to be part of. Check out ClarkCONNECT. Connect with alumni and others and learn about what they do.



## □ **Explore summer research opportunities and project funding**

Log in to Handshake to find summer jobs and internships to build skills and experience. Opportunity Funding is available through the Career Connections Center (CCC).



## □ **Develop a professional resume**

Use the Career Connections Center (CCC) template. Upload to Handshake for review and feedback.



## □ **Consider study abroad**

Visit the Study Abroad Office to explore the possibilities.



## □ **Reflect on your Clark journey**

What new interests have you discovered? What career options are you now considering that you want to test out? What questions do you still need to answer to determine your professional path?

# WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

## JOBS & EMPLOYERS

Ancient Civilization majors pursue successful careers in education, publishing, university teaching and research, the arts, translation, government, law, and more.

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Our alumni pursue advanced degrees at Harvard University, New York University, Babson College, Fordham University, McGill University, and other prestigious institutions.

## YEAR 3



### Broaden your horizons and expand your skills

Take a comparative literature courses and learn how to analyze texts and cultures. Take the Problems of Practice seminar if you have not yet. Mentor first- and second-year students.



### Pave your individual path to research

Talk to program faculty about their research projects. Seek out research opportunities with faculty in other areas relevant to your interests and skills. Get involved with activism within the Worcester community and beyond.



### Tailor networking to career needs

Create a ClarkCONNECT profile and connect with alumni to learn about their career paths. Join the Alumni Job Shadow Program to unlock insights from career trial runs in gearing up for an inspiring career journey.



### Pursue your interests

Refine your academic and research interests. Delve more deeply into the study of Hebrew, Greek, or Latin.



### Get out of here

Study abroad or away to upskill and broaden your horizons. Begin planning your study abroad experience, researching potential courses or making a budget.



### Consider graduate school

Explore graduate school possibilities and pertinent resources via the Career Connections Center. Discuss options with faculty members and your adviser.



### Know the past to build the future

Reflect on what you have learned and how you have grown. Where are you confident? Who are your strongest supporters and mentors?

## YEAR 4



### Pull it together with your capstone

The capstone in Ancient Civilization allows students to demonstrate their skills in the area of their specialization, from Art History to Classics and usually culminates in a substantial research paper of at least 20 pages. Make sure you complete all 200-level requirements.



### Share your knowledge

Work as a Peer Learning Assistant (PLA). Lead a discussion section for an introductory course.



### No regrets!

What's on your Clark undergraduate bucket list? Take an elective or two. Where do you need to build confidence or clarity?



### What's next?

Talk with faculty and your career adviser about your plans. Identify faculty who know you well and will serve as references or write letters of recommendation.



### Connect with alumni

Ask about their experiences in the job market, graduate or law school. How have their language skills and cultural knowledge benefited them professionally and personally?



### Get ready to launch

Attend a career fair to learn about potential paths & opportunities. Update your professional profiles. Find ways to demonstrate qualities such as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and initiative.



### Rhapsodize over your achievements

Reflect on your intellectual growth and how you have changed. A bright future awaits! Be open-minded and think outside the box.



## AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR!

**Ancient Civilization will be central for whatever path you decide to follow.**

Health professions, law and enforcement, education, game design, art, literature, data science and other careers are developed based on the knowledge and traditions that ancient civilizations provided and inherited to us. The saying goes: "the more things change, the more they stay the same." Whatever your career, you'll realize how the language, the ways in which things are done, the values and the concepts come from civilizations that provided us with a wealth of knowledge. You'll be able to use that to your advantage.

## CONNECT WITH US!

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### Advising

**We are here to help at all stages of your Clark journey.**

Your adviser will help you plan coursework, discuss study abroad options, and explore ways to engage with the major.

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