

Interdisciplinary Major Proposal

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What began as an unusual language requirement quickly developed into a deep interest and insatiable curiosity in the area of Classics. I eagerly expanded from studying only the Latin language to taking other Classically minded courses. Before I knew it, I had completed the Classics minor, but I was not ready to stop there. There was still so much more to discover hidden in our eerily similar, yet distant past.

I wish to broaden my Latin minor into a full major, which sadly does not yet exist at Hendrix. This will allow me to further study Latin as well as the broader context of the time, from art and religion to philosophy and literature.

My main course of study is Psychology, a field which I plan to pursue in graduate school. But I do not feel right letting my future career block me from my current interests. My Classics courses have already done so much for me. In high school, 3,000 years was an unfathomable distance to me, yet now I've seen the writings of individuals who seem no different than modern man. We uphold the ideal of democracy and we are still under the spell of Christianity, both of which were made prominent during the Classical Era.

The core of my Classics major revolves around the study of Latin with Fundamentals of Latin I and II (LATI 110 and 120), Readings and Advanced Readings in Latin Literature (LATI 210 and 310), and a senior capstone including a research component: either Advanced Readings/Research in Latin Literature (LATI 410) or an independent study (LATI 499). These courses offer a linguistic and literary angle from which one can begin to understand ancient culture. In order to achieve an even broader understanding of the time period, the major includes Greek and Roman Civilization

(CLAS 301 and 302), Western Art History (ARTH 170), Plato and Aristotle (PHIL 285), Introduction to the New Testament (RELI 124), and Myth in Ancient and Modern Literature (CLAS 492).

Completed (or Soon to be Completed) Courses:

LATI 110 Fundamentals of Latin I	Fall 2005
LATI 120 Fundamentals of Latin II	Spring 2006
LATI 210 Readings in Latin Literature	Fall 2006
LATI 310 Advanced Readings in Latin Literature	Fall 2007
CLAS 301 Greek Civilization	Spring 2007
CLAS 492 Myth in Ancient and Modern Literature	Spring 2008
PHIL 285 Plato and Aristotle	Fall 2006

3 of the following in Fall 2008/Spring 2009:

ARTH 170 Western Art History Survey I
RELI 124 Intro to the New Testament
CLAS 302 Roman Civilization
CLAS 250 Etymology

Senior Capstone:

LATI 410 Advanced Readings/Research in Latin Literature
OR
LATI 499 Independent Study