

Lucas Harder
Interdisciplinary Major Proposal

I have had an interest in Latin for the majority of my life. My primary and secondary educations did not allow for many opportunities for me to quench this passion as my high school only offered Spanish for foreign language classes. I read several novels containing short passages in Latin, which only fanned the flames of my interest. One of the deciding factors in my applying to Hendrix was the offering of Latin classes. Since I started learning Latin I have come to truly appreciate how much of an influence both Greece and Rome have had on our society. I had not known before how much of an impact on English Latin had. I also came to greatly enjoy learning about the ancient literature and cultures of both Rome and Greece; for while I do not have as much of an interest in the Ancient Greek language, both of the ancient civilizations have much that intrigues me. The allure of what these ancient cultures have to offer has easily persuaded me to pursue an interdisciplinary major in Classics. Such a major allows me to combine my interest in the Latin language with Greek philosophy and both Roman and Greek literature. My interest in this major also comes from the impact the ancient Greek and Roman societies have had on our modern society.

I am mainly interested in classical literature as well as the society and legal systems of the Romans and Greeks. My major will therefore be based upon the study of classical Latin, mythology, and ancient civilizations. I will also study Classical philosophy and religion. My capstone for my major will be Latin 410 or a 400-level independent study in Latin, in which I will pick a project, translate primary sources, perform research on secondary sources, and produce a research portfolio. I will also give a presentation to other Latin students on my findings.

I intend to attend law school after I graduate from Hendrix and I feel that a Classics major would be a nice foundation for this endeavor. Many of our laws, as well as part of our modern legal system, are based on these ancient societies; also, many of the legal terms are in Latin so studying that might be beneficial. While a Classics major is not nearly as common for pre-law as history, politics, or philosophy, the classes I have taken for my major will benefit me just as well for success in law; for they allow expansion of the mind as well as a historical study of the cultures which formed two of the earliest Western democracies.

Faculty Committee:

Dr. Chris Campolo
Dr. Rebecca Resinski,
Dr. Andrew Scott

Major Courses

<i>Course</i>	<i>Semester Taken</i>
Latin 210	Fall 2007
Latin 311	Fall 2008
Latin 312	Spring 2009
Latin 410 (will serve as the Capstone)	Fall 2009

Classics 200: Mythology	Spring 2008
Classics 301: Greek Civilization	Fall 2008
Classics 302: Roman Civilization	Spring 2009
Religion 124: New Testament	Spring 2008
Philosophy 285: Plato and Aristotle	Fall 2007
Classics 410 or Classics 400-level independent study	2009-2010

General Education Requirements

<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Course Name</i>	<i>Semester</i>
CW	Math 115	Mathematics in Contemporary Issues	Fall 2008
EA	TART 120	Voice Articulation and Text Reading	Spring 2008
FL	Lati 120	Fundamentals of Latin 2	Spring 2007
HP	HIST 110	America to 1865	Fall 2007
LS	RELI 124	New Testament	Spring 2008
NS	CHEM 100	Concepts of Chemistry	Spring 2008
NS-L	BIOL 101	Concepts of Biology -L	Spring 2007
PA	KINA L10	Bowling	Fall 2007
PA	KINA F50	Judo	Spring 2008
QS	MATH 110	Mathematics in Contemporary Issues	Fall 2008
SB	PSYC 110	Introduction to Psychology	Fall 2006
VA	PHIL 110	Introduction to Philosophical Questioning	Fall 2007
W1	ENGL 110	Intorduction to Academic Writing	Fall 2006
W2	ENGL 204	Creative Writing: Fiction	Spring 2007