

Career opportunities

The majority of our majors go on to pre-professional study in the health sciences and law, exploiting the clout classics holds with admissions committees and the leg-up classics offers on the MCAT and other entrance examinations. We also have a journalist, high school teachers, and the production manager for a law journal on the East coast among our recent graduates. Naturally, we send our majors on to competitive graduate schools, too. Since 2000, we've sent two to the University of Iowa, two to Notre Dame, and one each to University of Texas-Austin, Emory, the University of Oregon, UC Irvine, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, UCLA, Yale and Oxford, all with scholarships. One of our majors is currently in the Jesuit novitiate.

Awards & scholarships

Each year, the Department competitively offers Leo Vincent Jacks Merit Scholarships in Classical Languages to two entering freshmen intending to study Greek and Latin. CANES majors have won an impressive array of external awards and scholarships under the guidance of an exceptionally attentive faculty. These include scholarships upon entrance to graduate school, awards in translation contests, merit-based awards from the American Philological Association (APA), the Classical Association of the Middle West and South (CAMWS), Eta Sigma Phi, and competitive admission to elite study-abroad programs. The department also counts among its newest graduates, a Rhodes Scholarship Finalist.

Programs of study

CANES offers two majors and four minors:

- The **Major in Classical Languages** requires 27 hours of study, with a concentration track in either Greek or Latin. The curriculum features a course which introduces all majors to the classical and ancient Near Eastern world, prose composition in the concentration language, and a senior capstone seminar culminating in the public defense of a senior thesis. Majors also complete 9 hours of upper-division study of authors or topics in the concentration language, and 9 hours of study in the other classical language.
- The **Major in Classical and Near Eastern Civilizations** requires 30 hours of study, including the introductory and capstone seminar courses mentioned above, and 24 hours of upper-division study distributed among the areas of literature, history, philosophy and religion, and material culture. Majors must complete three semesters of Arabic, Greek, Hebrew, or Latin, or demonstrate an equivalent ability.
- The **Greek Minor** requires 12 hours of upper-division Greek plus 6 upper-division hours in classical and Near Eastern civilizations or Arabic, Hebrew, or Latin 101-102 or 115.
- The **Latin Minor** requires 12 hours of upper-division Latin plus 6 upper-division hours in classical and Near Eastern civilizations or Arabic, Hebrew, or Greek 101-102 or 115.
- The **Classical and Near Eastern Civilizations Minor** requires 18 hours of upper-division study from the Classical and Near Eastern (= CNE) palette.
- The **Ancient History Minor** requires 12 hours in courses drawn from the Near Eastern, Greek, and Roman history sequences plus 6 elective hours drawn from CNE courses in history or material culture.

Students may take additional courses in the classical languages major (including courses for graduate credit) in pursuit of a Latin teaching credential. Contact the department of education for further details.

Study abroad

CANES has ties to the American Academy in Rome, the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, and the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome (ICCS). CANES majors have recently won competitive admission to elite programs at all three institutions: three to the American Academy's Classical Summer School (one with a Fulbright Scholarship), one to the American school's dig in the Athenian Agora, and five to the ICCS (three in Rome and two in Sicily). CANES also sends majors to College Year in Athens, and other excellent programs abroad such as the Loyola Rome Center.

Student research

Our majors have won significant undergraduate research awards at Creighton, including three Presidential Mentoring Scholarships, intended to prepare Creighton's best to apply for Fulbright and other competitive national and international scholarships. Two CANES majors published in the *Journal of Religion and Society* in 2004; a student in our department has published an article on the history of medicine in the journal *Clinical Anatomy*; another, having won the Bisenius Summer Research award, has published a Roman portrait in the nearby Joslyn Art Museum; and another, having won a Bisenius Award, traveled through Greece and the Aegean pursuing thesis research on statues of Asclepius. A third major is also currently at work on a Roman portrait in the Joslyn Art Museum, and the department oversees an intensive internship program (including curating small exhibitions) at that museum.

Faculty

Geoffrey Bakewell (Brown).

Special Interests: Greek Political and Social History; Greek Tragedy

Gregory S. Bucher (Brown).

Special Interests: Roman History; Roman Topography; Ancient Historiography

Christina A. Clark (Wisconsin), Chair.

Special Interests: Greek and Latin Poetry; Gender Studies; Nonverbal Behavior; Mythology; Religion and Magic

Lenoard J. Greenspoon (Harvard).

Special Interests: Hebrew Bible; Septuagint Studies; Bible Translation

Martha Habash (Virginia).

Special Interests: Greek Archaic Poetry; Greek and Roman Comedy; Greek Religion; Roman and Novel Satire

Jeffrey Hause (Cornell).

Special Interests: Medieval Philosophy; Ancient Philosophy; and Philosophy and Literature

Ronald A. Simkins (Harvard).

Special Interests: Hebrew Bible; Syro-Palestinian History and Archaeology; Northwest Semitic Epigraphy; Mesopotamian History and Religion

William Stephens (Penn).

Special Interests: Hellenistic Philosophy; Socrates; Stoic Ethics

Courses offered

The department offers a large selection of courses thanks to its heterogeneous faculty and interdisciplinary focus. A complete list of courses offered by the department can be found at (http://canes.creighton.edu/CANES_courses/Bulletin.htm). We offer all levels of Greek and Latin every semester and Greek and Latin prose composition courses in alternating years. We regularly offer Arabic and Biblical Hebrew through the intermediate level, and we offer a sequence of Near Eastern, Greek, and Roman history on a three-year cycle. Near Eastern, Egyptian, Greek, Roman, and Early Christian art, archaeology and topography courses are regularly offered, as are courses in social history, literature, ancient religions and philosophy.

I cannot say enough about the tremendous quality of education I have received as a Classical Languages major at Creighton. Studying Classics has opened up a wealth of knowledge and fascinating interests for me, including ancient languages, literature, history and art history. I am incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to learn from such an exceptional faculty who truly care about the progress of each of their students. I know that no matter what I pursue after my undergraduate years, I will be well-prepared owing to their instruction and the rigor of my undergraduate education in the Classics.

Meghan Freeman
Classical Languages major

Faculty honors and other special activities

CANES Faculty are exceptionally active professionally. Bakewell has directed the American School's Summer School and sits on the School's Managing Committee; he developed Creighton's Honors Program and has won the CAMWS Teaching Award. Bucher directed the American Academy's Summer School and he will be the Professor in Charge of the Intercollegiate Center in Rome in 2011-12. In 2009, he organized a symposium on Roman portraiture at Creighton. Clark is a Junior Fellow of the Center for Hellenic Studies, was an award-winning Vice President of CAMWS, and will serve as Associate Professor at the Intercollegiate Center in Rome. She recently organized two speakers panels for the annual meetings of the American Philological Association (APA). Greenspoon is Klutznick Professor of Jewish Civilization, yearly organizing an international symposium; he also serves as the editor of the *Society of Biblical Literature's Forum*. Habash is a Fellow of the

American School, was a Vice President of CAMWS and has won a second Fulbright Award to Jordan. Hause has won the University's highest teaching award (the Robert F. Kennedy Award), the college's advising award, and serves as the co-editor of the Hackett Aquinas Series, besides having held a Mellon Fellowship and an NEH Summer Grant. He held a Fulbright Award to study in France in 2010. Simkins developed the award-winning Virtual World Project, directs the Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society, and has won numerous grants and awards for his work on the archaeology of Syria-Palestine. Stephens was a summer scholar of the Center for Hellenic Studies, a visiting scholar at UC Berkeley, and a winner of the Omicron Delta Kappa 'Teaching for Tomorrow' Award, as well as numerous awards for college service.

For more information

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