

CLASSICAL STUDIES (CLST)

CLST 1060 Masterpieces of Greek Literature in English Translation

3 Credits

Attributes: E_BF English Literature Before 1800

This course surveys major works of ancient Greek literature, emphasizing the content of this literature as a key to understanding classical Greek civilization and as meaningful in a contemporary context. This course may be taken to fulfill the Magis Core exploration tier requirement in literature. Crosslisted with ENGL 1060. Previously CL 0106.

CLST 1070 Masterpieces of Roman Literature in English Translation

3 Credits

Attributes: E_BF English Literature Before 1800

This course surveys major works of Roman literature of the republic and early empire, emphasizing the content of this literature as a key to understanding Roman civilization, and as meaningful in a contemporary context. This course may be taken to fulfill the Magis Core exploration tier requirement in literature. Crosslisted with ENGL 1070. Previously CL 0107.

CLST 1080 Myth in Classical Literature

3 Credits

This course introduces students to classical mythology through an examination of the diverse ways in which myth and legend are treated in the literatures of ancient Greece and Rome. Students read texts in English translation; knowledge of Greek or Latin is not required. This course may be taken to fulfill the Magis Core exploration tier requirement in literature. Crosslisted with ENGL 1080. Previously CL 0108.

CLST 1090 Greek Tragedy in English Translation

3 Credits

An intensive study in translation of the surviving works of Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides. Knowledge of Greek is not required. This course may be taken to fulfill the Magis Core exploration tier requirement in literature. Crosslisted with ENGL 1090. Previously CL 0109.

CLST 1115 Greek Civilization

3 Credits

Attributes: MWAC Magis Core: Writing Across Curriculum

Students study the Greek experience: the social and cultural values, political institutions, and economic structures of the ancient Greeks and their effect on the historical process in the period down to the death of Alexander. Knowledge of Greek is not required. This course may be used to fulfill the Magis Core orientation tier requirement in History. Previously CL 0115.

CLST 1116 Roman Civilization

3 Credits

Attributes: MWAC Magis Core: Writing Across Curriculum

Roman civilization spanned more than 1000 years of history and culture, and influenced western society in profound ways. This course traces Rome's development from a small local tribe to a world power, examining how it expanded and conquered the Mediterranean and absorbed into its culture aspects of the peoples it defeated. Knowledge of Latin is not required. This course may be used to fulfill the Magis Core orientation tier requirement in History. Previously CL 0116.

CLST 1270 Romantic Love in Greek and Roman Literature

3 Credits

Attributes: E_BF English Literature Before 1800

The course of true love never did run smooth. From Homer's Penelope to Ovid's Remedies of Love we will examine the permutations of romantic desire and its frustrations in the literature of Greece and Rome. Readings also include selections from Sappho's poetry, Sophocles' Women of Trachis, Euripides' Hippolytos and Medea, comedies by Menander and Terence, Catullus poems to Lesbia, Vergil's tale of Dido and Aeneas, selections from the elegies of Tibullus Sulpicia, Propertius and Ovide, and briefer excerpts from other authors. All readings are in English translation. This course may be taken to fulfill the Magis Core exploration tier requirement in literature. Crosslisted with ENGL 1270. Previously CL 0127.

CLST 1900 Special Topics (Shell)

3 Credits

This course explores a specific topic in the interdisciplinary field of classical studies. Content will vary in successive offerings of this course. Previously CL 0199.

CLST 2221 Hellenistic World, 336-30 BCE

3 Credits

Attributes: H_BF History Before 1750, H_EU European History, H_NW Non-Western History

Prerequisite: CLST 1115 or CLST 1116 or one 1000-level history class.

The course examines the Mediterranean world and the ancient near east from the late fourth to late first centuries BCE. Focus is on: the career of Alexander the Great; the Greek kingdoms that emerge after the collapse of his empire; the interaction between local cultures and religions - e.g. Egypt, ancient Judaism - and Greek civilization; the social history of daily life in conquered lands under Greek rule; and the transformations in the Hellenistic world with the arrival of Roman rule. Crosslisted with HIST 2221. Previously CL 0221.

CLST 2222 The Roman Revolution

3 Credits

Attributes: H_BF History Before 1750, H_EU European History

Prerequisite: CLST 1115 or CLST 1116 or one 1000-level history class.

This course presents a comprehensive study of the political, social, artistic, literary, and military transformation of Rome from the middle of the second-century BCE through the reign of Augustus, with special attention given to Rome's response to the cultural and governmental challenges imposed by its growing empire and how its responses forever changed the course of Western civilization. Crosslisted with HIST 2222. Previously CL 0222.

CLST 2223 Roman World in Late Antiquity, 284-642 CE

3 Credits

Attributes: H_BF History Before 1750, H_EU European History

Prerequisite: CLST 1115 or CLST 1116 or one 1000-level history class.

The course examines the Mediterranean world from the third to seventh centuries CE. Focus is on: the collapse of the Roman Empire in western Europe; the dramatic upheavals caused by the arrival in the Roman Empire of the Visigoths, Vandals, and other barbarian tribes; the survival of the Byzantine East through the early Islamic conquests; the rise of Christianity from a persecuted religion to the official religion of the Roman Empire; and the accompanying cultural transformations, including the rise of monasticism and the importance of the holy man. Crosslisted with HIST 2223. Previously CL 0223.

CLST 2224 Byzantine World 3 Credits

Attributes: H_EU European History

Prerequisite: CLST 1115 or CLST 1116 or one 1000-level history class.

This course is an introduction to political and social history of Byzantine Empire. It also highlights Byzantium's role as a bridge between Greco-Roman antiquity and modern European civilization. Course lectures will cover Byzantium's origins in the eastern half of the Roman Empire, Byzantium's middle period as a major Mediterranean power, and its late period as an increasingly shrinking city-state. The course will also introduce students to some of the major Byzantine historians and to methods of analysis using these sources, and train students to form historical arguments based on these analyses. Crosslisted with HIST 2224. Previously CL 0224.

CLST 3325 Athenian Democracy and Empire 3 Credits

Attributes: H_BF History Before 1750, H_EU European History

Prerequisite: CLST 1115 or CLST 1116 or one 1000-level history class.

This history seminar provides an in-depth exploration of classical Athens at the height of its power in the fifth century BCE. Its focus is on close reading of the primary sources describing the rise and fall of Athens in this period. It places particular emphasis on the parallel rise of Athenian democracy at home and the Athenian empire overseas. It places secondary emphasis on the nature of Athenian intellectual discourse in this period. A final research project will engage modern scholarly debates on the nature of fifth-century Athens. Crosslisted with HIST 3325. Previously CL 0325.

CLST 4999 Capstone Project in Classics 3 Credits

Prerequisite: At least seven courses in the individually designed major.

Students completing an individually designed major in classical studies develop and carry out a major project that allows them to pull together the multiple threads of their interdisciplinary major. Enrollment by permission only. Previously CL 0399.