Modern “Romance” languages (French, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese) are derived from Latin, as is much English vocabulary. The Latin major allows students to enjoy a large range of literature written over more than a millennium and a half. It is concerned with the language and literature of the Roman Republic and Empire and later Latin literature from the Middle Ages and Renaissance, as well as with Roman religion, history, archaeology and art. It is in its essence interdisciplinary; it also has connections with the study of Greek and other ancient languages and cultures, as well as with the majors in classical civilization and religious studies and minors such as medieval studies.

**Degree Requirements**

Students must complete at least 120 credits to graduate, including at least 30 credits in the major.

The major in Latin has two principal parts, the reading of Latin authors and the study of ancient and medieval civilizations from the broad range of courses offered by the University. The Latin authors include poets such as Virgil and Catullus, historians like Livy and Ammianus, and orators, especially Cicero, as well as later Latin writings like the Confessions of Augustine.

The study of ancient civilization may include courses in Greek and other ancient languages, but at least one must be concerned with ancient culture. A senior project is also required; double majors in Latin and Greek must complete only one senior project.

**Required Courses**

**Prerequisites**

- Latin 1002 or 1111/1112 or 3111/3112 or 4 yrs high school Latin and one of Clas 1004, 1005, 1006, 1023/3023, 1024/3024

**Upper Division Requirements**

- 14 credits in Latin courses at 3113 or above
- 12 credits of related coursework: at least one course must be in ancient culture above 3000; the remaining credits are from Latin or Greek courses at 3113 or above, any Classics courses above 3000, or other courses in history, art, medieval studies, etc., with approval of director of undergraduate studies
- 4 credits of senior project (not required if this is the second major of a Latin-and-Greek double major)

**Language Requirements**

14 credits at Latin 3113 and above (college requirement fulfilled with 3114).

**Final Project**

A senior project is required, although double majors in Latin and Greek are required to complete only one senior project. The project generally takes the form of a paper, but other forms may be considered.

**Minor Requirements**

The minor program permits those who have satisfied the language requirement with Latin to use their knowledge to read more widely in Latin authors of antiquity and the Middle Ages and to add to their knowledge of Roman and medieval civilization.

**Prerequisites**

- Latin 1002 or 1111/1112 or 3111/3112 or 3113 or 4 yrs high school Latin and one of Clas 1004, 1005, 1006, 1023/3023, 1024/3024.
Upper Division Requirements

- Eleven credits in Latin courses at 3113 or above
- 3 credits of related coursework at 3xxx level or higher, which may include courses in Latin, Greek, other ancient languages, Classics courses and other courses in ancient culture.

What can I do with a major in Latin?

Skills

Latin majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers. These skills include:

- Knowledge of Latin and exposure to a wide range of literature
- An enhanced English vocabulary
- Analyzing and critical thinking skills
- Verbal and written communication skills
- Knowledge of cultures and cultural differences

Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Education—teaching, research, administration
- Communication—writing, editing, public relations, management
- Nonprofit—administration, fundraising, museum work
- Business—marketing, human resources, sales, consulting
- Government—public information, campaigns, research

Today’s workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The Career & Community Learning Center provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, the CLA Link website, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

How do I declare a Latin major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon a Latin major, meet with the appropriate person from the department to complete a Major Program form.
3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your student community to learn more about your new major’s declaration process.

For more information

About the Latin major:

Undergraduate Advising Office
305 Folwell Hall
(612) 625-5353
http://cnes.cla.umn.edu/CNES pages/undergrd.html

About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:

CLA Languages and Math Student Community
114 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7540
http://langmath.cla.umn.edu
langmath@class.cla.umn.edu

or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr. Program
19 Johnston Hall
(612) 625-2300
http://www.mlk.umn.edu/mlk@class.cla.umn.edu

About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:

Career and Community Learning Center
135 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7577
www.cclc.umn.edu
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

About graduation with honors:

Students interested in graduating with honors should contact:

CLA Honors Division
115 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-5522
www.cla.umn.edu/honors/honors@class.cla.umn.edu

Remember!

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program Form with your major adviser
- filed a copy with the major department
- filed a copy with your CLA student community
- be sure to keep a copy for yourself