

CLASSICS

What can I do with this major?

AREAS	EMPLOYERS	STRATEGIES
<u>EDUCATION</u> Teaching Research Administration Student affairs: International education/Study abroad Academic advising Admissions Student support services Library and information sciences English as a second language instruction	Universities and colleges Elementary and secondary schools, public and private	Earn a Ph.D. for college/university teaching or a graduate degree in college student affairs or library/information science for other university positions. Learn the certification process for teaching K-12. Acquire certification in additional subject areas for increased job possibilities. Maintain a high grade point average and secure strong recommendations from faculty. Seek research opportunities. Take as many classes in the original languages as possible. Study abroad or travel internationally. Get involved on campus as a tutor, resident assistant, orientation leader, admissions guide, etc.
<u>THE ARTS</u> Administration/Management Archival work Education Research Translation Museum work (e.g., curatorship, conservation, restoration) Design (e.g., period, exhibit, costume, set) Development/Fundraising Appraisal	Museums (e.g., public, private, university) Art galleries Antique dealerships Art councils Historical societies and sites Archives Libraries Public research agencies Private foundations Theatrical companies	Complete coursework in classical archaeology and art, or other relevant subject areas. Develop excellent writing and communication skills. Volunteer or intern in an art, archaeological, or historical museum. Earn a graduate degree in museum studies, archaeology, art history, library/information science, or other related field. Maintain a high grade point average and secure strong recommendations from faculty. Be prepared to relocate to areas with higher concentrations of art-related employers.
<u>NONPROFIT</u> Administration Research Grant writing Development/Fundraising Programming Volunteer coordination	Nonprofit organizations Social service organizations Churches and religiously affiliated groups	Volunteer or intern with social service organizations. Learn to work well with people of diverse backgrounds. Develop excellent communication skills. Take a course in grant writing. Join a service organization or get involved in community service projects.

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<u>GOVERNMENT</u> Administration Research Policy analysis Lobbying Legislative services Program management Cultural resource management Translation/Interpreting Foreign service Library and information sciences State or county archaeological services	State and local government Federal government (e.g., Department of State, Department of Education, Federal Trade Commission, Government Publishing Office, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Labor, Library of Congress, National Labor Relations Board, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Transportation) Public archives Libraries	Learn federal, state, and local government job application process. Seek assistance from the campus career center. Take additional courses or earn a minor in area of interest. Gain relevant work experience through government internship programs. Earn a master's or professional degree in a related field to qualify for the most job opportunities. Get involved in campus leadership roles. Develop excellent written and oral communication skills.
<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> Technical writing Editing Copywriting Journalism Research Translation	Publishers Magazines Newspapers TV stations Film companies Internet sites Advertising agencies	Develop excellent writing and research skills. Take courses in applicable areas such as English, technical writing, or journalism. Gain related work experience by completing an internship. Develop a portfolio of writing samples. Write for campus or community newspapers or websites. Learn appropriate computer software packages or programming languages.
<u>BUSINESS/INDUSTRY</u> Customer service Management Sales Human resources Public relations Importing and exporting Finance Consulting Technical writing Insurance underwriting and claims management Market Research Information Sciences/Special Libraries Competitive Intelligence Archaeology	Business corporations in various industries: Retailers Banks and financial institutions Insurance firms Hospitality and tourism related organizations Consulting firms Pharmaceutical and Health Care Manufacturing Contract archaeology firms	Many businesses hire students of "any major" if they have relevant experience and have developed the skills employers seek. Minor in business or another relevant field. Obtain related experience through internships, summer, and part-time jobs. Develop strong technical and analytical skills. Learn to work well on a team. Get involved in campus organizations and seek leadership roles. Learn how to sell the skills associated with a classics major, such as analytical and communication skills and critical thinking, to employers. Develop excellent written and oral communication skills.

AREAS	EMPLOYERS	STRATEGIES
<u>LAW</u> <i>See also What Can I Do With a Major in Law?</i> Law assistance Prosecution Defense Contractual Corporate Nonprofit or public interest Government Mediation Lobbying	Law firms Federal, state, and local government Corporations Public interest organizations Private practice Colleges and universities	Complete coursework in Latin. Develop strong research skills and attention to detail. Participate in a debate or forensic team to hone communication skills. Take courses in and gain experience with mediation and conflict resolution. Get involved with pre-law organizations. Obtain a summer or part-time job in a law firm. Shadow an attorney to learn more about the field and various specialties. Complete special training requirements for paralegal positions. Attend law school and earn a J.D. to become an attorney. Maintain an excellent grade point average and secure strong faculty recommendations to gain law school admittance. Prepare to take the LSAT.
<u>MEDICINE</u> <i>See also What Can I Do With a Major in Medical Fields?</i> Medicine Dentistry Optometry Podiatry Pharmacy Allied health (e.g., occupational therapy, physical therapy, etc.)	Hospitals Medical centers and clinics Nursing homes Private practice Armed services Government agencies	Plan on attending medical school or other related graduate program. Take applicable prerequisites for medical or professional school and maintain an excellent grade point average, particularly in the sciences. Complete coursework in Latin, Greek, and/or medical and scientific terminology Meet with a pre-health advisor periodically. Seek experiences in hospital or healthcare settings through volunteering, shadowing, part-time positions, or internships. Get involved in campus organizations and take leadership roles. Maintain a high grade point average and secure strong recommendations from faculty. Prepare for applicable graduate admission exams (e.g., the MCAT or GRE).

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Classics is an interdisciplinary major useful for cultivating verbal, written, and logical reasoning skills and for broadening one's world view. Classics majors often develop strong analytical and critical thinking skills valued by many types of employers and graduate programs. Latin and Greek language training is particularly helpful for learning legal and medical terminology. For more information about archaeology, see also *What Can I Do with a Major in Anthropology/ Archaeology?*
- Some students may choose to pursue Classics because they enjoy the subject but wish to pursue careers requiring “any major.” In this scenario, it is critical to develop skills relevant to targeted field through internships, part-time or summer jobs, or volunteer experiences.
- Develop excellent writing and research skills.
- Join organizations such as The American Classical League, The Society for Classical Studies, or The Archaeological Institute of America to establish a professional network.
- Study and/or travel abroad to contribute to your understanding of the field.
- Pursue graduate education in classics for increased opportunities. Plan to specialize in one area such as Latin and Greek, classical literature, classical archaeology, history, or classical civilization.
- A classics major serves as good preparation for graduate study in other analytical subjects such as law, anthropology, medieval studies, philosophy, history, or English, and for research or practice in religion. Consider combining study in the classics with a major or minor in another discipline to maximize opportunities.
- Build strong relationships and secure personal recommendations from professors, and become familiar with the specific entrance exam for graduate or professional schools.
- Conduct informational interviews and/or job shadowing experiences with professionals in jobs of interest to learn about their career fields and to build a network of contacts.