Learning Objectives

A student who completes a BA in Classics at the University of Southern California should meet the following objectives of the major:

- Have an understanding of the historical and cultural development of Greek and Roman civilizations in the broader context of the ancient Mediterranean world
- Demonstrate familiarity with key texts, ideas, and physical remains of Greek and Roman antiquity
- Gauge the relevance of classical studies to at least one other culture, discipline, or historical period; and, in particular, evaluate use of classical values and themes in contemporary political, moral, and aesthetic discourse
- Know how to use research materials and apply scholarly and theoretical perspectives to independent study of Greek and Roman language, literature, and culture

If emphasizing language study as part of the major:

- Be able to read simple texts of prose and poetry in Greek or Latin (or both) and to understand and evaluate information provided in lexica, commentaries, grammars, etc.