

# **GREEK AND ROMAN STUDIES**

**Degree offered:** BA

**Tracks:** Classical Languages, Classical Studies, Material Culture

**Minor:** Yes (See Catalogue for requirements.)

## **Courses to fulfill the language proficiency requirement:**

- Greek 201, Latin 201, or any higher level course in either language. (F10)
- Greek: The first two semesters of the elementary sequence in ancient Greek introduce students to ancient Attic Greek, i.e., the dialect spoken by the inhabitants of Athens during the classical period. The third semester (201) focuses on koine Greek, the language of the New Testament and the common dialect used in many later Greek texts. Because of the focus on the New Testament, Greek 201 fulfills both the **F1** as a part of the Life program and the **F10**. The Greek sequence begins every fall.
- Latin: The elementary Latin sequence, although focusing on the classical period (1st century BCE-1st century CE), will prepare students to read the language from any period or in any style, including medieval or church Latin. In keeping with modern pedagogies and long-held academic traditions, students will use Latin orally in these classes. **The Latin sequence begins in the spring semester.**

## **Courses required for majors and appropriate for beginning students:**

- Students interested in a major or minor in GRS should enroll in the Search sequence. **Humanities 101 and 102 count toward the requirements for a major or minor.** Humanities 201 Classical Tradition also counts toward the major or minor.
- All 200-level courses designated as GRS are open to majors and non-majors at every level, including those in their first year at Rhodes. They require no familiarity with the ancient languages. Such courses include

GRS 250 Serving Gods: Religion in Ancient Greece and Rome (F1)

GRS 255 Myth in Ancient Greece and Rome (F1)

GRS 260 Poetry and Performance (F4)

- GRS 275 Introduction to Classical Studies. Required of all majors. Offered in the spring semester every other year. GRS will offer 275 again in the spring of 2011.
- Some courses in art, English, history, philosophy, political science, religious studies and theatre count toward the major in GRS. Please consult the catalogue for a full list.
- All majors and minors in GRS must develop the ability to read and understand texts in either ancient Greek or Latin. For those who wish to continue in the profession, a knowledge of both languages is highly recommended.
- Students who enter Rhodes with some background in Latin should take the placement survey (<http://latinplacement.questionpro.com/>) over the summer. Those with background in Greek should contact the chair of the department. Students who studied Latin in high school but do not wish to continue may take the Latin proficiency exam offered during orientation in August. Those who pass the exam fulfill the F10.

- Students who wish to begin their training in the classical languages at Rhodes should enroll in either Greek or Latin 101, which are appropriate for students at all levels including those in their first year at Rhodes..

#### **Courses that don't count toward a major:**

- Students who have completed two or more years of instruction in Latin in high school should not enroll in Latin 101 without consulting the professor. Similarly, students who have had two or more years of ancient Greek should not enroll in Greek 101 without consulting with the professor.

#### **Courses that close quickly:**

- Latin 201 and GRS courses.

#### **Courses with time-of-year limitations:**

- The elementary sequence in ancient Greek begins in the fall semester. Latin begins in the spring semester. Consequently, Latin 101 is not available in the fall, and Greek 101 is not available in the spring.

#### **Latest time to begin a major and graduate on schedule:**

- Concerning the timing of work on the major, the main consideration is the number of courses a student will need to develop the necessary fluency in ancient Greek or Latin.
- The concentration in **material culture** requires a student to have taken at least one course in ancient Greek or Latin beyond the 201 level. Consequently, if a student pursuing this concentration has had no previous semesters to complete the requirement and should begin work on the major no later than the fall of the junior year.
- Those pursuing a major with a concentration in **classical civilization** will need to take three courses in Greek and/or Latin beyond the 201 level. Therefore, if they have no previous experience in the languages and take these classes exclusively at Rhodes, they will need at least five semesters and, given the sequencing of the elementary and advanced courses, should begin work on the major in the fall semester of their sophomore year.
- In most cases, students interested in pursuing a major with a concentration in either **classical languages** will have begun work in Latin and/or Greek during high school. This is not always the case, however, and it is possible for students to complete this major during their four years at Rhodes even if they have no prior experience in these languages and do not take courses elsewhere. Given the frequency and sequence of courses, students who pursue a major in GRS with a concentration in ancient Greek should begin work on the major in the fall semester of their first year. Students who pursue a major with a concentration in Latin can wait to begin their work until the fall semester of their sophomore year and complete the requirements in six semesters. They may, however, have to take two Latin courses in the fall semester of their junior and/or senior year.