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Harriet:

The proposal from the Department of Classis to revise the Classics minor was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on September 2, 2026. Thank you for attending the meeting to respond to questions/comments.

No additional level of internal review/approval is necessary. This action will be included in the Council's next Annual Activities Report to the University Senate (July 2027).

The Office of the University Registrar will work you with any implementation issues.

Please keep a copy of this message for your file on the proposal and I will do the same for the file in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If you have any questions please contact the Chair of the Council, Professor Val Williams (.1415), or me.

Randy



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Dear Randy and Katie,

Please find attached a proposal to revise the Classics Minor. The ASC Curriculum Committee (ASCC) approved the revision on Friday, May 8, 2026.

We are now advancing the proposal for review by CAA. The attached documents are: (1) the actual proposal and (2) the Arts and Humanities Subcommittee 2 cover letter to ASCC .

Please use this email as a cover letter indicating that the proposal has been duly reviewed and approved by the appropriate ASC curricular bodies (including the full ASC Curriculum Committee).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,  
Bernadette



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May 6, 2026

To the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee:

On Tuesday, April 28, 2026 the Arts and Humanities Subcommittee 2 reviewed a request from the Department of Classics to revise its Classical Humanities minor. The proposed changes are intended to simplify the requirements for students and reduce unnecessary distinctions between courses within the interdisciplinary curriculum. The revisions would benefit students at the main campus as well as those at the regional campuses in Marion and Newark, where Classics faculty have fewer course offerings available. Specifically, Classics wish to:

- Change the name of the minor to “Classics.”
- Eliminate the current pre-requisite (Classics 1101). With a pre-requisite, many students who have completed multiple advanced courses (at the 2000, 3000, and even 4000 level) must return to the introductory level course following this more advanced work.
- Eliminate the Greek and Roman “tracks.”
- Add an option for a core course: Classics 2220(H) (Classical Mythology) introduces students to methods and material fundamental to their curriculum, as do the other two core courses (Classics 2201[H] and 2202[H]). Classics 2220 is available to students on all OSU campuses.
- Allow courses from Classics, Greek, and Latin to count toward the minor, removing a confusing inconsistency in the current structure. Presently, students can earn credit for studying Greek philosophy or Roman history in translation, but not for engaging with the same material in its original language, despite these courses often being taught by the same instructors. Additionally, the current course list fails to reflect the department's recent curricular growth and the revisions would give students greater flexibility and access to faculty research expertise.

The Arts & Humanities Subcommittee 2 voted unanimously to approve the request. The proposal is now advanced to the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee with a motion to approve.

Sincerely,

David J. Staley, PhD  
Associate Professor of History  
Chair, A&H Subcommittee 2



March 30, 2026

Dear Colleagues,

The Department of Classics is proposing modifications to one of our minors (Classical Humanities). The aim of the modifications is to make the requirements more straightforward for students to navigate and to minimize confusing and artificial divisions between offerings in our interdisciplinary curriculum. These modifications will be valuable both for main campus and for the regional campuses (Marion and Newark), where Classics faculty are more restricted in courses they can offer.

1. Changing the name of the minor to “Classics:” this change corresponds to the name of the field and of the department.
2. The elimination of the prerequisite: the current pre-requisite of Classics 1101 means that many students who have completed multiple more advanced courses (at the 2000, 3000, and even 4000 level) must return to the introductory level course following this more advanced work.
3. The elimination of the Greek and Roman “tracks:” these tracks are confusing because 1) numerous courses in our catalog cover both the Greek and Roman worlds and 2) studying the Greek world offers valuable context for the study of the Roman world, and vice versa.
4. The addition of an option for a core course: Classics 2220(H) (Classical Mythology) introduces students to methods and material fundamental to our curriculum, as do the other two core courses (Classics 2201[H] and 2202[H]). Classics 2220 is available to students on all OSU campuses.
5. Counting courses from Classics, Greek, and Latin (of the appropriate level) toward the minor: Under the current minor, students can earn credit toward the minor for taking a course on Greek philosophy in translation (Classics) but not a course on Greek philosophy in the original (Greek); they can earn credit toward the minor for taking a course on Roman history (Classics) but not for reading the work of ancient Roman historians in the original (Latin). This restriction is confusing, especially since these courses are routinely taught by the same faculty. Furthermore, the current limited course list does not take into account the frequency with which our department has developed



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new courses in recent years: we want to give students more choice and opportunities to take advantage of faculty research expertise in the classroom.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Harriet Fertik  
Associate Professor  
Director of Undergraduate Studies  
Department of Classics

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The Classics minor focuses on Greece, Rome, and their Mediterranean neighbors between 1000 BCE and 1000 CE and the reception and interpretation of the Greek and Roman worlds in different social, cultural, and political contexts. Through coursework in languages, literature, history, material culture, and more, the minor explores key topics in the Greek and Roman worlds and their complex legacies in the present.

The minor in Classics requires 12 credit hours consisting of 1 core course (3 CH) and a minimum of 3 additional courses (9 CH) of Classics, Greek, or Latin courses, at least 6 CH of which must be upper-division courses.

#### Core Course (1 course; 3 CH)

Choose one of the following:

1. Classics 2201(H)

**-OR-**

2. Classics 2202(H)

**-OR-**

3. Classics 2220(H)

*Note: In some cases, it may be appropriate for a student to substitute an upper-level elective for the required core course. Interested students should discuss this possibility with the minor faculty advisor.*

#### Elective Courses (3 courses; 9 CH)

Choose any three Classics, Greek, or Latin courses at the 2000-level or higher. At least **two** of the three courses must be either:

1. Classics courses at the 3000 level or higher
2. Greek courses at the 2000 level or higher
3. Latin courses at the 2000-level or higher

Please note that Greek and Latin courses at the 2000 level require three prerequisite courses (1101-1103) totaling 12 CH. Greek and Latin courses **above** the 2000 level require two 2000-level courses in that language as prerequisites. Classics courses at the 3000-level or higher may require some prerequisites; please consult the course catalog prior to enrolling.

Credit hours required A minimum of 12 credit hrs. 1000-level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credit hours must be upper-level courses as defined by the College of Arts and Sciences.

#### Transfer and EM credit hours allowed

A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

#### Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

#### Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor course work.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of course graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

#### Declaring the minor

In order to declare the minor, students must meet with Harriet Fertik, faculty advisor, prior to the filing of the graduation application. Please email [fertik.1@osu.edu](mailto:fertik.1@osu.edu) to make an appointment.

#### Approval of Coursework

##### *Initial approval of the minor coursework:*

Students who complete the minor following the guidelines on this sheet need only verify with their academic advisor that the minor appears complete on the degree auditing system. No approval from the Department of Classics is required.

##### *Approval for courses not listed on this form to apply to the minor program:*

Students must obtain the approval of the Department of Classics to apply courses not listed on this form toward the Classics minor. Please email Harriet Fertik, faculty advisor, ([fertik.1@osu.edu](mailto:fertik.1@osu.edu)) to request approval.

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The minor in Classical Humanities requires 12 CH of coursework and 3 CH of prerequisites. It includes two tracks: Greek Civilization and Roman Civilization. The Greek Civilization track requires Classics 2201(H); the Roman Civilization track requires Classics 2202(H). Each track requires a minimum of 9 additional credit hours in general ancient civilization classics courses, at least 6 credit hours of which must be upper-level courses.

**Prerequisite Course (1 course; 3 CH)**

1. Classics 1101(H)

**Core Course (1 course; 3 CH)**

*Choose one of the following:*

1. Greek Civilization Track: Classics 2201(H)
- OR-**
2. Roman Civilization Track: Classics 2202(H)

**Elective Course (3 courses; 9 CH)**

*Choose 3 courses from the list below. At least two courses (6 CH) must be upper-level courses.*

Classics 2010, 2201(H), 2202(H), 2204, 2205, 2220(H), 2301, 3000, 3100, 3101, 3102, 3103, 3202, 3203, 3205, 3212, 3215, 3217, 3302, 3401, 3403, 3404, 3405, 3408, 4031, 4101, 4201, 4501, 4998(H), 4999(H), 5302, 5401, 5797, 5798.02

**Classical Humanities minor program guidelines**

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