

## *Bachelor of Arts* Classical and Medieval Studies

### INFORMATION

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Classical and Medieval Studies (CLAM) is an interdisciplinary degree supported by the faculty of eight academic areas within the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences: Art, English, History, Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy, Religious Studies and Dramatic Arts. Students within the CLAM program study the cultures that flourished in the Mediterranean world, Europe, and the Middle East between the eighth century BCE and the fifteenth century CE. CLAM courses encompass subjects ranging from classical literature to the poetry of Chaucer, the religion of the ancient Greeks and Romans to the faith of Islam, the origins of Judaism to the history of medieval Europe, and a broad range of other topics. The CLAM program offers its majors insight into the rich diversity of the cultures of ancient Greece and Rome, medieval Europe, and the Islamic world; appreciation of their shared political, religious and intellectual traditions; and an introduction to their legacy to the modern world. This legacy includes our democratic idealism and republican institutions; the beliefs of Jews, Christians and Muslims; the sciences of mathematics and

astronomy, many enduring styles of art and architecture; and some of the greatest works of world literature. In fact, the very idea of a university first developed in the Middle Ages, and the academic gowns worn by graduates at commencement are a gift of this period.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

During the course of their work, students learn the methodologies and approaches of a variety of different disciplines such as history, philosophy, language study, writing or art. Completion of the CLAM major, therefore, provides students with a solid background in the liberal arts. The major prepares students for a variety of academic and professional pursuits, including graduate study, teaching, writing, law, religious ministry and museum work, to name a few.

### PROGRAM

Major in CLAM: requires a minimum of 36 credit hours of coursework, including at least two courses in each of three of the eight separate academic areas given above. Twenty-four of these credit hours must be at the 300- or 400- level. A CLAM major may complete the General Education Capstone Experience with either a departmental capstone course or a senior thesis, to be completed within a four-hour independent study (CLM

498-499). Students must design, in consultation with their advisor, a coherent program of study in CLAM-designated courses.

The CLAM major has no specific language requirement, but students planning to continue their studies in graduate school are strongly encouraged to complete their CLASS foreign language requirement with a classical language (Arabic, Greek, Hebrew or Latin). An Honors Program in CLAM is open to all majors who show strong academic merit; students interested in completing a CLAM major with honors should consult with the Director.

**Minor in CLAM:** To earn a minor in CLAM, students must complete a minimum of 18 credit hours in CLAM courses drawn from at least three of the eight separate academic areas listed above. Students should choose these courses in consultation with their advisor. At least three of these courses must also be at the 300- or 400-level.

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### Sample Sequence for Classical and Medieval Studies Major

A total of 128 hours are required for the Bachelor of Arts in Classical and Medieval Studies. All degree-seeking students are required to complete a specific number of General Education (GenEd) courses. Students are responsible for ensuring the appropriate selection of courses to satisfy GenEd requirements and are encouraged to consult with their academic advisor regarding the applicability of selected courses. A comprehensive description of Cleveland State University's General Education Requirements for undergraduate students is available online at <http://www.csuohio.edu/academic/gened>.

### Sample Course of Study for the CLAM Major

First Semester	Credits	Second Semester	Credits
General Education Requirements		General Education Requirements	
<b>Third Semester</b>		<b>Fourth Semester</b>	
ART 252 Early Western Art	4	ENG 280/320 Classical Literature in Translation	4
		MLA 230/330 Gods, Heroes and Ritual	4
<b>Fifth Semester</b>		<b>Sixth Semester</b>	
PHL 262 Medieval Philosophy	4	ENG 331 Studies in Medieval Literature	4
HIS 340 The Roman Empire	4	REL 376 Women in Early Christianity	4
<b>Seventh Semester</b>		<b>Eighth Semester</b>	
HIS 343 Social History of the Black Death	4	REL 336 Hellenistic and Roman Religions	4
CLM 498 Senior Thesis Proposal	1	CLM 499 Senior Thesis Writing	3

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