Program Structure

All students in the Bachelor of Classical Studies degree will study one or both of the classical languages (Ancient Greek or Latin) and Ancient History. In addition, students will take a range of elective subjects – to deepen their knowledge of languages or history, or to branch out into relevant areas such as art history, archaeology, literature or philosophy.

Students will choose to specialise in either languages or history, in one of the following structures:

**Language Specialisation**
- a major (7 courses) in either Ancient Greek or Latin
- 11 further courses relevant to the classical world, including
  - at least 3 in the other language
  - at least 3 in Ancient History
- 6 electives from anywhere in the university

**Ancient History Specialisation**
- a major (7 courses) in Ancient History
- 11 further courses relevant to the classical world, including
  - at least 6 in Ancient Greek and/or Latin
- 6 further electives from anywhere in the university

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The Bachelor of Classical Studies

From 2010, the Australian National University (ANU) will be offering an exciting new degree, the Bachelor of Classical Studies (BClassStudies). This new degree will make the ANU one of the most attractive places in Australia to study the history and cultures of ancient Greece and Rome.

Ancient Greece and Rome laid the foundations for European civilisation. Since the Renaissance, educated men and women have embraced the study of Ancient Greek and Latin, so that they could read the great authors of antiquity in their own words.

The study of the ancient world goes far beyond the languages. Students of Classics have the opportunity to read some of the world’s greatest literature. Students of Ancient History study two of the world’s most fascinating societies, connected with our own modern societies, yet very different. They meet individuals as varied as Achilles, Socrates, Cleopatra, Alexander the Great and Julius Caesar. In seeking to understand the ancient world, Classicists embrace many disciplines: archaeology, anthropology, art history, linguistics, philosophy and literature. With the perspective of distance, students study all aspects of the classical world.

The Bachelor of Classical Studies will allow high-performing students to achieve a comprehensive classical education, while still allowing them to specialise in either history or languages. The degree will provide each graduate with a unique preparation for their professional and personal life, whatever direction they take in the future. The degree will also provide the best possible preparation for future employment as an academic or a teacher in the field.

Students in the Bachelor of Classical Studies will gain a deep understanding of the ways in which societies can be different from our own; of how languages work; of the problems of interpreting evidence; of the joys available from literature and art. These are benefits for life, but they are also skills which employers value highly. Graduates of Classical Studies can be found in all walks of life, successfully applying the skills they learnt in their studies, enriched as people by their understanding of another world.

Classics has been taught at the ANU for over 50 years. Students in the Bachelor of Classical Studies will benefit from a warm and supportive teaching environment, excellent library resources, access to the Classics Museum and a vibrant student culture.

Field Trips, Study Tours and Exchange Opportunities

Students in the Bachelor of Classical Studies will be encouraged to participate in a diverse array of field trips, study tours and exchange opportunities to complement and enhance their on-campus learning. Many of these opportunities will be elements of the Bachelor of Classical Studies core and elective subjects. Students may also elect to take one or more overseas summer courses taught by ANU staff, in Greece and Turkey, or similar courses conducted by partner institutions.

Financial assistance will be available to assist students to undertake study overseas – conditions apply.

Who should do the Bachelor of Classical Studies?

The Bachelor of Classical Studies will appeal to:

• students who love the ancient world, and want a flexibly structured degree which will allow them to focus on Ancient Greece and Rome
• students who want the academic benefits of a degree which is both inter-disciplinary and focused
• students who are fascinated by two extraordinary civilisations
• students who hope to become academics or teachers in Classics and Ancient History
• students who want a sound preparation for postgraduate work in the Classics