Latin

The Department of Classics offers courses in Latin to allow students to pursue deeper study of Roman history, literature, and culture. After two semesters mastering the grammar, students are able to read authors such as Caesar, Ovid, Catullus, and Cicero. Students who have studied Latin in high school may take a placement exam to begin their studies in more advanced courses. Advanced courses in Latin explore many types of texts, including poetry of various kinds, drama, history, biography, letters, and novels. Students have the opportunity to do their own research and to assist with faculty members’ research projects. The Department of Classics also offers a variety of courses in Greek and Roman history, literature, archaeology and culture to build students’ broader knowledge of the ancient Mediterranean world. Resources on campus that support the study of Latin and the Romans include the Wulfing Coin Collection, which is one of the largest collections of ancient coins owned by an American university; rare books and papyri in Olin library; and works of art in the Kemper Museum.

Additional Information

Study Abroad: Washington University is associated with both the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies (https://sa.wustl.edu/?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10117) (a.k.a. "The Centro") in Rome and the College Year in Athens program (https://sa.wustl.edu/?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10112). Certain other study abroad programs also allow students to earn credit in Latin. Students interested in these programs should contact Professor Cathy Keane (https://classics.wustl.edu/people/cathy-keane/).

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