

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR IN

CLASSICS

OVERVIEW OF MAJOR

The Department of Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics at Concordia University offers at the undergraduate level a B.A. Honours in Classics with concentrations in Classical Languages and Literature or Classical Civilization, a B.A. Major in Classics with concentrations in Classical Languages and Literature or Classical Civilization, a Minor in Classical Languages and Literature, a Minor in Classical Civilization and a Minor in Classical Archeology. For the latest information on programs as well as faculty and their research interests, go to the Department of Classics, Modern languages and Linguistics' website at:
<http://cmll.concordia.ca>

The study of Classics offers students an exposure to some of the greatest works in world literature. The skills one develops in this program provide a solid foundation upon which to build careers as widely diverse as education, medicine and law.

EXAMPLES OF JOBS ACQUIRED BY CONCORDIA GRADUATES

The following job titles are representative of the types of entry-level positions for which Concordia University students are qualified for upon graduation. Note that the numbers following each job title refer to Canada's National Occupational Classification (NOC) code. For details on these titles go to <http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/>.

- Archive Assistant (5211)
- Cultural Animator
- Cultural Leader Coordinator (5254)
- Data Manager (2172)
- Documentation Assistant (1441)
- Editorial Assistant (1452)
- Educational Museum Coordinator (0511)
- Ethno Historian (4169)
- Exhibition Project Manager (5212)
- Guide (6441)
- Heritage Interpreter (5212)
- Historical Tour Leader (6441)
- Oral History Project Coordinator
- Preservation Technician Assistant
- Program Coordinator (4166)
- Project Coordinator
- Researcher
- Specialized Leader (Heritage Walks) (5212)

CELEBRATED PEOPLE WHO STUDIED CLASSICS

John Buchan Tweedsmuir. Politician and Author. Author of The Thirty-Nine Steps. Served as Governor General of Canada

J. R. R. Tolkien. Writer/Philologist/University Professor. Author of the High Fantasy Classic Works, The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings

J. K. Rowling. Writer. Author of the Harry Potter Fantasy Series

Toni Morrison. University Professor, Editor, Noted Author and Nobel Prize Recipient

Ted Turner. Philanthropist and Founder of CNN

Sir James George Frazer. Anthropologist. Famous for the Book, The Golden Bough

- Lawyer (4112)
- Librarian (5111)
- Lobbyist (4164)
- Management Trainee (0122, 0621)
- Paralegal (4211)
- Philosopher (4169)
- Placement Officer (1223)
- Playwright (5121)
- Political Scientist (4169)
- Publisher (0016)
- Purchasing Agent (1225)
- Researcher (4211, 1122)
- Restoration Architect (2151)
- Teacher's Aide (6472)
- Technical Writer (5121)
- Translator (5125)
- Travel Writer (5121)
- University Professor (4121)
- Writer/Author (5121)

MORE JOB TITLES

Classicists have read some of the world's greatest literature. They have excellent reading and writing abilities which are skills highly valued by employers. For those with advanced degrees in the field, research and teaching are coveted destinations. The titles below are not meant to be exhaustive but are representative of fields which classics majors pursue. Keep in mind that some occupations require further education (e.g., a higher degree, second degree, diploma). Note that the numbers following each job title refer to Canada's National Occupational Classification (NOC) code. For details on these titles go to <http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/>.

- Actor (5135)
- Archaeologist (4169)
- Archivist (5113)
- Art Dealer (0621)
- Artist (5136)
- Book Publishing Manager (0512)
- Clergyman/Woman (4154)
- Client Account Administrator (0114)
- Curator (5112)
- Customer Services Representative (1453)
- Editor (5122)
- Executive Assistant (1222)
- Genealogist
- Historian (4169)
- Historic Preservationist
- Information Officer (5124)
- Journalist (5123)
- Latin Teacher (4141)

POTENTIAL WORK SETTINGS

People with a degree in classics have not only the ability to communicate in a foreign language but a sound knowledge of Greek and Roman culture, history and geography. Though a percentage of graduates are employed in academia many others are dispersed across a wide variety of other sectors such as civil service, journalism, the arts, tourism, and business. To research specific employers who hire those in the field, there are many resources available in such locations as the Career Resource Centre, the Webster Library, Vanier Library and the Internet.

- Architectural Firms
- Archives
- Art Councils
- Art Galleries
- Broadcasting Industry
- Colleges and Universities
- Community Services
- Culture and Heritage Centers
- Educational Institutions
- Elementary and Secondary Schools
- Entertainment Companies
- Film Industry
- Government (Federal, Provincial and Municipal)
- Historical Renovation Agencies
- Historical Societies
- Language Schools
- Libraries
- Museums
- Parks/Historic Sites

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- Public Interest Groups
- Publishing Companies
- Religious Institutions
- Research Centres
- Social Service Organizations
- Translation Bureaus
- Travel and Tourism Agencies

SKILLS AND CHARACTERISTICS

Students who graduate with a degree in classics have a good understanding of Roman and Greek languages, culture, literature and history. Their studies will enable them to have an enhanced understanding of today's world through their study of the past. Classics majors have strong reading and writing skills and, as with all language majors, they also have good memories and good visual and auditory discrimination skills. In addition, students will find the following skills, interests, values and other characteristics valuable for succeeding in the field.

- Ability to Compare Interpretations
- Ability to Conduct Field Studies
- Ability to Do Precise Work
- Ability to Explain Ideas
- Ability to Handle Complex Information
- Accuracy
- Attention to Detail
- Breadth of View
- Communication Skills
- Concentration
- Creativity
- Critical Thinking
- Curiosity
- Examining Evidence Ability
- Highly Literate
- Intellectual Rigor
- Interest in Other Cultures
- Knowledge of the Structure & Function of Language
- Presentation Skills
- Research Skills
- Understanding of the Roots of English and Other Modern Languages

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION AND OTHER LINKS

Making wise career decisions requires exploring your field. A multitude of Internet sites and other resources will help you do this to the best of your ability. Professional association sites, in particular, are very useful for their career descriptions and job hunting tips. Moreover, these authoritative sites frequently provide links to Internet sites which announce job openings and list potential employers. A few recommended sites are included below.

CANADIAN

Classical Association of Canada

<http://cac-scec.ca/>

The Association is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to advance the study of the Greek and Roman world. Its publications are a good way to keep abreast of recent developments in the field both in Canada and abroad. It offers undergraduate and graduate scholarships to students in classical studies. Search Graduate Programs in Canada to access classical studies by university or degree. Click on Special Study Programs to learn about study abroad opportunities, courses and archaeological digs.

Canadian Historical Association (CHA/SHC)

<http://www.cha-shc.ca/>

Promotes the career advancement of those in all fields of history through its publication program, annual conference, historical awards/prizes and more. Provides links to numerous organizations related to history.

Société des Études Anciennes du Québec

<http://www.seaq.uqam.ca>

Montreal-based organization for those interested in Greek and Roman antiquities. Offers opportunities to network with others in the field through its activities. Student memberships available.

INTERNATIONAL

American Classical League

<http://aclclassics.org>

Promotes the study and teaching of classical Greek and Latin through, among other things, its Publications, Sponsored Activities and Awards and Scholarships. Provides a Placement Service as well. Of particular interest to students would be its National Junior Classical League (NJCL).

American Philological Association

<http://www.apaclassics.org/>

The APA is one of the major learned societies devoted to classical studies in the United States. Try the association's multitude of useful links as well as its newsletter and on-line journals to keep up-to-date on the latest events and happenings in the field. APA's Placement Service lists job vacancies for classicists and archaeologists.

Archaeological Institute of America

<http://www.archaeological.org>

Organization made up of members who are devoted to the world of archaeology. Of special interest to students would be its publications, including Archaeology Magazine, its national lecture program, Fellowships/Grants, Fieldwork, AIA Tours, and Career Services.

Association of Ancient Historians

<http://associationofancienthistorians.org/>

Membership in the association is made up of individuals both in the U.S. and Canada who are interested in the study of the ancient Mediterranean world. Its annual meeting, newsletter and electronic list service are great ways to stay current in the field.

The Classical Association

<http://www.classicalassociation.org/>

The Association is the largest classical organization in Great Britain. Its annual conference provides members with networking opportunities and its journal and newsletter provide forums to keep current with new developments in the classics. Offers student memberships. Provides grants, subventions and bursaries as well as links to related organizations.

CREATE YOUR AMAZING CAREER – CAREER RESOURCE CENTRE TITLES

For those who need more help with their career and educational planning, the Career Resource Centre (CRC) offers books, pamphlets, DVDs and recommended Internet sites. It is located in the Hall Building, H-440, at 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West. The following titles are just a few of the titles available in the CRC.

- What Can You Do With A University Degree? Classics
- The Academic Job Search Handbook
- Becoming an Archaeologist: A Guide to Professional Pathways
- Careers for Culture Lovers & Other Artsy Types
- Careers for Scholars & Other Deep Thinkers
- Careers in Writing
- C.E.G.E.P Career Panel Discussion – DVD
- Creative Careers in Museums
- Great Jobs for Foreign Language Majors
- How To Make A Living As a Poet
- Liberal Arts Advantage
- Smart Moves For Liberal Arts Grads
- Top Careers for History Graduates