FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE, BA

Students who choose one of the six tracks of the foreign languages and literature major have options in Classics, French, German, Greek, Italian, and Latin.

200 B.B. Comer Hall

Admission into the Major

See course descriptions for information concerning appropriate placement in French, German, and Latin. Students are expected to formally declare a major no later than the fourth semester of full-time enrollment (or at 61 semester hours for transfer students). Students can declare a major by completing the Change of Major/Minor Application online under the Student tab of myBama.

Special Opportunities

The foreign languages and literature concentrations offer numerous opportunities for students to learn about the modern and ancient world. Students may participate in various club activities, become initiated into national honor societies, and take advantage of a variety of study-abroad programs. Students with foreign language proficiency have more opportunities open to them than students without that proficiency. Classics students have the opportunity to take part in the Classics Honors Program. See an advisor for more information.

Students earning the bachelor of arts (BA) degree with a major in foreign languages and literature must complete all University, College and major requirements. These include the general education requirement, all major and track requirements, all requirements for an approved minor and other sufficient credits to total a minimum of 120 applicable semester hours.

Grade Point Average

A 2.0 grade point average in the major is required for completion of the degree. Please see the Grades and Grade Points section of this catalog for an explanation on grade point average calculations.

Upper-level Residency

For all tracks, a minimum of 12 hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be earned on this campus.

Required Minor

This major requires the completion of a minor.

Additional Major Requirements

If students test out of any of the courses required for the major, this does not reduce the total number of credit hours required for the major. Students must meet with an adviser in the major department for academic planning and to be cleared for registration each semester.

Prerequisites

In addition to the stated prerequisites, all 400-level German courses have as a prerequisite 20 hours of coursework in German, or permission of the instructor.

Course Placement

The course level at which students begin their study is determined by several factors, including the following: the number of high school units completed, language placement examination scores, AP score, and/or faculty evaluation/consultation. For more information, consult the College placement website, the departmental website, or an advisor.

https://mlc.ua.edu/undergraduate/language-placement/

Credit Options

With the exception of heritage language or bilingual individuals, students placed in intermediate level courses or higher and who earn a C- or higher may be granted additional credit upon written petition. Students are encouraged to take the placement test or speak with a faculty member in order to place into the highest course level possible, as incoming students may receive up to 10 hours of additional credit (102 or 103, 201, 202).

French

Except for heritage language or bilingual individuals, students placed in FR 201 Intermediate French or higher and who earn a grade of C- or higher in the course may be granted additional credit upon written petition:

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German

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Italian

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The course level at which students begin their study of Latin is determined by several factors. These factors include the following: the number of high school units completed, language placement examination scores or faculty evaluation. Students placed in LA 201 Intermediate Latin Read I or higher and who earn a grade of B or higher in the course may be granted additional credit upon written petition.
Placement

Credit received with grade of "Pass" (C- or better)

LA 201
LA 102 (3 hours)

LA 202
LA 102 and LA 201 (6 hours)

LA 300 or 400 level
LA 102, LA 201, LA 202 (9 hours)

Tracks

The major in foreign languages and literature requires the successful completion of specifically required semester hours in one of the following six tracks:

Classic Civilization Track

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<td>Select one of the following language sequences:</td>
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<td>LA 101 &amp; LA 102</td>
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<td>GR 201 &amp; GR 202</td>
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<td>Select from the following:</td>
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<td>CL 222</td>
<td>Greek Roman Mythology</td>
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<td>Select Greek or Latin language electives (100 level or above)</td>
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Total Hours 33

Footnotes

1. Students must complete a foreign language sequence from 101-202 in either Latin or Greek.

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<td>Intermediate French</td>
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<td>FR 211 or FR 212</td>
<td>Honors Intermediate French I</td>
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<td>Select FR 321, FR 322 or FR 328 and one of the following not already taken:</td>
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<td>Interm Convers Comp I or Interm Convers Comp II</td>
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<td>GN 403 or GN 404</td>
<td>Undergraduate Seminar</td>
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Footnotes

1. With approval, three hours of topic appropriate FR 470 Undergrad Sem In French (Literature) may substitute for, either FR 341 Survey Fr Literature I or FR 351 Survey Fr Literature II, but not both.

2. With approval, three hours of topic appropriate FR 470 Undergrad Sem In French (Civilization or Linguistics) or FR 480 Special Topics (Civilization or Linguistics) may substitute for either FR 331 French Civilization or FR 431 Contemp French Civiliztn, but not both.

3. Or proficiency or placement.
### Electives
Select three hours of GN electives ²

### German Literature
Select one of the following:
- GN 250 Germanic Mythology ³
- GN 260 Holocaust In Film & Lit
- GN 264 German Literature Translatn I
- GN 265 German Lit In Translatn II
- GN 403 Undergraduate Seminar
- GN 404 Undergraduate Seminar
- Or other German literature course with departmental approval

**Total Hours** 32

**Footnotes**
1. Students taking GN 103 Accelerated Elementary German are required to take additional GN coursework to satisfy the 32 hour requirement for the German major.
2. A total of four hours in GN 205 Living German House I and GN 206 Living German House II may be applied to the 32 required hours in the major.

### Greek Track

**Code and Title**  
**Hours**

**Required Courses**  
- GR 101 Beginning Greek I 3
- GR 102 Beginning Greek II 3
- GR 201 Intermediate Greek I 3
- GR 202 Intermediate Greek II 3
- GR 301 Advanced Greek I 3
- GR 302 Advanced Greek II 3
- GR 490 Adv Greek Literature 3

**Credit Hours Subtotal:** 21

**Select one of the following:**  
- CL 323 or CL 385

**Select 9 hours from among the following**  
- ARH 351 Ancient Art
- CL 222 Greek Roman Mythology
- CL 323 Alexander the Great, Then & Now
- CL 350 Roman Religion
- CL 386 History Of Rome
- CL 380 Special Topics
- CL 365 Greece & Rome in Lit. & Film
- CL 333 Greek Civilization
- PHL 211 Ancient Philosophy
- Latin language electives on the 100 level or above
- Greek language electives on the 400 level or above

**Credit Hours Subtotal:** 9

**Total Hours** 33

**Footnotes**
1. Or proficiency or placement.

### Italian Track

**Code and Title**  
**Hours**

**Required Courses**  
- IT 101 Introductory Italian I (or) 4
- IT 105 Honors Introductory Italian I 4
- IT 102 Introductory Italian II 3
- IT 201 Intermediate Italian I 3
- IT 202 Intermediate Italian II 3
- IT 353 Italian Conversation 3
- IT 356 Adv Grammar Composition 3
- IT 364 IT Lit: Medieval to Modern 3
- IT 380 Special Topics 3

**Credit Hours Subtotal:** 26

**Select two of the following:**  
- IT 323 Introduction to Italian Cinema
- IT 361 Intro Romance Linguistic
- IT 480 Undergraduate Seminar

**Credit Hours Subtotal:** 6

Other IT electives permissible, and Italian related coursework may apply with advisor approval.

**Total Hours** 32

### Latin Track

**Code and Title**  
**Hours**

**Required Courses**  
- LA 101 Elementary Latin I 3
- LA 102 Elementary Latin II 3
- LA 201 Intermed Latin Read I 3
- LA 202 Intermed Latin Read II 3
- LA 301 Survey Lit Roman Republ 3
- LA 302 Survey Lit Of Empire 3
- CL 386 History Of Rome 3
- LA 490 Readings In Latin Literature 3

**Credit Hours Subtotal:** 24

**Select 9 hours from the following:**  
- ARH 351 Ancient Art
- CL 222 Greek Roman Mythology
- CL 323 Alexander the Great, Then & Now
- CL 333 Greek Civilization
- CL 350 Roman Religion
- CL 365 Greece & Rome in Lit. & Film
- CL 380 Special Topics
- CL 385 History Of Greece
- CL 498 Honors Research in Classics I
- CL 499 Honors Research in Classics 2
- PHL 211 Ancient Philosophy
- UH 244 Antiquity to Modernity

Greek language electives on the 100 level and above
Latin language electives on the 400 level or above

**Credit Hours Subtotal:** 9

**Total Hours** 33

**Footnotes**
1. Or proficiency or placement.
The interesting thing about the study of any field of foreign languages or classics is that, far from limiting a student’s career choices, it actually expands them. Instead of being tied to one particular technical skill, learners have a broad and unique understanding of the human condition and have developed an appreciation for the precision and power of language. Most careers are open to students because employers and recruiters realize and appreciate the rigor and difficulty of the degree itself.

**Types of Jobs Accepted**

Many of our graduates in foreign languages and classics go on to professional schools or advanced degrees in their own areas at well known universities around the country and abroad. Since 1995, classics has had a 100% acceptance rate for those who have applied for medical school. We have sent students to prestigious law schools. Some students have completed advanced study in Library Science or English/TESOL, while others have entered various areas in the private and public sectors.

**Jobs of Experienced Alumni**

Foreign languages and literature graduates have jobs in a variety of areas in the private and public sectors, including all levels of education and educational administration, in print and other areas of media, law, diplomacy, auto industry, high tech fields and in many other areas. Competitive employers acknowledge the advantages of hiring those who can understand and communicate with a greater number of people.

Classics graduates have gone to seminary and then on into the ministry. Several have gone on to MBA programs and graduated at the top of their class and now work in major businesses. Others have continued in classics and received a PhD and now teach in colleges here and in England. One student works for the Navy in Chicago, following a passion of hers, mapping and geography. The possibilities are endless!

Learn more about opportunities in this field at the Career Center.