



What can I do with a major in **CLASSICS** from Valparaiso University?

Description of major:

A major in Classics introduces students to the languages, the literature (including numerous biblical texts) and the culture of the Classical era, one of the truly great watershed periods in human history. Two tracks of study are available for students pursuing a Classics major: the *Classical Language and Literature Track* in which students concentrate on either Latin or Greek or on a combination of the two languages and the *Classical Civilization Track*. Latin and/or ancient Greek courses are the core offerings in the Classical Language & Literature track whereas courses taught in translation form the basis of the Classical Civilization track. A special Latin teaching major is offered for those planning to teach high school Latin. Greek students take courses in both classical and biblical Greek. Numerous opportunities for foreign study in the Aegean and Mediterranean Sea areas are available to majors.

Relevant skills for a CLASSICS major:

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| ◆ Adjust to new environments | ◆ Help | ◆ Organize/classify |
| ◆ Adapt to new environments/situations | ◆ Have foreign language competency | ◆ Overcome barriers |
| ◆ Analyze and compare cultures | ◆ Have good listening and clarifying skills | ◆ Plan and design projects |
| ◆ Analyze communication situations | ◆ Have independence | ◆ Review/evaluate |
| ◆ Analyze community needs | ◆ Have oral and written communication skills | ◆ Select and train |
| ◆ Appreciate diverse cultures/cultural awareness | ◆ Inform | ◆ Show sensitivity to people of other cultures |
| ◆ Critique and organize principles | ◆ Lead discussions | ◆ Solve problems |
| ◆ Explain concepts | ◆ Make decisions | ◆ Summarize/present results |
| ◆ Guide | ◆ Organize people and ideas | ◆ Take risks |
| | | ◆ and others! |

Sample work activities for Graduates in CLASSICS (some may require an advanced degree)

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| • Archaeologist | • Foreign Travel Escort Officer | • Special agent/FBI |
| • Anthropologist | • Intelligence Specialist | • Tour Guide |
| • Art historian | • Interpreter | • Teacher, primary/ secondary school |
| • Biographer | • Language Researcher | • Teacher, second language/ international |
| • College/University Professor | • Lawyer | • and others! |
| • Foreign Attendant | • Linguistic Scientist | |
| • Foreign Information Officer | • Minister/Pastor | |
| • Foreign Language Translator | • Professional Speech Writer | |
| • Foreign Student Advisor | • Seminary Professor | |

Potential hiring institutions for CLASSICS majors:

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| ◆ Agency of International Development | ◆ International studies/student exchange agencies | ◆ Religious Organizations |
| ◆ Churches | ◆ Library of Congress | ◆ School systems |
| ◆ Civil Service Commission | ◆ National Archives | ◆ United Nations |
| ◆ Education Department | ◆ News bureaus | ◆ Vista |
| ◆ Foreign Service Department | ◆ Peace Corps | ◆ and others! |
| ◆ Government agencies | ◆ Public service organizations | |

Area of further education for CLASSICS majors:

- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Art History
- Business Administration
- Classics
- Communication
- Conflict Resolution & Mediation/
Peace Studies
- Cultural Studies
- Curriculum & Instruction
- Education
- Educational Administration
- Ethics
- History
- Human Services
- Humanities
- Information Studies
- International Affairs
- International Business
- International Development
- Law
- Legal & Justice Studies
- Liberal Studies
- Library Science
- Linguistics
- Management Strategy & Policy
- Philanthropic Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Romance Languages
- Seminary
- Social Sciences
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Theology
- Translation & Interpretation
- Writing
- and others!

Sources of additional information for CLASSICS majors:

- VU Department of Foreign Languages: Classics: <http://www.valpo.edu/foreignlang/descriptions/Classics.html>
- VU Programs Areas & Majors: Foreign Languages: <http://www.valpo.edu/cas/departments/fll.html>
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages: The only national organization dedicated to the improvement and expansion of the teaching and learning of all languages at all levels of instruction. <http://www.actfl.org/>
- American Language Online: The internet information center for language and education. <http://www.alr.org/>
- American Philological Association: the principal learned society for Classical Studies in North America <http://www.apaclassics.org/APA-MENU.html>
- American Translators Association: This site will help you learn more about the American Translators Association and the translation and interpretation professions. <http://atanet.org>
- EscapeArtist.com: International job marketplace. <http://jobs.escapeartist.com>
- Eurograduate Live: features thousands of Graduate Opportunities across Europe. You can also find expert advice on Career Planning, useful links to other great sites and details about postgraduate options. <http://www.eurograduate.com/>
- International Civil Service Commission: The International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) is an independent expert body established by the United Nations General Assembly. Its mandate is to regulate and coordinate the conditions of service of staff in the United Nations common system, while promoting and maintaining high standards in the international civil service. <http://icsc.un.org>
- International Monster.com: The international component of the popular Monster Board web site. <http://international.monster.com/>
- OverseasJobs.Com: the Web's #1 resources for international employment and work abroad. Expatriates and job seekers can search the job database by keywords or locations and post a resume online for employers to view. <http://www.overseasjobs.com/>
- Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc.: Develops the expertise of its members and others involved in teaching English to speakers of other languages to help them foster effective communication in diverse settings while respecting individuals' language rights. <http://www.tesol.org/>
- Teaching Jobs Overseas: Topics include: international teaching, teaching overseas, teaching abroad, American and international schools, overseas jobs, international employment, etc. <http://www.joyjobs.com/>
- The American Association of Language Specialists: An international association of interpreters and translators. <http://www.taals.net/>
- The American Classical League: Devoted to the study of Greek and Latin classical literature. The American Classical League was founded in 1919 for the purpose of fostering the study of classical languages in the United States and Canada. <http://www.aclassics.org/>
- The Electronic Embassy: a resource of and for the Washington, DC embassy community. <http://www.embassy.org/>
- United Nations Homepage: Various information on the United Nations, including recent news, publications, etc. <http://www.un.org/>
- Voice of the Shuttle: Various resources and websites devoted to arts & humanities studies. <http://vos.ucsb.edu>

VU Career Center Resource Library Materials:

- *100 Best Nonprofits To Work For*
- *100 Jobs In Words*
- *Alternatives To The Peace Corps : A Directory Of Third World And Us Volunteer Opportunities*
- *Book Of U.S. Government Jobs : Where They Are, What's Available, And How To Get One*
- *Career Opportunities In Law And The Legal Industry*
- *Career Opportunities In Politics, Government & Activism*
- *Career Opportunities In Travel And Tourism*
- *Careers For Bookworms & Other Literary Types*
- *Careers For Foreign Language Aficionados & Other Multilingual Types*
- *Careers For History Buffs & Others Who Learn From The Past*
- *Careers For Introverts & Other Solitary Types*
- *Careers For Travel Buffs & Other Restless Types*
- *Civil Service Career Starter*
- *Directory Of Foreign Consulates And International Trade Assistance Organizations In Chicagoland*
- *Directory Of Jobs And Careers Abroad*
- *Essays That Worked For Law Schools : 35 Essays From Successful Applications To The Nation's Top Law Schools*
- *Federal Personnel Guide 2003*
- *Global Resume And CV Guide*
- *Graduate Programs In Education*
- *Graduate Programs In Humanities*
- *GRE Exam 2003*
- *Great Jobs For Foreign Language Majors*
- *Great Jobs For Liberal Arts Majors*
- *Guide To America's Federal Jobs : A Complete Directory Of Federal Career Opportunities*
- *Guide To Homeland Security Careers*
- *How To Get A Job In Europe*
- *International Jobs: Where They Are And How To Get Them, 6th Ed*
- *Job Surfing : Working Abroad : Using The Internet To Find A Job And Get Hired*
- *Jobs And Careers With Nonprofit Organizations : Profitable Opportunities With Nonprofits*
- *Law Schools*
- *LSAT 2003*
- *Opportunities In Foreign Language Careers*
- *Opportunities In Government Careers*
- *Opportunities In Law Careers*
- *Opportunities In Library And Information Science*
- *Opportunities In Sales Careers*
- *Opportunities In Social Science Careers*
- *Opportunities In Travel Careers*
- *Peterson's Game Plan For Getting Into Law School*
- *Peterson's Graduate Programs In Business, Education, Health, Information Studies, Law & Social Work*
- *Peterson's Graduate Programs In The Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences*
- *Resumes For Business Management Careers and others!*

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