

Core Curriculum

CLAS 250-500: Greek and Roman Civilization

Lake TR 8:00 - 9:15 (KLPC)

Greek and Roman Civilization surveys some of the most important political and cultural developments in Classical Antiquity from Homer to the rise of Christianity. Topics include Greek and Roman warfare, the ancient calendar, gladiators in the Roman empire, and the Roman attitude towards Christianity. Students will also be introduced to the methodological challenges of studying the ancient world.



CLAS 262-500: Great Books of Christian Antiquity & Latin Middle Ages

Lake TR 9:45 - 11:00 (KLPC)

This course surveys some of the most important works of literature, history, and philosophy written in Western Europe between 400 and 1300, when Christianity and the Latin language created a unified literate culture in Western Europe. We will examine the relationship of paganism to Christianity (Augustine's City of God), views of the ideal ruler (two lives of the emperor Charlemagne), how the Bible was read and explained (Gregory the Great's commentary on Job), and how the Crusades were portrayed and justified (the chronicle of Fulcher of Chartres), among other topics. For all of our readings we will pay particular attention to our authors' assumptions about personal morality, social structure, and man's relationship to God.

