

Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies (CAMS)

Major Requirements

For the B.A. degree in CAMS, a minimum of 123 credits is required. Students may choose between the following three options:

- a) Classical and Ancient Mediterranean Studies Option (30 credits)
- b) Ancient Languages Option (30 credits)
- c) Ancient Mediterranean Archaeology Option (36 credits)

All three options share a common set of requirements (Part I below). No more than 15 credits in courses numbered 099, 199, 299, 399, or 499 may count toward the major.

PART I: COMMON REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL OPTIONS (18 credits)

CAMS 005 (Sem: 1-4)

CAMS 400W (Sem: 5-8)

3 credits in Greek or Roman literature and language, civilization, or archaeology (Sem: 1-4):

CAMS 001, 025, 033, 034, 045, 050, 100, 101, 109, 140, 150, or 180;

LATIN 003, GREEK 102, or any other course in Latin or Greek above the intermediate level.

3 credits in Near Eastern literature and language, civilization, or archaeology (Sem: 1-4):

CAMS 002, 004, 010, 012, 015, 020, 044, 070, 090, 102, 104, 105, 109, 110, 111, 133, 134; ANTH 009;

HEBR 003 or any other course at the 100 level or above;

Biblical Hebrew, or other ancient NE language.

6 credits at the 100 level or above from appropriate offerings in classics and ancient Mediterranean studies, Greek, Hebrew, Latin, Jewish studies, ancient history, religious studies, anthropology, art history, linguistics, or philosophy (Sem: 1-6):

Any CAMS course;

Any GREEK/LATIN course beyond the intermediate level (i.e. beyond 003 or 102);

HIST 401, 402, 403, 404W, 405W, RL ST 411, HEBR 451, 452, ANTH 420, LING 102;

ARTH 301, 311, 401, 411, or PHIL 453, 461, 462, 464.

PART II: REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL OPTIONS (12-16 credits)

A) CLASSICAL AND ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN OPTION (12 credits)

6 credits at the 400 level in CAMS, ancient Near Eastern languages, Greek, or Latin courses (Sem: 5-8).

6 credits at the 400 level from appropriate courses in CAMS, ancient Near Eastern languages and literature, ancient history, anthropology, Jewish studies, linguistics, philosophy, or religious studies (Sem: 5-8):

Any 400 level CAMS course;

HEBR 451, 452, HIST 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, RL ST 411;

PHIL 453, 461, 462, 464, or ANTH 420.

B) ANCIENT LANGUAGES OPTION (12 credits)

12 credits at the 400 level in either Greek or Latin or in Akkadian, Aramaic, Biblical Hebrew, Egyptian, Hittite, Sumerian, or other ancient Near Eastern language in consultation with major advisor (Sem: 1-8).

Of these 12 credits, at least 6 credits must be in one language.

C) ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN ARCHAEOLOGY OPTION (15-16 credits)

CAMS 440W (Sem: 5-8)

3 credits in archaeology (Sem: 3-6): *CAMS 090, 104, 133, 134, 140, or 150.*

3-4 credits in archaeological methods (Sem: 5-8):

ANTH 410 (4 credits), 420, 426, or 428.

6 credits in fieldwork from the following courses: CAMS 492(3), CAMS 493(3), or other 400-level fieldwork course in an approved archaeological project in the Mediterranean region or Near East in consultation with major advisor (Sem: 5-8).

MINORS:

Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies (CAMS) Minor:

Students must select 18 credits from courses in Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies (CAMS), with at least 6 credits at the 400 –level.

Note: Students who successfully complete Penn State’s Education Abroad Program in Athens, Greece, and complete one of the following courses on campus (CAMS 25, 140, or HIST 100), can earn a CAMS Minor. However a student will not be eligible for the minor unless a minor application form from the department is filled out and submitted prior to graduation.

Greek Minor:

Students select 18 credits in Greek, with at least 6 credits at the 400-level.

Latin Minor:

Students select 18 credits in Latin, with at least 6 credits at the 400-level.

Instructions: Go to eLion and click on "Minor Declaration". Choose the appropriate minor. All requirements require a grade of “C” or better to be successfully completed.