Proposed Catalog change:

CLASSICAL studies have always been the heart of a liberal education and offer the student unmatched perspectives within which to understand our own time. They show how our oldest beliefs and institutions came into being, and bring to life systems of values both different from and similar to our own. Courses are offered in the history, religion, art, philosophy, social and cultural issues, literature, and mythology of the ancient world. The curriculum covers 3,500 years of human experience in the ancient Near East, Greece, and Roman Europe, from the beginnings of Western civilization to the Christianization of Europe and the dawn of the Middle Ages.

Three major programs are offered. Students may declare only one of the majors offered by the Department of Classical Studies; double or triple majors within the department are not permitted. Students majoring in classical languages approach the ancient world entirely through its literature, and they take all of their course work in Greek and/or Latin. Students majoring in classics, integrate the ancient texts with other kinds of evidence (sociology, religion, art, etc.), in order to compare the words of Greeks and Romans to their actions; they may apply any number of courses in Greek and/or Latin toward this major, as long as two language courses are at the advanced level. Students majoring in classical civilization receive the broadest introduction to the ancient world, and they read the primary sources in translation.

Majors in classical languages or classics are encouraged to spend a semester at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome. A summer program at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens is also available.

The Classics Society functions as the department’s extracurricular organization. Eta Sigma Phi is the national honorary society for classics.

Program of Concentration in Classical Languages
Students complete 32 hours in Greek and Latin. Those who want to concentrate in one language must also complete at least two semesters’ work in the other, although credit toward the 32-hour requirement will be given for only one of the elementary sequences (either Greek 201–202 or Latin 100 or 101–102).

Program of Concentration in Classics
Students complete at least 30 hours in classics, or Greek, Latin, or eligible courses in ancient philosophy or history of art (see above), at least 6 hours of which must be in Greek courses numbered above 204 or in Latin courses numbered above 104. Only one of the elementary language sequences (either Greek 201–202 or Latin 100 or 101–102) may be applied toward the 30-hour
requirement.

Program of Concentration in Classical Civilization
Students complete at least 30 hours in classics, Greek, Latin, or eligible courses in ancient philosophy or history of art (see above). Relevant courses in religion will be allowed at the discretion of the DUS. No more than 11 hours may be taken at the 100 level.

The following courses may be counted toward a major or minor in classics or classical civilization: PHIL 210, 218; HART 256, 257, 258, 260, 263, 264, and 268

Honors Program in Classics and in Classical Languages
Admission requirements are: completion of junior year and completion of at least 6 hours of work in advanced Greek or Latin courses (above Greek 204 or Latin 104), and an overall GPA of 3.4, with 3.5 in courses within the department (including hours earned at the ICCS in Rome). In order to graduate with departmental honors, a student must (in addition to maintaining the stated GPA through the senior year) satisfy the following requirements:
1. Complete 12 hours of work beyond the intermediate level in Latin and/or Greek for honors in classics, and 18 hours for honors in classical languages.
2. Demonstrate competence in Greek or Roman history and archaeology, either by successfully completing the ICCS program in Rome or by completing one of the department’s survey courses in art and archaeology (Classics 204, 205, 206) and one in history (Classics 208, 209, 212, 213).
3. Write a senior thesis, and defend it before the department, for either 3 or 6 hours credit. Candidates choosing the three-hour option for the thesis must complete one of the department’s graduate seminars. There is no Honors Program in the classical civilization concentration.

Minor in Classics

Students are required to study Greek or Latin through the intermediate level (Latin 104, Greek 204, or a higher-level language course) and to complete an additional 15 hours in courses that count toward the concentration in classics, of which at least 9 must be at the 200 level.

Minor in Classical Civilization
Students are required to complete 18 hours in courses that count toward the concentration in classical civilization, of which at least 12 must be at the 200 level.