

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

GREEK AND ROMAN STUDIES

The Greeks and Romans carried their ideas from Britain to Sudan and from Portugal to Iran, fusing indigenous traditions with their own, thereby creating a remarkably diverse, and yet culturally distinct, world. The western imagination is rooted in this foundation, historically providing inspiration in all aspects of life, including language, literature, law, art, architecture, politics, philosophy, music and theater, as well as notions of nationality, gender and race.

Why Greek and Roman Studies at Illinois Wesleyan?

- Greek and Roman Studies is an interdisciplinary program designed to provide students with linguistic skills through the study of the Greek and Latin languages, as well as an in-depth knowledge of the history and culture of Greece and Rome.
- Students will be prepared to further their interests in language, literature and history at the postgraduate level, whether in this field or others, including medicine, education, law, public service, journalism, publishing, library science, theology and more.
- Students are strongly encouraged to study abroad and pursue archaeological field work opportunities.
- Greek and Latin at IWU are designed both for the student who desires to read ancient literature and for students planning to go into specialized fields that make use of technical terms based on Greek and Latin, such as law and medicine.

Learning from a Quality Faculty

- **Nancy Sultan**, *Professor and Director of Greek and Roman Studies*
Ph.D. — Harvard University
Specializes in Hellenic cultural studies, folklore and mythology, Aegean archaeology, ethnomusicology and gender studies.
Recipient of the “Excellence in Teaching Award” from the American Philological Association (APA).
- **Amanda Coles**, *Associate Professor of History and Greek and Roman Studies*
Ph.D. — University of Pennsylvania
Specializes in Mediterranean religious, military, and colonial history, especially the melding of communities through organization of the sacred landscape.



A Sampling of Courses Offered by Greek and Roman Studies:

Ancient Colonizations
Ancient Rome
Christian Controversies and Creeds
Greek Art from Homer to Alexander
Greek/Latin Literature in Translation
Greek Myth and the Hero
History of Ancient Philosophy
Lost Books of the Bible
Sex and Gender in Ancient Greece and Rome
The Ancient and Medieval West
The World of Alexander the Great

Recent May Term Courses Related to Greek and Roman Studies:

Blood Rites and Mystery Cults
Greek and Roman Comedy
Preserving the Past: Collectors and the Ethics of Archaeology
(travel course to New York and Boston)
The Ancient Roman City: Art, Architecture and Urban Planning
(travel course to Italy)
Art and Archaeology of Greek Myth
(travel course to Greece)



“The study of Greek and Roman civilizations is, and has been, the foundation of the liberal arts and sciences in the Western educational

- **Kevin Sullivan**, *Professor of Religion*
Ph.D. — University of Oxford
Specializes in late Second Temple Judaism, the New Testament and Christian origins, apocryphal and pseudepigraphal texts, and Christian history.
- **Andy Engen**, *Associate Professor of Philosophy*
Ph.D. — University of California
Specializes in moral and political philosophy, and Ancient philosophy.

Putting Learning into Practice

- Study abroad options include programs in Greece, Italy and Turkey.
- Knowledge of Greek and Latin improves understanding of technical terminology for law, science, medicine and philosophy; 90 percent of this terminology is based on Classical Greek and Latin.
- Improved scores on SAT, MCAT, GRE and LSAT.
- Recent Greek and Roman Studies graduates have enrolled in the following graduate programs:
 - Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) — Archaeological Materials Science
 - Indiana University — Classics
 - George Washington University — Museum Studies
 - DePaul University — Law School
 - University of Illinois — Latin
 - Emory University — Program in Museum Studies
 - University of Chicago — Anthropology and Museum Studies
 - Florida State University — Classical Archaeology
 - UIUC — Library and Information Science

tradition. Our understanding of education, politics, law, science and even religion has been profoundly influenced by the Greeks and Romans. Even our English language is built largely on Greek and Latin roots. Sixty percent of all English words, and ninety percent of technical terms, come to us from Greek and Latin. For this reason, these ancient languages are far from ‘dead.’ Students in every discipline will benefit from the study of the cultures, ideas and values of ancient Greece and Rome.”

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