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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposals from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences to make the following changes in the Department of Classics will be agenda items for the March 18, 2022, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting:

- Change the name of the major in Classical Languages (M.A.) to Classics (M.A.)
- Offer a new Area of Emphasis in Classical Culture under the major in Classical Languages (M.A.)/Classics (M.A.)

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair  
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu  
Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

**Date:** September 16, 2021

**Department/Division:** Classics

**School/College/Unit:** Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

**Proposed Effective Date:** Spring 2022

### PROGRAM NAME CHANGES:

Current Program Name: Classical Languages (M.A.)

Proposed Program Name: Classics (M.A.)

### JUSTIFICATION:

The Classics Department of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences proposes to change the major name of the Master of Arts in Classical Languages to the Master of Arts in Classics. The three existing areas of emphasis (Greek, Latin, and Greek and Latin) will continue to be offered under the new name, and a fourth area of emphasis in Classical Culture is being submitted for consideration.

The proposed name better reflects the nature of the program, which requires students to gain expertise in areas of Classics besides the languages. Many of the students in the program already complete research projects on archaeology, ancient history, or the reception of classical culture, and the current name is not relevant to the breadth of their scholarship. The proposed name is consistent with the practice of peer institutions, such as the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill and Florida State University, which offer M.A.'s in Classics rather than in Classical Languages. It also reflects recent developments in the field of Classics, which is increasingly valuing scholarship in history, reception, and material culture as much as in Latin and Greek. The professional organization for Classicists in the United States recently changed its name from the American Philological Association to the Society for Classical Studies to show better the breadth of the discipline. Finally, the proposed name parallels the name of the undergraduate major, Classics (A.B).

## PROPOSAL FOR AN AREA OF EMPHASIS

**Date:** September 16, 2021

**School/College:** Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

**Department/Division:** Classics

**Program (Major and Degree):** Classical Languages (M.A.), which is under consideration for a name change to Classics (M.A.)

**Which campus(es) will offer this program?** Athens

**Proposed Effective Date:** Spring 2022

**1. Area of Emphasis Title:** Classical Culture

**2. Area of Emphasis Description:**

The Classics Department of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences proposes to add a new Area of Emphasis in Classical Culture under the Master of Arts in Classical Languages, which is under consideration for a name change to Master of Arts in Classics.

The Area of Emphasis in Classical Culture is a logical sequence of courses that provides advanced training in classical archaeology, ancient history, or the reception of the ancient world. The course requirements are designed to parallel those of the three existing areas of emphasis under the Master of Arts in Classical Languages. Students in the Area of Emphasis in Classical Culture will be required to show expertise in either Latin or Greek, but it will enable them to explore areas beyond the languages. The Area of Emphasis in Classical Culture will also allow undergraduate students pursuing Classics (A.B.) with an area of emphasis either in Classical Culture or in Classical Culture–Classical Archaeology to earn an M.A. through the Double Dawgs program. The existing areas of emphasis do not offer a Double Dawg pathway for these students because they emphasize languages and literature and only require one course in culture or archaeology.

**Requirements of the Area of Emphasis in Classical Culture:**

36 hours are required to complete the Area of Emphasis in Classical Culture, consisting of:

- 15 hours in 6000-level or above CLAS courses, of which at least 6 hours must be in CLAS 8000-level courses.
- 6 hours of GREK 6300, GREEK 6400, LATN 6500, LATN 6600, or any 8000-level GREK or LATN courses.
- 15 hours of 6000-level or above courses in Latin, Greek, Classical Culture, or related fields.

12 hours of this coursework must be in graduate-only classes (8000-level or 6000-level classes that do not have a 4000-level component).

Additional requirements:

- CLAS 7010, Scholarly Research and Writing Methods
- CLAS 7300, Master's Thesis
- CLAS 8000, Proseminar in Classics: Bibliography and Methods of Research

Reading Proficiency in French, German, or Italian is required for the Area of Emphasis in Classical Culture and for all areas of emphasis under the M.A. in Classical Languages (proposed name change to Classics M.A.). This can be demonstrated in one of three ways:

- A grade of "B" or better in FREN 2001, GRMN 2001, or ITAL 2001 (the third semester of the beginning language sequence)
- A grade of "B" or better in FREN 2500, GRMN 3500, or the equivalent course in Italian (reading knowledge classes)
- A grade of passing on the Graduate Translation Exams administered by the UGA departments

### **3. Major Requirements:**

The major in Classical Languages (M.A.) requires completion of 36 credit hours in one of the following areas of emphasis: Latin, Greek, or Greek and Latin. The proposed Area of Emphasis in Classical Culture will offer students a fourth option for study.

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28 September 2021

**Application for a degree name change from M.A. Classical Languages to M.A. Classics**

Dear Dean Martin-Williams,

Please find attached an application for a degree name change of the current M.A. Classical Languages to the proposed M.A. Classics.

The vote of the Graduate Faculty of the Department of Classics was 10 yes/ 0 no in support of the name change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mario Erasmo'.

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**Application to add Classical Culture as an Area of Emphasis to the M.A. Classical Languages degree.**

Dear Dean Martin-Williams,

Please find attached an application to add Classical Culture as an Area of Emphasis to the M.A. Classical Languages degree (an application for a degree name change from M.A. Classical Languages to M.A. Classics is also being submitted at this time).

The vote of the Graduate Faculty in the Department of Classics was 10 yes/ 0 no in support of the addition of Classical Culture as an Area of Emphasis.

Sincerely,

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## Documentation of Approval and Notification

**Proposal:** Major Name Change from Classical Languages (M.A.) to Classics (M.A.)  
Area of Emphasis in Classical Culture under the major in Classical Languages (M.A.)/Classics (M.A.)

**College:** Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

**Department:** Classics

**Proposed Effective Term:** Fall 2022

Department:

- Classics Department Head, Dr. Mario Erasmo, 9/28/21

School/College:

- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 12/10/21

Graduate School:

- Graduate School Associate Dean, Dr. Anne Shaffer, 1/24/22