

CLASSICAL EDUCATION - BACHELOR OF ARTS (A)

Classical Education at Concordia embraces a traditional engagement with the Liberal Arts anchored in Christian thought and tailored to the modern world. Classical Education emphasizes not only the holistic development of students—mind, body, spirit—but also the development of content knowledge in the various areas of the Liberal Arts, including language arts, history, philosophy, theology, the fine arts, mathematics and science. Students are encouraged to see the interconnections between these discrete disciplines and to pursue not simply an accumulation of knowledge, but to embark upon a life-long pursuit of Truth. With this solid foundation students are prepared to follow vocations as teachers, in their turn helping develop young people to their fullest potential.

The Classical Education program is intended to prepare students to teach in schools and academies which have adopted a classical paradigm for their curricula and principles of pedagogy. This program consists of a Classical Studies major (or minor), which gives the students a solid grounding in classical learning, and a Classical Pedagogy minor, which provides training in distinctively classical principles of instruction and learning. Students also have the option of completing a major in Arts & Sciences (such as Mathematics, Science, English or History).

Concordia's program is designed specifically to provide teachers for both Lutheran and other Christian schools that have adopted a Classical curriculum. Graduates of the program may be called to positions in schools of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and are eligible to be rostered in the LCMS with the designation "Minister of Religion—Commissioned, Teacher." Graduates of this program are also eligible to be certified by the Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education. Nevertheless, admission to the program is open to members of any Christian denomination.

Classical Studies major can be taken either as a stand alone major or as part of the Classical Education Program.

The Classical Studies major is designed to give students a thorough grounding in Classical culture and the Christian intellectual tradition through a broad engagement with the Liberal Arts. All students are required to complete a distribution of courses in the Humanities and Arts disciplines that make up the traditional education of a "free" citizen, as defined in the Classical world.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Articulate an understanding of the philosophy of Classical Lutheran education;
- Demonstrate the ability to distinguish between various educational philosophies and to assess them in light of Lutheran theology;
- Develop familiarity and facility with the methods distinctive to classical Lutheran education, including content-driven pedagogy and the Socratic method/shared inquiry model;
- Engage with classical education curricula, textbooks, standards, rubrics, and classroom management;
- Demonstrate competency in the principles and methods of Lutheran catechesis, including a knowledge of foundational Lutheran educational documents and a command of Luther's *Small Catechism*;

- Manifest proficiency in at least one of the classical languages (i.e., Latin or Greek);
- Develop pedagogical competency through practical experience in a classical education setting, by means of field work and/or internship.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements (https://catalog.cuw.edu/undergraduate/university/acad-prog/trad/core/)		45
Major Requirements		36
Electives		39
Minor: Required		
Total Hours		120

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core Courses		
LAT 3 credits ¹		
REL 201	Old Testament (Common Core Experience)	
REL 204	Biblical Theology (Common Core Experience)	
REL 333	A Survey of Christian Thought (Faith & Life)	
Required Courses		
<i>Latin</i>		6
<i>History</i>		6
<i>English/Literature</i>		6
<i>Philosophy</i>		6
<i>Fine Arts</i>		6
<i>Theology</i>		6
REL 203	New Testament	
REL 404	Lutheran Confessions ²	
Total Hours		36

¹ For Latin proficiency requirement please speak with your advisor.

² For non Lutheran students, this course is strongly recommended; however, any 300 or 400 level course is allowed.