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Annual Report on Program Learning Outcomes Assessment

Program: CAS Department of Classical Studies, Classical Civilization and Classical Languages majors

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1. List the learning outcomes of the Program.

Students majoring in Classical Civilization should be able to:

- 1. Demonstrate broad understanding of the history and culture of ancient Greece and Rome.
- 2. Read with comprehension works of ancient Greek and/or Latin poetry and prose, either in the original or in English translation, demonstrating understanding of genre, style, and cultural context.
- 3. Communicate clearly and persuasively, both orally and in writing, ideas about the ancient world and its products.
- 4. Demonstrate an understanding of the influence of classical culture on other historical periods.

Students majoring in Latin, Greek, or Ancient Greek and Latin should be able to:

- 1. Demonstrate broad understanding of the history and culture of ancient Greece and Rome.
- 2. Demonstrate sufficient understanding of the vocabulary, morphology, and syntax of Latin and/or ancient Greek to read standard works of the classical period accurately.
- 3. Acquire the skills necessary to use dictionaries, grammars, and other resources that aid the reading and understanding of Latin and/or ancient Greek texts.
- 4. Demonstrate, in their reading of Latin and/or ancient Greek, an understanding of genre, style, cultural context, and the place of the text within the literary history of the ancient world.
- 5. Communicate clearly and persuasively, both orally and in writing, ideas about Latin and/or ancient Greek literary texts.

Students majoring in Classics and Philosophy should be able to:

1. Demonstrate broad understanding of the history and culture of ancient Greece.

- 2. Demonstrate sufficient understanding of the vocabulary, morphology, and syntax of ancient Greek to read standard works of classical prose.
- 3. Read with comprehension works of ancient Greek and/or Latin, either in the original or in English translation, demonstrating understanding of genre, style, and cultural context.
- 4. Demonstrate familiarity with the canonical works of ancient Greek philosophy and understanding of their importance in the development of the study of philosophy in antiquity.
- 5. Discuss clearly and persuasively, both orally and in writing, key issues raised by ancient Greek philosophers.

Students majoring in Classics and Religion should be able to:

- 1. Demonstrate basic knowledge of leading theoretical approaches to the study of religion, including classic and contemporary thinkers.
- 2. Demonstrate knowledge of multiple religious traditions, their history, ideas, rituals, vocabulary, and mutual influences, with special attention to Greek, Roman, regional Mediterranean, Jewish, Christian, and Muslim traditions.
- 3. Demonstrate an advanced knowledge of the development of religions in the Greco-Roman world, including the Greek and Roman, Jewish, and Christian traditions, and an understanding of the influence of ancient Greek and Roman religions on later historical periods.
- 4. Demonstrate an ability to read and interpret critically religious texts, ritual practices, and other forms of religious expression within their cultural contexts, demonstrating, in the case of literary works, an understanding of genre and style as well.
- 5. Demonstrate an ability to research religious events/phenomena/ideas in a substantive and responsible way; and communicate clearly and persuasively, both orally and in writing, ideas about religious life in ancient and later times.