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## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN ... CLASSICAL STUDIES

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### PROFESSION OVERVIEW:

The [UNM Foreign Language and Literature \(FLL\) website \(2013\)](#) describes the Classics Program as a, “comprehensive program of classical languages, cultures and traditions with several options to choose from” as well as a program that, “aims to produce students who not only have a proficiency in the ancient languages, but also have a broader understanding of the ancient world, including contemporary approaches to the Classics”. The UNM Classics Program also states there are two tracks in the UNM FLL Department: Civilization or Language concentration.

### EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENT:

A bachelor's degree is the minimum formal education required, and is excellent preparation for occupations that require excellent writing skills, and the ability to analyze, interpret and persuade. However, some industries, such as higher education, may require a graduate degree. Consult [O\\*Net](#) for more information on the specific KSAs (Knowledge, Skill, Ability) that are required for this career.

### THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO:

The UNM department of Foreign Language and Literature offers a Bachelor's of Arts in Classical Studies as well as a minor. A Masters of Arts in Comparative Literature and Cultural also offers Classics as an available concentration. You can find further information on the [UNM Foreign Language and Literature website \(2013\)](#).

### INDUSTRIES & TARGET EMPLOYERS:

A variety of employers specifically recruit UNM students and alumni. Consult UNM's [Lobo Career Connection](#) for a complete list of employers and current job postings. Speak with a Career Development Facilitator at the [UNM Office of Career Services](#) for help with identifying employers or additional resources for your occupation of choice.

#### Education/Student Affairs

University/college teaching/administration, research, K-12 teaching/administration, college preparation, counseling/advising, adult/GED education, missionary, advising/counseling, multicultural affairs, residence life, Greek affairs, student activities, admissions officer, affirmative action officer, librarian, archivist, curator

#### Law/Politics

Law, lobbying, government relations, public policy, research, Campaign management, elected/appointed civil servants

#### Government

Public affairs, cultural affairs, city manager, Foreign Service officer, census work or surveying, public opinion pollster, policy analyst, regional/urban planner, community development, AmeriCorps or PeaceCorps volunteer

#### Business/Industry

Public relations, employment counselor, management, human resources, training and development, sales representative, advertising, consulting, marketing, entrepreneur, customer service, non-profit director, grants specialist, foundation representative, fundraising director

#### Communications

Translation/Interpretation, public opinion analyst, research/technical advisor, public relations, Editor, publishing, writing, journalism, linguistics

#### Performing/Creative Arts

Artist management, teacher, marketing, musician, performer, playwright, author, freelance writing

### SUGGESTED STRATEGIES

- Consider specializing with a double major, minor, or concentration in another area.
- Gain related professional experience through involvement in internships, student employment, [Co-ops](#), and/or volunteer opportunities.
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals to gain in depth knowledge about the profession as well as broaden your professional network.

- Shadow professionals in fields of interest to gain a better understanding of their occupation and to build relationships with professional mentors.
- Build your network and get involved on campus through student organizations and campus events. Find organizations and events at the [Student Activities Center website](#).
- Attend career related campus events such as career fairs, company information sessions, and or career workshops.
- Students who are interested in graduate school should maintain a high undergraduate GPA and develop relationships with faculty and community leaders.
- Speak with mentors and faculty about career opportunities.
- Job leads can be found on your department's website, list-serv, newsletters, and social media sites.

**INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:**

American Classical League

American Philological Association

The Classical Association of the Middle West and South

The Archaeological Institute of America

Center for Hellenic Studies

National Committee for Latin and Greek

[www.aclclassics.org/](http://www.aclclassics.org/)[www.apaclassics.org/](http://www.apaclassics.org/)<http://www.camws.org/><http://www.archaeological.org/>[http://chs.harvard.edu/chs/chs\\_home](http://chs.harvard.edu/chs/chs_home)<http://www.promotelatin.org/><http://onetonline.org><http://www.bls.gov>**REFERENCES:**

University of New Mexico, Foreign Language and Literature (2013). *FLL Undergraduates Classics Program*. Retrieved from <http://fll.unm.edu/undergraduate/classics.html>