

What alumni say



Classics will prepare you for any profession. The etymology of the English vocabulary and the importance in the precision of language I learned from Latin and Greek has made me a better communicator and writer in my career in healthcare, analytics and academia — skills valuable for all positions. I'm able to

understand the medical jargon doctors use for my work in analytics, and I can succinctly communicate statistical information to them.

Plus, Classics is a lifelong endeavor. You will continue to revisit the myths, epics and histories years after graduation and find the same marvel and beauty in the poetry and prose as you did at Augustana.

Allan Daly, Classics and mathematics

Healthcare Analytics Developer, Northwestern Medicine, Chicago



I owe my job offer after graduation at John Deere completely to my Classics major. I spoke about my Classics degree in my interview more than my accounting. Employers are intrigued that two completely unrelated fields of study could come together in an education path.

I have learned that employers are truly looking for candidates who will remain curious. Curious employees are what drive improvements and innovation within companies. My Classics major is my No. 1 tool in marketing my curiosity and willingness to learn completely foreign skills.

Katelyn Farrell, Classics and accounting

Staff accountant, financial development program, John Deere

Photos on front:

Top: Greece Program students visit the Temple of Apollo at Delphi in J-term 2025.

Middle: Classics students get a tour of Classics-influenced architecture in Chicago at the Illinois Classical Conference in October 2023.

Bottom: Greece program students at the Athenian Acropolis in the summer of 2022.



Although not my original plan, I had the amazing opportunity to study Classics, public health and biology at Augustana. I graduate with my Master of Public Health from the University of Illinois Chicago next month. I am excited to share that my background in Classics only strengthened this academic

journey. The field of public health is multidisciplinary, and my Classics education from Augustana allows me to think critically and creatively when faced with health challenges.

An education in Classics requires openness to learning about other cultures, which aided me as I conducted research in Morocco last summer. While the next phase of my professional journey may not be directly related to Classics, I am eternally grateful for it, as it taught me to evaluate the past while strategizing for the future.

Being able to read Ancient Greek is also a great icebreaker!

Kira A. Banks, Classical studies (Greek), public health and biology

Master of Public Health student, University of Chicago



The Classics program is where I fell in love with the ancient world. The major provided a strong foundation in ancient languages and history, which prepared me for my Ph.D. in ancient history at the University of Minnesota. The Classics faculty are incredible mentors, and I try to model their excellent

teaching in my own role as a history professor.

The beauty of Classics is that it stands at the intersection of every discipline. I triple majored at Augustana and found that Classics only enriched my study of history and politics. I am able to collaborate with faculty across many fields at my current university because of this interdisciplinary background.

Chris Saladin, Classics, history and political science

Assistant Professor of History at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey