

CLASSICAL EDUCATOR PROGRAM

The Classical Educator program equips students with the knowledge and skills necessary to work in a variety of non-traditional educational settings that do not require state licensure. Settings include classical schools, home-school consortiums, and educational institutions beyond the United States. The program does not lead to state licensure as a teacher.

Program requirements include observation and field experience as part of the Classical Pedagogy Minor. A supervised internship of 8-16 weeks full-time is required in a school that is an accredited member of a recognized classical professional association (e.g. CCLE, ACCS, SCL).

- Students must earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 for all college-level coursework.
- Students must earn a minimum grade of C for all courses applied to a major or minor in the Classical Educator Program. The Pass/Fail option is not allowed for major or minor courses.

Admission to the Classical Educator Program

- By March 1, normally in sophomore year, the student will apply for formal admission to the Classical Educator Program and sit for an interview with the Program Leader and representative from the student's major discipline. Required components for admission and interview include:
 - Required GPA standards are met
 - Recommendations from four people:

1. Home pastor or educator
2. a CUC professor,
3. An individual for whom the applicant has worked,
4. An adult (not family or friend) who has observed the applicant in leadership or service
 - Clean criminal fingerprint background check administered within the last year
 - Essay and interview exhibiting the student's commitment to classical education, capacity to serve and lead in a classical education context, willingness to learn, and characteristics befitting a classical educator should be evident.

Requirements

Students will complete one of the following tracks, based on the age level and major is preferred. Latin or Greek is required as part of the Liberal Studies Major and Minor. The student should consult with the Program Leader to make appropriate choices.

Track 1: Primary/Elementary

1. 37-38 hours General Education (<https://catalog.cuchicago.edu/undergraduate/honors-program/>) (Honors Program strongly encouraged)
2. 36 hours Major: Classical Liberal Studies (<https://catalog.cuchicago.edu/undergraduate/college-theology-arts-humanities/bachelor-arts-ba/classical-liberal-studies-ba/>) (degree will be BA in Classical Liberal Studies)

3. 18 hours Minor: Classical Pedagogy (<https://catalog.cuchicago.edu/undergraduate/college-theology-arts-humanities/minors/classical-pedagogy-minor/>)
4. 18 hours Minor: Content area (eg. Math, English, History, Philosophy, Theology, Interdisciplinary)
5. Plus course below

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CLS-4990	Classical Pedagogy Internship	6-12

Track 2: Upper Elementary/High School

1. 37-38 hours General Education (<https://catalog.cuchicago.edu/undergraduate/honors-program/>) (Honors Program strongly encouraged)
2. 36 hours Major: Content area (eg. Math, English, History, Music, Philosophy, Theology, Interdisciplinary; degree will be a BA in that area)
3. 18 hours Minor: Classical Pedagogy (<https://catalog.cuchicago.edu/undergraduate/college-theology-arts-humanities/minors/classical-pedagogy-minor/>)
4. 18 hours Minor: Classical Liberal Studies (<https://catalog.cuchicago.edu/undergraduate/college-theology-arts-humanities/minors/classical-liberal-studies-minor/>)
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