

## **CAREERS AND POST GRADUATE STUDY FOR LATIN, GREEK AND CLOSELY RELATED HUMANITIES DEGREES**

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Statistics continue to show that Classics majors are at the top amongst the college majors of all students taking the GRE exam for postgraduate admissions!

Moreover, various areas of study in the Classical Humanities prepare students not just for teaching, but also for other important career paths. Here are some articles and notes that indicate some ways a Classics degree can be a real asset.

**Grand Valley State University's** excellent overview making cogent points in their Discussion of **Career Opportunities and Best Preparation for Law and Medical School:** Click here <https://www.gvsu.edu/classics/why-study-greek-and-latin-89.htm>. One quote says:

*"The Princeton Review raves:*

*We can't overestimate the value of a Classics major. Check this out: according to the Association of American Medical Colleges, students who major or double-major in Classics have a better success rate getting into medical school than do students who concentrate solely in biology, microbiology, and other branches of science. Crazy, huh? Furthermore, according to Harvard Magazine, Classics majors (and math majors) have the highest success rates of any majors in law school. Believe it or not: political science, economics, and pre-law majors lag fairly far behind."*

And check out this web page of GVSU: <https://www.gvsu.edu/classics/career-opportunities-88.htm>

The 2019 **Kiplinger Report** studied 102 college majors for leading to lucrative and satisfying careers. ***They ranked Classics as #16 of the "Top 25"!!*** See all their comments here: <https://www.kiplinger.com/slideshow/business/T012-S001-best-college-majors-for-a-lucrative-career-2019/index.html>

**Florida State University** lists these careers, among others, for classical languages, literatures, civilizations & archaeology:

- Teacher (Elem., Secondary, Adult Education) There is a Latin teacher shortage!
- Professor
- Foreign Correspondent
- Foreign Service Officer
- Historian
- Historical Archaeologist
- Scientific Linguist
- Story Editor
- Literary Agent
- Translator
- Museum curation and research
- Art Historian

**Cawley Career Center at Georgetown** also adds:

- Religious ministry in Biblical and theological studies
- Architect
- Embassy employee in relevant countries
- Genealogy Archivist

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*ADDITIONAL ARTICLES AND RESOURCES ABOUT BENEFITS AND CAREERS  
RELATING TO ALL WORLD LANGUAGES*

Is there value to dual majors that involve studying multiple languages? YES!  
Check these out:

<https://winterwyman.com/blog/five-reasons-why-knowing-foreign-language-will-help-your-career>

<https://www.actfl.org/assessment-professional-development/career-resources/careers-using-language-skills>

CIA posts this at <https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2018-featured-story-archive/the-language-of-espionage.html>

**“We’re investing in foreign-language excellence as a core attribute for our officers. We’re strengthening our language training to ensure that our people are more capable and better attuned to the cultures in which they operate.”**

~ CIA Director Gina Haspel

**“Deep expertise in foreign languages is fundamental to CIA’s success. Whether an officer is conducting a meeting in a foreign capital, analyzing plans of a foreign government, or translating a foreign broadcast, language capability is critical to every aspect of our mission.”** Posted cia.gov: Oct 22, 2018

And CIA also describes Language Positions available, at <https://www.cia.gov/careers/opportunities/foreign-languages>, stating that:

**“The ability to speak, translate, and interpret foreign languages, in addition to understanding cultural differences, is vital to the mission of the Central Intelligence Agency.** Because intelligence priorities can shift, and countries and languages can increase in importance rapidly, CIA must have employees with language skills to handle both current national security requirements and potential new missions. There are multiple positions available for people with superior language skills who want to contribute to our mission of protecting America.

**The CIA values all foreign language skills, even if this skill set is not your main focus.** In fact, CIA has a comprehensive Language Incentive Program that fosters the acquisition and maintenance of foreign language skills. New employees who already possess excellent language skills may be eligible for a significant hiring bonus. All employees who attain tested levels and meet the minimum proficiency requirements in a qualifying language are eligible for monetary incentives.” Post last updated: Mar 04, 2019.

### Qualifying Languages for Salary Incentives:

- Afrikaans
- Albanian
- Amharic
- Arabic
- Armenian
- Azerbaijani
- Baluchi
- Bengali
- Bosnian
- Bulgarian
- Burmese
- CambodianKhmer
- Cebuano
- Chechen
- Chinese
- Croatian
- Czech
- Danish
- Dari
- Dutch
- Estonian
- Ewe
- Finnish
- Flemish
- French
- Georgian
- German
- Greek
- Gujarati
- Haitian Creole
- Hausa
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Hungarian
- Igbo (Ibo)
- Indonesian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Javanese
- Kazakh
- Kirghiz
- Kissi
- Korean
- Kurdish
- Lao
- Latvian (Lettish)
- Lingala
- Lithuanian
- Macedonian
- Malay
- Malayalam
- Marathi
- Mongolian
- Nepali
- Norwegian
- Panjabi (Punjabi)
- Pashto
- Persian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Russian
- Serbian
- Sindhi
- Slovak
- Slovenian
- Somali
- Spanish
- Swahili (Kiswahili)
- Swedish
- Tagalog
- Tajik
- Tamil
- Tausug
- Telugu
- Thai
- Tibetan
- Tigrinya
- Turkish
- Turkmen
- Uygur
- Ukrainian
- Urdu
- Uzbek
- Vietnamese
- Yoruba
- Zulu

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Classical Language majors can see that all modern Latin-based languages as well as Greek are of high value, as listed by the US government, especially Spanish/Portuguese (in Americas) and French (diplomatic/commercial language worldwide, incl. SE Asia, Africa, Caribbean, Canada). All “critical language” needs are listed below.

In addition, all government agencies in Human Services in US need bilingual agents and social workers, and there are about 350 languages spoken in US. Language expertise is in demand!

### NSEP Preferred Languages (National Security Education Program)

The list of critically strategic languages emphasized by NSEP reflects a need for more than 60 languages, and emphasizes the CIA postings, above.

Note the Latin-related languages of Romanian and Portuguese.

<https://www.nsep.gov/content/critical-languages>

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Albanian              | African Languages (all) | Akan/Twi    | Amharic   |
| Arabic (all dialects) | Armenian                | Azerbaijani | Bahasa    |
| Bambara               | Belarusian              | Bengali     | Bosnian   |
| Bulgarian             | Cambodian               | Cantonese   | Croatian  |
| Czech                 | Gan                     | Georgian    | Haitian   |
| Hausa                 | Hebrew                  | Hindi       | Hungarian |
| Japanese              | Javanese                | Kanarese    | Kazakh    |
| Khmer                 | Korean                  | Kurdish     | Kyrgyz    |
| Lingala               | Macedonian              | Malay       | Malayalam |
| Mandarin              | Moldovan                | Pashto      | Persian   |
| Polish                | Portuguese              | Punjabi     | Romanian  |
| Russian               | Serbian                 | Sinhala     | Slovak    |
| Slovenian             | Swahili                 | Tagalog     | Tajik     |
| Tamil                 | Telegu                  | Thai        | Turkmen   |
| Turkish               | Uighur                  | Ukrainian   | Urdu      |
| Uzbek                 | Vietnamese              | Wolof       | Yoruba    |
| Zulu                  |                         |             |           |