

BA, International Honours Planning Guide



We have developed this guide and planning tool to assist students in planning their path through the BA Int Hons degree. It is a good idea to review this guide and plan prior to each advising meeting. For a complete list of regulations and policies, consult the W&M Catalog and St Andrews policy documents. While this guide summarizes the key points of the degree, students are expected to also consult and become familiar with all degree requirements and policies in the W&M catalog and St Andrews Policy documents. Links to these documents are found in the Resources section.

Resources

[DegreeWorks](#) – This site allows you to track your progress through your major and degree. Note that your advisor is also listed here. Requirements that have been met will have a green checkmark. Those in progress are marked blue. Contact your advisor if you have questions about what is marked or not marked as completed.

[W&M JDP website](#) – “For Current Students” section has more detailed information about the curriculum and contact information for your advisor. Also contains information on resources available to JDP students while at W&M.

[St Andrews BA Int Hons website](#) – information about advising and resources available to BA Int Hons students while at St Andrews.

[W&M Catalog](#) and [St Andrews policy document](#) – explains all policies and regulations for the BA Int Hons degree including continuance standards, leave, and grading.

Sub-honours Years

During sub-honours years, students should focus on passing all major-required classes/modules, passing a COLL 150 (the Lower Division Writing Requirement) at W&M, and meeting (nearly) all proficiencies and breadth requirements. Note that proficiencies and breadth requirements can be met with pre-matriculation credit (AP, IB, etc). Items met with pre-matriculation credit will show as completed in DegreeWorks but note that no credit will be awarded. A single class (either pre- or post-matriculation) can meet up to two breadth requirements and/or proficiencies. For example, a COLL 150 in BIOL can meet the World of Nature breadth requirement AND satisfy the Lower Division Writing Requirement).

In the spirit of the liberal arts, students are encouraged to take classes that interest them outside of their major. These classes may also enable exploration of possible minors. Completing the introductory courses for a minor during sub-honours is often required in order to meet minor requirements. Consult the W&M catalog for a list of minors and their requirements. Note that completing a minor is difficult and requires advance planning.

In late January of the second year, students will decide where to spend the third year of the degree. To make this decision, we recommend that students consider what kind of research experience they wish to pursue during their fourth year: St Andrews dissertation or project, W&M Honors Thesis, or W&M independent study or capstone coursework (see details in the major guidelines section). Students are encouraged to speak with their major advisor, peer advisors and 3rd and 4th year students in the Programme to learn more. This is particularly important if a student wishes to complete a W&M Honors Thesis: each major has different processes, so early conversations are necessary to facilitate finding the right thesis advisor and meeting requirements in a timely manner.

Honours Years

During honours years, students should focus on

- 1) passing all major-required courses/modules;
- 2) ensuring that all proficiencies and breadth requirements will be met prior to graduation;
- 3) passing sufficient 300(0) and 400(0) classes/modules; and
- 4) completing the research requirement/capstone.

Nearly all courses/modules taken during honours should be at the 300(0) or 400(0) level. When taking a normal load of 60 credits during honours years, no more than 7.5 credits can be at 100 and 200 level. Students who are completing minors should be especially careful of the credit count requirements. Consult the BA International honours checklist or the W&M catalog for the list of the credit requirements during honours years.

Students may participate in graduation ceremonies at both institutions. In addition, students will need to apply to graduate at both institutions, regardless of whether they will attend both ceremonies or attend only one. W&M Latin Honors will be determined based upon the student's GPA calculated across *all four years*. St Andrews Degree Classification will be determined based upon the GPA of all 300(0) and 400(0) level courses taken *during honours years*. See the St Andrews policy documents for a description of how Degree Classifications are calculated.

Guidelines for the Classics Major

COLL 150

Your COLL 150 *does not need* to be in Classics. In fact, it can be advantageous to choose a COLL 150 that also meets a breadth requirement.

Sub-Honours (lower-level) Classics courses

For GREK / LATN concentration: Students must take four years of one language and AT LEAST one year of the other. If you have taken Greek or Latin, please take the placement exam before registering for classes, as this will help us place you into the correct level. If you have not, you must take LATN 101 and 102 and / or Greek 101 and 102 in your first year. In the second year, you will take the next level sequence of your primary language (LATN or GREK) and the first year of your secondary language (if you have not already done so). We strongly recommend studying the secondary language beyond the requirements if you are considering graduate school in Classics.

For the ARCH/HIST concentration: Students must take CLCV 217 and CLCV 218 in their first year at W&M, along with one of the following courses: CLCV 227 or CLCV 228. While you are not required to take either of the ancient languages, we strongly encourage you to do so, especially if you are considering graduate school in Classics.

Honours (upper-level) Classics courses

The upper-level requirements do not have to be taken in any particular order.

Certain 300-level W&M courses count as 400(0)-level for the purposes of the degree: ask your advisor. At W&M, any of the 300-level and 400-level courses can be taken in year 3 or year 4.

Not all upper-level courses in the catalog are offered every year.

Fourth Year Research Requirement

At St Andrews

All Classics majors spending Year 4 at St Andrews must do a dissertation: CL4999 (for Ancient History & Archaeology) or GK4999 or LT4999 (for Greek & Latin), either in fall or spring.

At W&M

Classics majors in either track spending Year 4 at W&M can take CLCV 400 (Research Seminar—3 credits) (different topics are offered in fall and spring, varying from year to year) *or* apply to do an Honors Thesis (CLCV 495 and 496, 6 credits total, minimum GPA of 3.65 in the major). Either option satisfies the Fourth Year Research Requirement.

Students who are interested in completing an Honors Thesis should first consult the Honors Projects in Classics [website](#).