

The Classical Orders

Architecture

The five orders, their proportions, and the text each one comes down to us through.

Column height is given in diameters of the column base.

Order	Height	Marker
Tuscan	about 7	Plain, unfluted, Roman
Doric	about 8	Triglyphs, no base (Greek)
Ionic	about 9	Volute scrolls
Corinthian	about 10	Acanthus leaves
Composite	about 10	Volutes plus acanthus

Greek architecture used three orders. Rome added Tuscan and Composite; Vignola codified all five in 1562.