

CLASSICS (THESIS) (M.A.) (45 CREDITS)

Offered by: History and Classical Studies (Faculty of Arts)

Degree: Master of Arts

Program credit weight: 45

Program Description

The M.A. in Classics (Thesis) emphasizes the writing of a major research project. This program is designed for students who are already highly proficient in ancient languages, have a strong foundation in classical studies, and can work independently. This program is designed to be completed in three terms, though many students prefer to complete it in two years.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Thesis Courses (24 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
CLAS 695	M.A. Thesis Proposal.	6
CLAS 696	M.A. Thesis Research 1.	6
CLAS 697	M.A. Thesis Research 2.	6
CLAS 698	M.A. Thesis Submission.	6

Required Courses (6 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
CLAS 500	Classics Seminar.	3
CLAS 685	Methods Seminar.	3

Complementary Courses (15 credits)

12 credits of 600-level Ancient Greek and Latin courses as follows.

3 credits of Classics (CLAS) or Classics-related courses (500-level or higher). Classics-related courses must be chosen in consultation with the student's supervisor.

3-9 credits from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
CLAS 610	Readings in Latin Literature. ¹	3
CLAS 612	Topics in Latin Literature. ¹	3

¹ These courses may be taken in more than one term under different topics.

3-9 credits from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
CLAS 620	Readings in Ancient Greek Literature. ¹	3
CLAS 622	Topics in Ancient Greek Literature. ¹	3

¹ These courses may be taken in more than one term under different topics.

Examinations

Each candidate for the MA degree must pass three exams: Ancient Greek translation, Latin translation, and classical literature. The exams will be based on a set reading list of classical texts and scholarship. The translation exams will test the student's mastery of ancient Greek and Latin; it is assumed students will require advanced proficiency in each language to pass the relevant exam. The classical literature exam will test the student's general knowledge of important authors and texts in translation and classical scholarship.

All exams will be marked pass/fail and may be taken more than once.

Exams will be taken as 0-credit courses, comparable to PhD comps exams.

Exams must be passed within two years of starting the program and within three attempts, or the student will not be allowed to continue in the program.