CLASSICS: GREEK, MA

for the degree of Master of Arts in Classics, Greek Concentration

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overview of graduate college admissions & requirements: Graduate
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The Department of the Classics offers programs of study leading to the
Master of Arts in Classics. Within the master’s degree program, students
may choose from three options: both Greek and Latin (= Classics), Greek,
or Latin. In addition, the department offers the Master of Arts in the
Teaching of Latin and the Doctor of Philosophy in Classical Philology.
A further concentration in Medieval Studies is available to students
pursuing graduate degrees in the Classics.

Graduate students in Classics at Illinois may concentrate at different
stages of their study on various aspects of the Greek and Latin
languages, literatures, and cultures; classical archaeology; ancient
philosophy; or, in conjunction with the appropriate department,
comparative literature, ancient history, or linguistics. Additional
information is available on our website www.classics.illinois.edu (http://
www.classics.illinois.edu/).

Graduate Degree Programs in Classics
Classics, MA (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/classics-
ma/)
concentrations: Greek (p. 1) | Latin (http://
catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/classics-ma/latin/) |
Medieval Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/
concentration/medieval-studies/)
Teaching of Latin, MA (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/
teaching-latin-ma/)
Classical Philology, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/
las/classical-philology-phd/)
concentration: Medieval Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/
graduate/las/concentration/medieval-studies/)

Admission
Applicants for admission to the MA in Classics (Greek and Latin) must
ordinarily present a minimum of 20 semester hours in one of the two
languages (Greek or Latin) and 15 semester hours in the other language;
candidates for admission to the MA with specialization in either Greek or
Latin, or the MAT in Latin, must ordinarily present at least 20 semester
hours in the relevant language. Previous work in ancient history, ancient
art and archaeology, philosophy, literary criticism, or linguistics is
desirable.

Applicants should apply online (www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/
apply (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/)) and submit a
personal statement of 2-3 pages, a resume or CV, transcripts showing
all undergraduate and graduate work completed, and a writing sample
of approximately 20 pages (one or two papers) that showcases the
applicant’s ability to work in the original classical languages and
incorporates relevant scholarship as appropriate. Three letters of
recommendation are also required.

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are required and should
be submitted to institution code 1836. Applicants whose native
language is not English are required to take the Test of English as a
Foreign Language (TOEFL) and must score at least 79 on the internet-
based test (iBT); they must also pass the speaking sub-section of
the iBT with a minimum score of 24 (see www.grad.illinois.edu/
Admissions/instructions/04c (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/Admissions/
instructions/04c/)). Applications are accepted for fall admission only.
Application questions may be directed to SLCL Graduate Student
Services at slclgradservices@illinois.edu.

Certifications
Students wishing to add teacher certification in Latin to an MAT, M.A. in
Latin, or Ph.D. must apply to the Foreign Language Teacher Education
Program (http://wwwfltte.illinois.edu).

In order to receive certification, students must complete an M.A. in
Classics with a concentration in Latin, an M.A. in Classics with a
concentration in Greek and Latin, or an M.A. in the Teaching of Latin.

Graduate Teaching Experience
Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement,
experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate
experience in this program, and almost all students teach. Non-
native English speakers must first pass a test of their oral English
ability (see www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm (http://
www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm)).

Faculty Research Interests
Greek and Latin literature of all periods; gender and sexuality; Latin poetry
of the imperial period; Greek historiography and ethnography; Greek and
Roman drama; reception of Classics, especially in film; animal studies;
pedagogy. For further details see www.classics.illinois.edu/people/
(http://www.classics.illinois.edu/people/)

Facilities and Resources
We have a renowned university library which boasts the second largest
number of volumes among US university libraries after Harvard. Housed
within the main library building is our first-rate Classics collection
(see wwwlibrary.illinois.edu/clx/ (http://wwwlibrary.illinois.edu/clx/))
with over 60,000 volumes on open shelves. The University of Illinois
Library’s Rare Book Room houses the Turyn Archive of Greek manuscript
photographs and the American Center of the International Photographic
Archive of Papyri. The Department of the Classics also publishes the
widely circulating peer-reviewed journal Illinois Classical Studies and its
Supplements. The Krannert Art Museum and the Spurlock Museum of
World Cultures have outstanding collections of ancient vases and other
artifacts.

Financial Aid
University fellowships are available for the academic year. Teaching
assistantships are available for both the academic year and Summer
Session II.

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For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s graduate program requirements (http://www.classics.illinois.edu/programs/graduate/) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/).

This degree program can be completed either with or without a thesis, the requirements are listed below:

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<td>Satisfactory examination in Greek</td>
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