CLASSICS: GREEK, MA

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

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://www.flte.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 (http://www.classics.illinois.edu)

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 www.library.illinois.edu/clx/ (http://www.library.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:

Code	Title	Hours
Thesis Option		
24 hours in Greek in regular courses, including GRK 411, with at least 12 hours at the 500 level		24
GRK 599	Thesis Research (min/max applied toward the degree)	8
Total Hours Thesis Option		**32**
Non-Thesis Option		
24 hours in Greek in regular courses, including GRK 411, with at least 12 hours at the 500 level		24
CLCV 550	Intro to Teaching of Classics	4
Elective		4
Total Hours Non-Thesis Option		**32**

Other Requirements

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Satisfactory examination in Greek	
Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall:	12
Minimum GPA:	2.75

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