



FACULTY OF ARTS

## CLASSICS

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Classics is the study of the Ancient Greek and Roman worlds from the perspectives of literature, history, archaeology, and art history. The Classical world and Classical languages have had an enormous influence on critical contemporary concepts as, for example, democracy, athletics, medicine, politics, and philosophy. The literature and art of ancient Greece and Rome continue to be a source of creative inspiration for writers, artists, and filmmakers across the globe. If you have a desire to understand our modern world, studying Classical civilization is an ideal way to begin; ancient Greek and Latin form the basis of over 60% of English words, so if you want to improve your ability to communicate precisely and gain access to thousands of years of literature, Classical Languages is a perfect way to start.

In the Classics program, you may choose to concentrate on classical civilization or study the classical languages. Classics is also an ideal supplement to other programs of study. Since they offer an interdisciplinary approach to the study of an interesting and influential culture, courses in this program provide an exceptional background not only for study at the graduate level in many areas besides Classics, but also for many careers requiring concise communication and critical thinking skills.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year, 4-year, or Honours, specializing in either Classical Civilization or Classical Languages)** with a Major in Classics. Students taking an undergraduate degree in another Major may choose to add a **Minor** in Classics as a secondary area of interest.

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### SAMPLE CAREERS

Graduates of Classics find rewarding careers in museums, tourism, publishing, government, or business. Others are employed in the civil service or teaching at the high school level. Many courses in Classics provide excellent background for professions such as advertising, marketing, medicine, law, project management, theology, and in various levels and areas of education, ranging from ancient history, philosophy, through to social history. Classics majors have even gone on to be physicists and intelligence officers, or have founded technology companies. Learn more about what some of our alumni are up to by visiting the [Classics Alumni webpage](#).

### SAMPLE COURSES

**Greek Society and Roman Society** are first-year courses. They examine the social structure of ancient Greece and Rome and the standards and values implicit in their various institutions.

**Sport in the ancient Greek world and Sport in the ancient Roman world** are second-year courses that chart the development and influence of sport and entertainment in both the ancient and modern worlds.

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**The Roman Army**, a second year course, traces the history of the Roman Army from its origins in the 8th century BC to the fall of the Western Roman Empire in 476 AD. The course covers the military organization, tactics, and the role of the army in Roman society and politics. **3 credits**

**Classical Mythology**, a second-year course, acquaints students with the myths found in Greek and Roman societies; the origins, interpretations, and variations of traditional myths are examined and investigated. **3 credits**

### **MORE SAMPLE COURSES**