Application FAQs

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INTERMEDIATE STAGE

- Complete your course requirements for your degree, and begin to research and write your research essay, report or thesis.
- Start regular meetings with your supervisor to ensure your research essay, report or thesis is on track.
- Participate in the CLAS 802 Prolimerich which includes a presentation at the annual Classics Symposium.
- Attend or present at a graduate student conference hosted by another educational institution.
- Consider participating in the 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) competition.
- Expand your research audience through social media such as Twitter or a blog.
- Practice articulating the skills you have been developing in settings outside the university, such as casual conversation, networking, and interviews.
- Get help from a Career Services workshop.
- Consider applying to one of the Classics Dept. faculty-directed digs as a volunteer.
- Check out opportunities for extra training through CTL, Expanding Horizons, MITACS, or other sources to boost your skills.
- Investigate internships from MITACS, or other sources.

WRAPPING UP

- In consultation with your supervisor, submit your research essay, report or thesis to your reader(s). Complete the necessary steps to degree completion.
- Attend a major conference in your field, such as those sponsored by the annual Classical Association of Canada or the Ontario Classical Association.
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WHAT WILL I LEARN?

A graduate degree in Classics can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:

- Knowledge and technical skills
- Effective communication skills in multiple forms for diverse audiences
- Information management: prioritize, organize and synthesize large amounts of information
- Time management: Meet deadlines and manage responsibilities despite competing demands
- Project management: develop, gather information, analyze, critically appraise findings, draw and act on conclusions
- Creativity and innovation
- Persistence
- Independence and experience as a collaborative worker
- Awareness of an understanding of sound ethical practices, social responsibility, responsible research and cultural sensitivity
- Professionalism in all aspects of work, research, and interactions
- Leadership: initiative and vision leading people and discussion

WHERE CAN I GO?

A Master's degree in Classics can take your career in many directions. Many of our MA students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a PhD. Our Master’s students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Academia
- Archaeological excavation
- Art Galleries
- Business
- Government
- Law
- Libraries
- Medicine
- Museums
- Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.