Succeed in the workplace

What employers want

The Canadian Council of Chief Executives list the top 6 skills sought by employers as:

1. People skills
2. Communication skills
3. Problem-solving skills
4. Analytical abilities
5. Leadership skills
6. Industry-specific knowledge

Take the time to think about the unique skills you have developed at Queen’s, starting with the skills list here for ideas. Explaining your strengths with compelling examples will be important for applications to employers and further education. For help, check out the Career Services workshop.

What can I learn studying CLASSICS?

- Knowledge of Greek and Roman civilizations, including their history, archaeology, science and literature
- Language skills to interpret and translate texts from Latin and Ancient Greek
- Knowledge of evacuation methods and hands-on experience with archaeological digs
- Oral and written communication through a variety of writing assignments and seminar presentations
- Research skills to synthesize large amounts of information and identify relevant data
- Problem solving to analyze historical problems using primary and secondary sources
- Critical thinking to address assumptions and critique historical arguments
- Logical reasoning to make judgments based on historical evidence
- How to work independently as well as a team and resource and time management

Get to know CLASSICS

It can be said that studying Classics can lead to a wider appreciation of human values and achievements, and a more objective understanding of ourselves and our times.

Classics refers to the study of the Greek and Roman worlds. Multi-disciplinary in approach, it involves the studies of history, literature, archaeology, religion, mythology, drama and philosophy, in addition to the ancient languages of Greek and Latin. Today our understanding of Greek and Roman culture is further enhanced by the latest digital techniques that increasingly pervade studies in archaeology, epigraphy, papyrology, and ancient science and medicine. At Queen’s, students have the opportunity to get hands-on experience in the latest techniques by participating in archaeological excavations and projects overseen supervised by our own faculty, or through a variety of on-campus projects and assignments such as working with the Dinaicopoulos collection of artifacts at Queen’s. The chance to share in the tradition of over 170 continuous years of instruction in Greek and Latin at Queen’s creates an excellent opportunity for students to deepen their love and knowledge of the ancient world in a small class setting, supported by our knowledgeable and congenial faculty and staff.

Degree OPTIONS

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Major / Width in Classical Studies / Specialization in Classics
Bachelor of Arts (General) Internship option available

Queen's ADMISSION

Students apply to Queen’s Arts (QA) through the OUAC (Ontario Universities Application Centre) website (ouac.on.ca). Secondary School prerequisites include six 4U and 4M courses, including a minimum of three 4U courses, one of which must be ENG4U. Applicants outside of Ontario may have additional requirements.

Course HIGHLIGHTS

With courses like Doctor, Bloodletter, Surgeon: the Beginnings of Western Medicine; Archaeology Fieldwork Practicum; and Digital Photogrammetry our students expand their thinking beyond the traditional. Our most popular courses include Intro to Greek and Roman Civilization, Ancient Humour, Roman History, and Ancient Science – top those off with one of our ancient language courses such as Latin (a foundation for medicine) or Greek. And who wouldn’t want to finish their studies off spending a summer at our Castle in England taking part in an archaeological dig and getting academic credit for it?

That is a degree from Queen’s.
GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

**1ST YEAR**

- In first year take CLST 102, 103. For Plan requirements, see the Classics website. LATIN 110* and GREK 112* are recommended for students pursuing a major or medial. Take CLST 129* if interested in archaeology.

**2ND YEAR**

- In second year take CLST 200, 201, and take an additional 6.0 units at the 200-level. LATIN 110* and GREK 112* are recommended for students pursuing a major or medial. CLST 129* is required for those interested in Archaeology.

**3RD YEAR**

- To complete core requirements A and B (see CLST Major Plan requirements) by the end of Year 3. Review Option course requirements to stay on track. Need help mapping all of your core, option, supporting and elective courses (including those not listed above) to make sure you will have what you need to complete your degree? Use the Course Mapping Tool on the Arts and Science website.

**4TH OR FINAL YEAR**

- In fourth year take 6.0 units at the 400-level. Review your Plan to make sure all course requirements are met.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations.

- Attend Classics Department Faculty and Visiting Faculty Presentations and Workshops.

- Connect with Classics professors at social events (Tea with Profs, etc.) hosted by the Classics DSC.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

- The Queen’s University International Centre is your first stop to learn how to internationalize your degree or to leverage your existing cross-cultural experience. Speak to a QUIC advisor or get involved in their programs, events and training opportunities.

- Certain Classics courses are eligible for the International Studies Certificate.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help thinking about career options from Career Services.

- Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Career Advising and Resource Area, such as Opportunities in Museum Careers. For more information check out Career Cruising or find and connect with alumni on LinkedIn.

- Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about grad school from Career Services.

- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills. Check QUIC’s resources for ideas to go abroad, and volunteer or attend one of their events.

- Consider applying to Classics department directed archaeological digs.

- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations. International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor. Consider volunteering at one of our archaeological digs.

- Consider joining professional associations like the Classical Association of Canada (CAC) and the Canadian Museums Association (CMA). Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Classics. Participate in conferences such as the Inquiry at Queen’s Undergraduate Conference.

- Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. Assess what experience you’re lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services Skills workshop for help.

- Apply to be a Classics Undergraduate Teaching Assistant.

- Consider applying for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF).

- Learn about options for a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year. Check out more potential fieldwork opportunities like the Archaeology Summer Field School at our Castle.

- Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, grad school applications, or other decisions. Apply in the fall for SSHRC and OGS scholarships if applying to grad school in Ontario.