

Classics and Archaeology MA Map

Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies

Why Graduate Studies in Classics and Archaeology?

Studying Classics and Archaeology leads to a wider appreciation of human values and achievements, and a more objective understanding of ourselves and our times. Multi-disciplinary in approach, Classics and Archaeology 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, ancient science, and medicine.

Why Queen's?

The Queen's MA program stands out for its broad and interdisciplinary nature. Because our graduate program is relatively small, we are able to provide our students with individual attention and support.

Our faculty members have expertise in Greek and Roman archaeology, history, ancient science, language, and literature, so your research opportunities are vast and varied. You will also have opportunities to get hands-on, global archaeological field experience by taking part in faculty-supervised digs around the Mediterranean world.

Fields of Study

The MA program offers two fields of study for students with different backgrounds and goals. One field gives our students the competences and skills for a PhD and an academic career. The other is unique for its less traditional approach focusing on field archaeology, cultural heritage management, and other non-academic career paths.



- Classics and Archaeology (Greek and Latin required)
- Classical Studies and Archaeology (no Greek or Latin requirements)

We encourage you to identify an area of research interest and contact a potential supervisor before applying. Visit the [Classics and Archaeology Department website](#) to read faculty profiles and learn more about faculty members' research areas. When you find a faculty member with similar research interests to yours, contact them and tell them about your interest in graduate work and related experience. This is also an opportunity for you to find out if the faculty member is accepting new graduate students to supervise.

- **Pattern II (Major research paper or Project):** CLAS 800, CLAS 802, plus 6 half courses, and major research essay or project.

For both patterns there is also a research language requirement to be completed before finishing the program. Students in the Classics and Archaeology field shall demonstrate the ability to read and comprehend one of the languages of modern scholarship beyond English (e.g. by completing a year-long introductory course). Students in the Classical Studies and Archaeology field shall demonstrate either the ability to read and comprehend one of the languages of modern scholarship beyond English or an ancient language (e.g. by completing two years of introductory Greek or Latin).

Program Structure

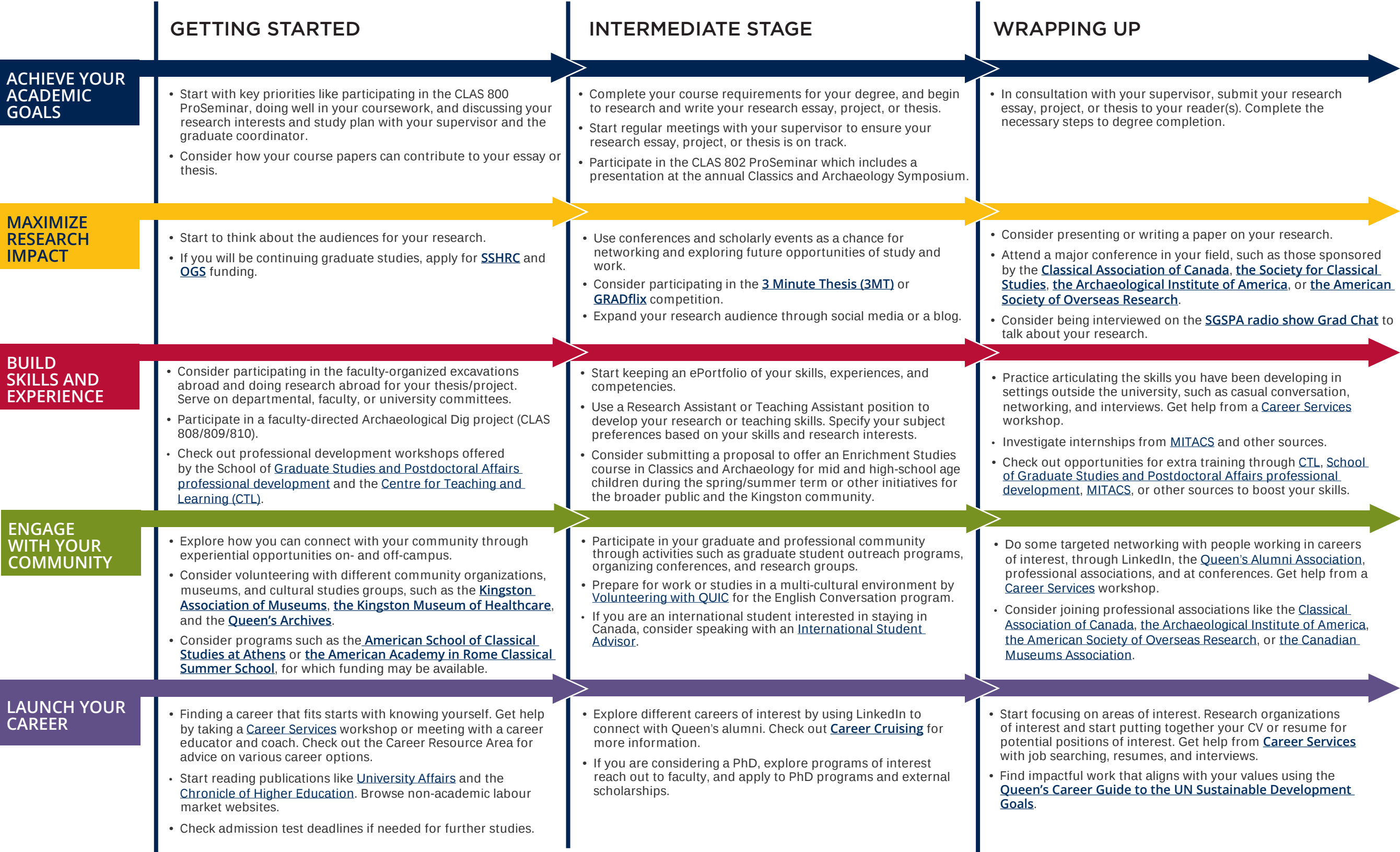
The 2-year Classics and Archaeology MA program is offered in 2 patterns:

- **Pattern I (Thesis):** CLAS 800 and CLAS 802, plus 4 half courses, Thesis and Defence.



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MASTER OF ARTS (MA)



Knowledge & Workplace Skills

A graduate degree in Classics and Archaeology 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 ideas, gather information, analyze, critically appraise findings, draw and act on conclusions
- Creativity and innovation**
- Perseverance**
- Independence and experience** as a collaborative worker
- Awareness**, 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

Career Possibilities

A Master's degree in Classics and Archaeology 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
- Art Galleries
- Business
- Education
- Field Archaeology
- Government
- Law
- Libraries
- Medicine
- Museums
- Publishing

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. To make your own custom map, use the My Grad Map tool: careers.queensu.ca/gradmaps.

Graduate Studies FAQs

How do I make the most of my time at Queen's?

Use the Grad Map to plan for success in five overlapping areas of your career and academic life. Everyone's journey is different - the ideas on the maps are just suggestions to help you explore possibilities. For more support with your professional development, take advantage of the SGSPA professional development framework and the new Professional Development Plan (PDP) process to set customized goals to help you get career ready when you graduate.

Where can I get help?

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Check out the [SGSPA website](#) for available resources.

What is the community like?

Queen's offers graduate students from every discipline a close-knit intellectual community where they can learn, discover, and build lasting connections. With more than 130 graduate programs across 50+ departments and research centres, students benefit from world-class scholars, prize-winning professional development, generous funding packages, and life in the historic waterfront city of Kingston. The campus sits at the heart of Kingston, just a 10-minute walk from downtown's shops, restaurants, and waterfront, and is deeply integrated with the local community. For more on Kingston's history and culture, see Queen's University's Discover Kingston page.

Application FAQs

What do I need to know to Apply?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- 4-year bachelor degree in Classics and Archaeology or other relevant fields.
- **Grade requirements:** minimum first class or high second class standing (B+/A- average).

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A good knowledge of ancient Greek and Latin is required for the Classics and Archaeology field. There are no language requirements for admission to the Classical Studies and Archaeology field.
- A 5-10 page writing sample to be emailed to the Classics and Archaeology Graduate Program as a PDF.
- In the application you will be required to provide contact information for two referees. Referees will not be contacted until your application is submitted.
- If English is not a first language, nor was the language of instruction in undergraduate studies, prospective students must meet English language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening as part of the application process, and before final acceptance is granted, as per School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs' regulations.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- **Application due:** February 15th to qualify for September admissions. Late submissions will be considered when possible.
- **Notification of acceptance:** Mid to late March.

Before you start your application, please review the Graduate studies application process.

What about Funding?

Students enrolled in the Classics and Archaeology MA program currently receive a funding package of at least \$14,000 for each of the two years of study. Additional funding is available based on academic excellence. Your individual funding package will be described in the letter of offer.

Apply for external funding from OGS, SSHRC, and other sources. For more information on awards and scholarships, consult the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs' website.

