Are you interested in battles, myths, astrology, riddles and magic, languages and literature, graphic novels, avatars and cosplay, building models and theatre sets, digging in the dirt, or exploring underwater? If you answered yes to any of these, then Classics at Queen’s is a good fit for you! Classics is the study of ancient Greek and Roman civilizations over the past 3,000 years. As a student, you can examine all aspects of these civilizations: ancient Greek and Latin languages, history, religion, warfare, myth, science, philosophy, literature, art, and archaeology.

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9% of alumni work in Law
9% of alumni work in Government
36% of alumni work in Education

2021-22 major thresholds

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1ST YEAR

In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Classical Studies along with some electives.

Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

2ND YEAR

Start going deeper into the discipline of Classical Studies, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as International Studies. Attend Degree + in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.

Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

3RD YEAR

A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Classical Studies. Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

JOIN TEAMs OR CLuBS ON CaMPUS, SUCH AS THE Classics Departmental Student Council (DSC).

Volunteer at the Queen's Archives.

See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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 CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Speak to a QUIc advisor or get involved in their programs, events and training opportunities.

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

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

Build your transferable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps for the online version with links!
What will I learn?
A degree in Classical Studies can equip you with:

- Knowledge of the Romans, the ancient Greeks and the peoples they interacted with, including their history, archaeology, science and literature
- Language skills to interpret and translate texts from Latin and Ancient Greek and the understanding of scientific and not scientific words with Greek and Latin roots, commonly used in English
- Knowledge of excavation 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
- Using primary and secondary sources to analyze and solve historical problems
- Critical thinking to address assumptions and critique historical arguments
- Logical reasoning to make judgments based on historical evidence
- How to work both independently and as part of a team
- How to manage both resources and time

Where can I go?
A degree in Classical Studies can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master’s. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Law School
- Classical research and teaching
- History
- Journalism
- Library information sciences
- Museum work
- Publishing and Editing
- Religion and theology
- Theatre performance

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

* This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone’s abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Major Map using our online My Major Map tool.
Why study in Kingston?

For 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen's – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.