Classical Studies

MAJOR MAP

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. The map just offers suggestions – you don’t have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool. Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need
Queen’s provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen’s, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do. Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally.

Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

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.

Why study Classics?
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.

We take a multidisciplinary approach, involving the study of Greek and Latin languages, as well as history, literature, archaeology, religion, mythology, philosophy, drama, and science.

Students have the opportunity to get hands-on experience by participating in our department's archaeological excavations abroad. During the summer, the Bader International Study Centre offers a Field School in British Archaeology. This intensive five-week program combines two courses on Roman Medieval Britain with the practical learning experience of excavation.

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For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

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

GET THINKING

GLOBALLY

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 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 RELEVANT

EXPERIENCE

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.

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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 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.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor or certificate(s).

What will I learn?

A degree in Classical Studies can equip you with:

• 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 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:

• Anthroopology
• Archaeology
• Law School
• Classics, research and teaching
• History
• Journalism
• Library information sciences
• Museum work
• Publishing and Editing
• Religion and theology
• Theatre performance

Tackling the course requirements, building expertise and network can help you with a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

Consider a 1-2-16 month QUIC internship

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.
Consider volunteering at one of our archaeological digs.
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 DOSG scholarships if applying to grad school in Ontario.

Internships

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 Queens Undergraduate Conference.

In fourth-year seminar courses you will gain greater experience in research, public speaking and debate.
Investigate opportunities 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.

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Get involved with the Classics Departmental Student Council (DSC).
Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as the Queen's Archives.

Do some targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen's Connects or Classics on Facebook. Check out Career Services networking workshops.
Keep attending faculty presentations and Department social events.

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 the Department, the School of Graduate Studies, and Department social events.

Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.
Check out more potential fieldwork opportunities like the Caree Project in Italy or the Balkan Heritage Project in Macedonia.

Research skills to synthesize large amounts of information and identify relevant data.

Interests:

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