Why GRADUATE STUDIES in CLASSICS?

Studying Classics 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 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.

Why QUEEN’S?

Classics has been an important part of the Queen’s community since 1842. Because our graduate program is 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.

Program STRUCTURE

The 2-year Classics M.A. program is offered in 2 patterns:

- **Pattern I (Thesis):** CLAS 800 and CLAS 802, plus 4 half courses, Thesis and Defence.
- **Pattern II (Major research paper or Project):** CLAS 800, CLAS 802, plus 6 half courses, and major research essay or project.

FIELDS of Study

- Greek and Roman Literature, History 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 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 him/her 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.

“I cannot describe how invaluable my education at Queen’s has been as I prepare the next generation of classicists (and Classics aficionados). I confidently work with and teach a wide variety of Latin and Greek texts, and incorporate archaeology alongside the textual evidence whenever possible. I am deeply grateful for the amazing education I received at Queen’s.”

– Chris Carswell, MA
This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone’s abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Grad Map using our online My Grad Map tool.

Visit careers.queensu.ca/gradmaps for the online version with links!
Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
- 4-year bachelor degree in Classics 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 Greek and Roman Literature, History and Archaeology field. There are no language requirements for the Classical Studies and Archaeology field.
- If English is not a native language, prospective students must meet the English Language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening.

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

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

What about FUNDING?

Students enrolled in the Classics MA program receive funding of approximately $13,000 per year. The basic funding package consists of graduate awards and teaching assistantships, and there are also competitions for additional funding based on academic excellence.

Apply for external funding from OGS, SSHRC and other sources. Queen’s will automatically issue a $5,000 top-up to Masters winners of federal government tri-council awards. For more information, see the School of Graduate Studies’ information on awards and scholarships.

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 SGS HABITAT for available resources.

What is the community like?

At Queen’s, graduate students from all disciplines learn and discover in a close-knit intellectual community. You will find friends, peers and support among the graduate students enrolled in Queen’s more than 130 graduate programs within 50+ departments & research centres. With the world’s best scholars, prize-winning professional development opportunities, excellent funding packages and life in the affordable, historic waterfront city of Kingston, Queen’s offers a wonderful environment for graduate studies. Queen’s is an integral part of the Kingston community, with the campus nestled in the core of the city, only a 10-minute walk to downtown with its shopping, dining and waterfront. For more about Kingston’s history and culture, see Queen’s University’s Discover Kingston page.