

Classics (PhD)

Classics is an interdisciplinary field embracing all areas of classical antiquity: language, history, literature, material culture, philosophy, religion, and so on. Within this broad area, the only limitation on programs of study is the availability of specialists to direct a student's work. The department offers a special concentration in classical language and literature, classical archaeology, ancient philosophy, and ancient history. The faculty also maintains close links with the Departments of Art and Art History, English, French and Italian, Middle Eastern Studies, History, and Religious Studies, and with the comparative literature program. A cooperative arrangement with the Institute of Nautical Archaeology at Texas A&M University makes courses in nautical archaeology and ancient seafaring available for University of Texas at Austin credit.

Graduate Handbook

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and [online](#). Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Admission

Admission to the doctoral program is subject to the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee.

Total hours required: 63 Requirements

All students who complete the program must complete 63 credits of coursework prior to entering candidacy, of which at least 57 are graduate-level courses in the department.

Course requirements for all students include one course in course design/university pedagogy, one archaeology course, one Greek seminar, one Latin seminar, one history seminar, two additional courses in either Greek or Latin, and one historical survey course. In addition, all students must complete a long-form writing course, normally in the second year of study, and a course dedicated to working up the dissertation prospectus, normally in the seventh semester of study. To be admitted to candidacy for the doctoral degree, all students must pass one language translation exam in either Latin or Greek, the Ancient History exam, and demonstrate competency in one other language (other than English, Latin, or Greek), either by coursework or exam.

In addition to these requirements, further requirements are defined by a student's area of study:

Students who concentrate in classical languages and literature must take at least one course with a significant focus on poetry and at least one course with a significant focus on prose. Additionally, they must pass literature exams as described in the handbook and a language translation exam in the other classical language (Latin or Greek); and show competency in a second language other than English, Latin, or Greek which is relevant to the research area, either through exam or coursework.

Students who concentrate in classical archaeology must take one seminar in archaeological method and theory, one seminar in Greek material culture, and one seminar in Roman material culture. Additionally, they must also pass a written exam in Aegean Prehistory and Greek Art and Archaeology, and a written exam in Etruscan, Roman, and Late Antique Art and Archaeology. Students must also demonstrate proficiency in a second classical language (Latin or Greek), by exam or

nine hours of coursework, at least six of which must be graduate level; in German, either by exam or coursework; show competency in a second language other than English, Latin, or Greek which is relevant to the research area, either through exam or coursework; as well as satisfy an applied methodology requirement, as described in the graduate handbook.

Students who concentrate in ancient history must take a second historical survey course, three history courses which develop specialized skills such as Epigraphy, historiography, or Akkadian, and three other history courses. At least one of the non-skills courses must be on a Roman topic and one on a Greek topic. Additionally, they must show proficiency in the second classical language (Latin or Greek), by exam or nine hours of coursework, at least six of which must be graduate level, as well as in one additional language other than English, Latin, or Greek.

Students who concentrate in ancient philosophy must take three philosophy seminars, at least one of which is on an ancient topic and at least one on a non-ancient topic. They must complete the Common translation exam in Greek. Additionally, they must show proficiency in Latin, by exam or nine hours of coursework, at least six of which must be graduate level, as well as in one additional language other than English, Latin, or Greek. They must pass the Greek and Latin literature exams and submit a Portfolio of papers, as described in the Handbook.

The handbook contains more detail, including a timetable with the recommended schedule for completion of the PhD requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
All students must also follow the requirements and policies below:		
Graduate Liberal Arts Requirements		
Graduate University Requirements		