Classics and Archaeology

Departmental Notes

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Overview

Classics refers to the study of the Greek and Roman worlds. Multi-disciplinary in approach, it 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. At Queen’s, students have the opportunity to get hands-on experience in the latest techniques by participating in one of two archaeological excavations supervised by our own faculty, or through a variety of projects and assignments.

Advice to Students

A good place to begin is the Undergraduate Degree Programs and Plans (https://www.queensu.ca/classics/undergraduate/degree-programs-plans/) section of the Classics website, which outlines the requirements for various Classics Degree Plans.

The movement through, and selection of, courses for your Classics and Archaeology degree are dependent on a prerequisite system. You can enrol in a course if the course is not full and if you have the correct prerequisite(s), which may include specific courses taken, a specific grade in previous courses, and a required Arts and Science year level.

Prerequisites for a course cannot be taken concurrently with that course.

Other Planning Considerations

Not all Classics courses are offered every year, so it is important to check the Course Offerings for the upcoming academic year.

It is best to take first-year courses early in your program. As long as you meet the prerequisites, it is possible to take upper-year courses in your second year.

Special Study Opportunities

International opportunities (excavations, language schools, and Classics-related studies) are available, some of which can be found posted on our Classics Department bulletin boards on the 5th floor of Watson Hall.

The Department currently offers archaeological excavations, abroad in Italy (CLST 408 and CLST 409) and two in the Balkans (CLST 412 and CLST 413).

For other dig and study opportunities, check out the Archaeological Fieldwork Opportunities Bulletin (AFOB) and Archaeological Projects in the Near East and Egypt.

Students wishing to enrol in an approved course offered by another university related to Classical Studies or Archaeology for credit towards their Plan should consult the Faculty of Arts and Science office for information.

International Studies Certificate

For students wishing to enhance their degree program with an international perspective, the Faculty of Arts and Science offers a Senate-approved Certificate in International Studies, the requirements for which could be met by your Classics and Archaeology degree in combination with a study-abroad experience.