Classics, Ph.D.

**Requirements**

The Doctor of Philosophy program in classics requires a minimum of 72 s.h. of graduate credit, including the courses listed below (18 s.h.). Students may count no more than 12 s.h. earned in courses numbered 3000-4999 toward the degree. Courses taken to complete the Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Classics do not count toward the degree.

Students also must take precomprehensive and comprehensive examinations and write a dissertation.

**Required Courses**

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<td>Greek Composition (or equivalent)</td>
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The remaining course work is made up of Department of Classics courses and other courses with approval of the graduate advisor.

**Ph.D. Examinations**

Ph.D. students must take precomprehensive exams in Latin sight reading and Greek sight reading and must attempt one sight reading exam by the end of their first year of graduate study. Competence in reading both German and French must be demonstrated by the end of the second year of study.

Students must take the second-year exam at the end of their second year. The remaining exams may be taken in any sequence. Students must file a request for the fourth-year comprehensive exam at least three weeks before the date of the exam.

**Sight-reading exam:**
- Latin—four hours, written
- Greek—four hours, written

**Second-year exam:**
- Literature and history—four hours, written

**Fourth-year comprehensive exam:**
- Greek and Roman history/material culture, based on reading list—three hours, written
- Latin literature, based on reading list—three hours, written
- Greek literature, based on reading list—three hours, written

If a student performs unsatisfactorily on either or both of the Latin and Greek reading list exams, the director of graduate studies sets up an oral exam in order to review questions on which the student did not exhibit sufficient knowledge.

**Oral exam:**
- Special field or author (Greek)—four hours, written
- Special field or author (Latin)—four hours, written

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**Admission**

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations of the Graduate College.

**Career Advancement**

The University of Iowa’s classics program is recognized for the excellent program it offers for graduate study in classics. A large proportion of its students pursue advanced degrees and most go on to teach at the college level.