

# Classics, MA

## Requirements

The Master of Arts program in classics requires a minimum of 30 s.h. in courses numbered 3000 or above. Students may count a maximum of 12 s.h. earned in courses numbered 3000-4999 toward the degree. They must maintain a UI cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.00 to earn the degree.

Students must pass the foundations exam and two field exams.

## MA Examinations

MA students must take the foundations exam at the end of their first year. They may take the remaining exams in any sequence during year two.

### Foundations Exam

The foundations exam draws on a set reading list of broad themes in ancient Mediterranean history, literature, and culture. The exam consists entirely of take-home and open-book essay questions, which students have four weeks to complete.

### Field Exams

Students take two field exams in either Greek literature, Latin literature, biblical studies, early Christianity, Mediterranean history, Mediterranean archaeology, or ancient world digital humanities. The scheduling of field exams occurs on an individual basis, either one or two per semester, and the exams draw on a set reading list. They consist entirely of take-home and open-book essay questions, which students have four weeks to complete.

Students pursuing the master's degree in classics who have had no Greek or Latin must include at least elementary Greek or Latin in their programs. Additionally, students must complete either Greek Composition or Advanced Latin Composition. They may satisfy this requirement by examination.

Courses taken to complete the Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Classics do not count toward the degree.