

Classics, Ph.D.

Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy program in classics requires a minimum of 73 s.h. of graduate credit, including the courses listed below (19 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 must maintain a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 3.00 to earn the degree.

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

Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
All of these:		
CLSA:5010	Proseminar in Classics	1
CLSG:4076	Greek Composition	3
CLSG:5001	Archaic Greek Literature	3
CLSG:5002	Classical and Hellenistic Literature	3
CLSL:4076	Latin Composition	3
CLSL:5001	Republican Literature	3
CLSL:5002	Imperial Literature	3

The remaining coursework 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

- 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.

Special Field or Author Exam

- Greek—four hours, written
- Latin—four hours, written

Admission

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

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.

Academic Plans

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
73 s.h. must be graduate level coursework; graduate transfer credits from an accredited institution allowed upon approval. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. ^a		
Students pursuing a Ph.D. must be proficient in reading two modern foreign languages, typically French and German. Other modern languages may be substituted with the approval of the student's faculty advisor and the department chair. ^b		
		Hours
		0
First Year		
Any Semester		
Sight-Reading Exam in Greek or Latin prose and poetry in line with the survey course offered during first year.		
		Hours
		0
Fall		
CLSG:5001	Archaic Greek Literature	3
	Departmental Seminar ^c	3
	Departmental Seminar ^c	3
		Hours
		9
Spring		
Sight-reading exam in Greek and Latin		
CLSG:4076	Greek Composition	3
CLSG:5002	Classical and Hellenistic Literature	3
CLSA:5010	Proseminar in Classics	1
	Departmental Seminar ^c	3
	Departmental Seminar ^c	3
		Hours
		13

Second Year**Any Semester**

Sight-Reading Exam in Greek or Latin prose and poetry in line with the survey course offered during second year.

Hours **0**

Fall

French or German competency requirement

CLSL:5001 Republican Literature 3

Departmental Seminar ^c 3

Departmental Seminar ^c 3

Hours **9**

Spring

CLSL:4076 Latin Composition 3

CLSL:5002 Imperial Literature 3

Departmental Seminar ^c 3

Departmental Seminar ^c 3

Hours **12**

Third Year**Fall**

French or German competency requirement

Departmental Seminar ^c 3

Departmental Seminar ^c 3

Hours **6**

Spring

Departmental Seminar ^c 3

Departmental Seminar ^c 3

Hours **6**

Fourth Year**Fall**

Departmental Seminar ^c 3

Departmental Seminar ^c 3

Hours **6**

Spring

Comprehensive Exam

Departmental Seminar ^c 3

Departmental Seminar ^c 3

Hours **6**

Fifth Year**Fall**

Prospectus Defense

CLSG:7080 Greek Thesis 3
or CLSL:7080 or Latin Thesis

Hours **3**

Spring

CLSL:7080 Latin Thesis 3
or CLSG:7080 or Greek Thesis

Final Exam ^d

Hours **3**

Total Hours **73**

c Choose from CLSG or CLSL courses numbered 6011-6014.

d Dissertation defense.

- a Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.
- b The requirements in one foreign language must be fulfilled by the beginning of the second year and in the other by the beginning of the third year.