

Classics, PhD

Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy program in classics requires a minimum of 72 s.h. of graduate credit, including the courses listed below (16–18 s.h.). Students may count no more than 12 s.h. earned in courses numbered 3000–4999 toward the degree. Students must maintain a UI cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.00 to earn the degree.

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

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

Required Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
CLSG:4076	Greek Composition	2-3
CLSG:5001	Greek Survey I: Archaic to Classical Literature	3
CLSG:5002	Greek Survey II: Hellenistic to Late Antique Literature	3
CLSL:4076	Latin Composition	2-3
CLSL:5001	Latin Survey I: Republican Literature	3
CLSL:5002	Latin Survey II: Imperial to Late Antique Literature	3

The remaining coursework is made up of Department of Classics courses and other courses with approval of the graduate advisor.

PhD Examinations

PhD students must take the foundations exam at the end of their first year. The remaining exams may be taken in any sequence during years two to four. Students must file a request for the fourth-year comprehensive exam at least three weeks before the date of the third and final field exam to be taken. Competence in reading two scholarly languages, such as French, German, or Italian, must be demonstrated by the end of the fourth year of study.

Foundations Exam

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

Translation Exams

Students take two translation exams in either Greek, Latin, Hebrew/Aramaic, Coptic, or Syriac. Translation exams are scheduled on an individual basis, either one or two per semester, and are based on a set reading list. They are four hours each and taken in the department with dictionary access.

Field Exams

Students take three field exams in either Greek literature, Latin literature, biblical studies, early Christianity, Mediterranean history, Mediterranean archaeology, or ancient world digital humanities. Field exams are scheduled on an

individual basis, either one or two per semester, and are based on a set reading list. They consist entirely of take-home and open-book essay questions, which students have two weeks to complete.