Twin Cities Campus

Classical and Near Eastern Studies M.A.

Classical and Near Eastern Religions and Cultures

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2018
- Length of program in credits: 34 to 47
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Arts

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Classical and Near Eastern Studies (CNES) is an interdisciplinary department that brings together faculty and graduate students who might in other settings be dispersed among a wide range of programs. CNES is dedicated to rigorous philological and literary training and to the conviction that the ancient Mediterranean world is best studied as a diverse but richly integrated cultural whole. The various master's and Ph.D. tracks allow students to concentrate in the area and period that most appeal to them, but students are strongly encouraged to take courses across the entire range of the department's offerings and to develop a broad, multidisciplinary approach to research and teaching. Related special facilities include the Center for Medieval Studies, the Center for Jewish Studies, and the Center for Modern Greek Studies.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.50.

For the major track in classics, students should have sufficient knowledge to begin graduate reading courses in either Greek or Latin and at least intermediate ability in the other language.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:
In addition to the online University application, applicants must complete the Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies application on the ApplyYourself site (also available for download on the department website); other supporting materials, including recommendations and a writing sample, can be uploaded directly into the University's online application. For non-native speakers of English, a copy of TOEFL results is required. Students may be admitted in any academic term, but financial assistance is normally available only to applicants admitted for fall semester.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:

- GRE

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
  - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
  - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
  - Paper Based - Total Score: 550

Key to test abbreviations(GRE, TOEFL).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

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Program Requirements

Plan A: Plan A requires 28 to 31 major credits, 6 credits outside the major, and 10 thesis credits.The final exam is written and oral.

Plan B: Plan B requires 28 to 31 major credits and 6 credits outside the major.The final exam is written and oral. A capstone project is required.
Capstone Project: A capstone project is required. Two research papers from departmental seminars (numbered 8190 or 8910), as long as the paper receives a grade of B+ or higher and makes substantive use of at least one modern scholarly language other than English.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

Language Requirement: Translation profciency exams offered 1x semester.

A minimum GPA of 3.25 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 2 semesters must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

Required Coursework
CNRC 5794 *{Inactive}*(1.0 cr)

Plan Options

Plan A Requirements
Take at least 10 master's thesis credits.
CNRC 8777 - Thesis Credits: Master's (1.0 - 18.0 cr)

-OR-

Plan B Requirements
Complete two master's-level research papers, in consultation with the adviser.

Program Sub-plans

Students are required to complete one of the following sub-plans.
Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

Classics

The Classics track provides broad training in the literature of ancient Greece and Rome in its cultural context. Work in Greek and Latin is supplemented by courses in a related field or area of interest. This track requires nearly equal emphasis on courses and seminars in Greek and in Latin.

Both the Plan A and Plan B options require a minimum of 34 course credits. The Plan A also requires 10 master's thesis credits. Language Requirements: One modern research language as appropriate (normally French, German, or Italian), and reading proficiency in both Greek and Latin as certified by departmental exam based on a set reading list. Final examinations: the final examinations are written (Greek and Latin reading proficiency) and oral (general).

Required Coursework (27 credits)
Take a minimum of 27 Greek and Latin language credits, with at least 15 credits in one language and 12 credits in the other. One 3-credit prose composition course and two 3-credit seminars (one in each language) are required, and can be applied to the 27-credit minimum with approval of the director of graduate studies. No more than two 51xx or 52xx courses can be used to meet this requirement.
Language Courses
GRK 5xxx
GRK 8xxx
LAT 5xxx
LAT 8xxx
Seminar Courses
Take at least one seminar each in Greek and Latin
GRK 8910 - Seminar (3.0 cr)
LAT 8910 - Seminar (3.0 cr)
Prose Composition Course

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Take at least one of the following courses:
GRK 5701 - Prose Composition (3.0 cr)
LAT 5701 - Latin Prose Composition (3.0 cr)

Additional Coursework (6 credits)
Take 6 additional credits, selected in consultation with the adviser.

Greek

A core of advanced work in Greek is supplemented by a related field or area of interest. Both the Plan A and Plan B options require a minimum of 37 course credits. The Plan A also requires 10 master's thesis credits. Language Requirements: One modern research language as appropriate, preferably French, German, or Italian, and reading proficiency in Greek as demonstrated by a departmental examination based on a set reading list. Final examinations: the final examinations are written (Greek reading proficiency) and oral (general).

Required Language Coursework (24 credits)
Take a minimum of 24 Greek language credits. One 3-credit prose composition course and two 3-credit seminars are required, and can be applied to the 24-credit minimum with approval of the director of graduate studies. No more than two 51xx or 52xx courses can be used to meet this requirement.

Language Courses
Take at least 15 credits of Greek.
GRK 5xxx
GRK 8xxx

Seminar Courses
Take two seminars for a total of 6 credits. At least one seminar must be GRK 8910.
GRK 8910 - Seminar (3.0 cr)
CNRC 8190 - Seminar: Issues in Ancient Art and Archaeology (3.0 cr)

Prose Composition Course
Take the following course for 3 credits:
GRK 5701 - Prose Composition (3.0 cr)

Electives
Select elective credits as needed, in consultation with the adviser, to complete the 31-credit minimum for the major.

Additional Coursework (6 credits)
Take 6 additional credits, selected in consultation with the adviser.

Latin

A core of advanced work in Latin is supplemented by a related field or area of interest. Both the Plan A and Plan B options require a minimum of 37 course credits. The Plan A also requires 10 master's thesis credits. Language Requirements: One modern research language as appropriate, preferably French, German, or Italian, and reading proficiency in Latin as demonstrated by a departmental examination based on a set reading list. Final examinations: the final examinations are written (Latin reading proficiency) and oral (general).

Required Language Coursework (24 credits)
Take a minimum of 24 Latin language credits. One 3-credit prose composition course and two 3-credit seminars are required, and can be applied to the 24-credit minimum with approval of the director of graduate studies. No more than two 51xx or 52xx courses can be used to meet this requirement.

Language Courses
Take at least 15 credits of Latin.
LAT 5xxx
LAT 8xxx

Seminar Courses
Take two seminars for a total of 6 credits. At least one seminar must be LAT 8910.
LAT 8910 - Seminar (3.0 cr)
CNRC 8190 - Seminar: Issues in Ancient Art and Archaeology (3.0 cr)

Prose Composition Course
Take the following course for 3 credits:
LAT 5701 - Latin Prose Composition (3.0 cr)

Electives
Select elective credits as needed, in consultation with the adviser, to complete the 31-credit minimum for the major.

Additional Coursework (6 credits)
Take at least 6 additional credits, selected in consultation with the adviser.

Religions in Antiquity

The religions in antiquity track is comparative in both method and content. Although students may focus on a particular religious tradition, they will nonetheless study several ancient religions. Both the Plan A and Plan B require a minimum of 37 course credits. The Plan A also requires 10 master's thesis credits. Language Requirements: Proficiency in one modern language (usually German) and master's-level proficiency in classical Hebrew, Greek, or Latin as demonstrated by a departmental examination based on a set reading list. Final examinations: the final examinations are written (ancient language reading proficiency) and oral (general).

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Required Core (6 credits)

Take the following courses for a total of 6 credits:

RELS 5001 - Theory and Method in the Study of Religion: Critical Approaches to the Study of Religion (3.0 cr)

RELS 8190 - Comparative Seminar in Religions in Antiquity (3.0 cr)

Ancient Art and Archaeology Requirement (3 credits)

Take at least 3 credits from the following:

ANTH 8004 - Foundations of Anthropological Archaeology (3.0 cr)

ANTH 8112 - Reconstructing Hominin Behavior (3.0 cr)

ANTH 8230 - Anthropological Research Design (3.0 cr)

ANTH 8244 - Interpreting Ancient Bone (3.0 cr)

ANTH 8510 - Topics in Archaeology (3.0 cr)

ANTH 5027W - Archaeology of Prehistoric Europe [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)

ANTH 5221 - Anthropology of Material Culture (3.0 cr)

ANTH 5269 - Analysis of Stone Tool Technology (4.0 cr)

ANTH 5401 - The Human Fossil Record (3.0 cr)

ANTH 5402 - Zooarchaeology Laboratory (3.0 cr)

ANTH 5980 - Topics in Anthropology (3.0 cr)

ANTH 5448 - Applied Heritage Management (3.0 cr)

ARTH 5xxx

ARTH 8xxx

Distribution Requirement (21 credits)

Take a minimum of 21 credits, with at least one 3-credit course from three of the four following areas, and with the approval of the director of graduate studies. At least four of the courses must involve substantial primary readings in an ancient language (usually Greek, Hebrew, or Latin).

Hebrew Bible or Ancient Near East

CNES 5513W *{Inactive}*[WI] (3.0 cr)

RELS 5513W *{Inactive}*[WI] (3.0 cr)

JWST 5513W *{Inactive}*[WI] (3.0 cr)

CNRC 8513 - Scripture and Interpretation (3.0 cr)

Greek and Roman Religions

CNRC 5071 - Greek and Hellenistic Religions (3.0 cr)

RELS 5071 - Greek and Hellenistic Religions (3.0 cr)

Ancient Judaism

CNRC 5204 - The Dead Sea Scrolls (3.0 cr)

RELS 5204 - The Dead Sea Scrolls (3.0 cr)

RELS 5504 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

HEBR 5300 - Post-Biblical Hebrew: Second Temple Period (3.0 cr)

New Testament and Early Christianity

RELS 5072 - The Birth of Christianity [AH] (3.0 cr)

CNRC 5072 - The Birth of Christianity [AH] (3.0 cr)

CNES 5188 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

RELS 5252 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

GRK 5200 - Advanced Readings in Greek Prose (3.0 cr)

GRK 8400 - Readings in Patristic Greek (3.0 cr)

Additional Coursework (6 credits)

Take at least 6 additional credits, selected in consultation with the adviser.

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