



Twin Cities Campus

Classical and Near Eastern Studies M.A.

Classical and Near Eastern Religions and Cultures

College of Liberal Arts

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2019
- Length of program in credits: 30 to 40
- 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 master's-level 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, the Center for Modern Greek Studies and the Program in Religious 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 Classics track, 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. 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.



Program Requirements

Plan A: Plan A requires 24 major credits, 6 credits outside the major, and 10 thesis credits. The final exam is written and oral.

Plan B: Plan B requires 24 major credits and 6 credits outside the major. The final exam is written and oral. A capstone project is required.

Capstone Project: The Plan B capstone comprises two research papers from departmental seminars, graded B+ or higher, that make 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 proficiency 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.

Outside Coursework (6 credits)

Select at least 6 credits in consultation with the advisor.

Plan Options

Plan A Requirements

Take at least 10 master's thesis credits.

[CNRC 8777](#) - Thesis Credits: Master's (1.0 - 18.0 cr)

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.

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 (24 credits)

Language Courses (15 credits)

Select at least 15 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor. No more than 6 credits of 51xx and/or 52xx courses can be used to meet this requirement.

GRK 5xxx

GRK 8xxx

LAT 5xxx

LAT 8xxx

Seminar Courses (6 credits)

Select at least one Greek seminar and at least one Latin seminar in consultation with the advisor.

[GRK 8910](#) - Seminar (3.0 cr)

[LAT 8910](#) - Seminar (3.0 cr)

Prose Composition Course (3 credits)

Select at least one of the following in consultation with the advisor:

[GRK 5701](#) - Prose Composition (3.0 cr)

[LAT 5701](#) - Latin Prose Composition (3.0 cr)

Greek

The Greek track provides a core of advanced work in Greek supplemented by a related field or area of interest.

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 Coursework (24 credits)

Language Courses (15 credits)

Select at least 15 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor. No more than 6 credits of 51xx and/or 52xx credits can be applied to this requirement.

GRK 5xxx

GRK 8xxx

Seminar Courses (6 credits)

Select two seminars, at least one of which must be GRK 8910, in consultation with the advisor.

[GRK 8910](#) - Seminar (3.0 cr)

[CNRC 8190](#) - Seminar: Issues in Ancient Art and Archaeology (3.0 cr)

Prose Composition Course (3 credits)

Take the following course:

[GRK 5701](#) - Prose Composition (3.0 cr)

Latin

The Latin track provides a core of advanced work in Latin supplemented by a related field or area of interest.

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 Coursework (24 credits)

Language Courses (15 credits)

Select at least 15 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor. No more than 6 credits of 51xx and/or 52xx credits can be applied to this requirement.

LAT 5xxx

LAT 8xxx

Seminar Courses (6 credits)

Select two seminars, at least one of which must be LAT 8910, in consultation with the advisor.

[LAT 8910](#) - Seminar (3.0 cr)

[CNRC 8190](#) - Seminar: Issues in Ancient Art and Archaeology (3.0 cr)

Prose Composition Course (3 credits)

Take the following course:

[LAT 5701](#) - Latin Prose Composition (3.0 cr)

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.

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).

Required Course (3 credits)

Take the following course. An alternative course may be applied to this requirement with director of graduate studies approval.

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

Distribution Requirement (21 credits)

Select at least one course from three of the following four areas for a total of 12 credits, and the remaining 9 credits of the distribution requirement with approval by the director of graduate studies. At least one 8-level course is required. At least 12 of the 21 credits must involve substantial primary readings in an ancient language.

Hebrew Bible or Ancient Near East

[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)

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

[RELS 5204](#) - The Dead Sea Scrolls (3.0 cr)



RELS 5504 (*Inactive*)(3.0 cr)

New Testament and Early Christianity

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

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

[GRK 8400](#) - Readings in Patristic Greek (3.0 cr)

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