

CLASSICAL SUBJECTS AT UNIVERSITY



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What is meant by a degree in 'Classics'

A surprisingly large range of subjects individually or in combination:

- Classical languages (primarily Latin and Greek, plus many others)
- Linguistics & Philology
- Literature (in original or translation)
- History of any/all ancient cultures
- Philosophy
- Art & Architecture
- Archaeology

Options increase as you move through a course and increasingly specialise.



Can you combine a Classics degree?

With a surprisingly large range of other subjects:

- Most modern languages (incl Arabic & Chinese)
- Modern history
- Ancient History
- Archaeology
- English
- Oriental/Near Eastern Studies
- Computing
- Psychology
- Politics
- Divinity
- Philosophy
- Maths
- Music
- Egyptology
- Comparative Lit.
- Combined Honours (at several universities, e.g. Exeter)



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>500 COURSES

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Where in the UK?
> 50 universities

Where to study Classics abroad

Plenty of the UK courses now include optional periods of study abroad (e.g. Warwick, UCL)

- Ireland: (e.g. TCD)
- Italy: Rome (e.g. Sapienza)
- Netherlands: Leiden
- Canada: Vancouver
- USA: (e.g. Brown, Columbia)

Please discuss international courses with Mr Sinclair.

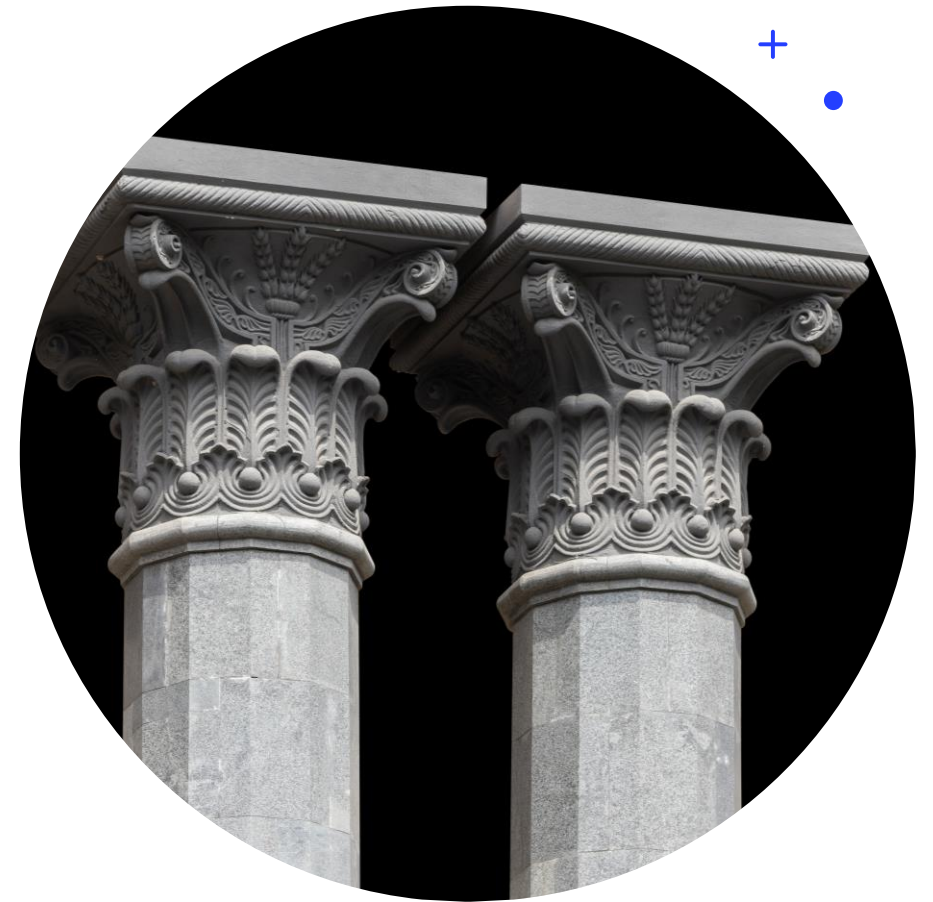


Entry Requirements

Varies enormously depending on course and campus:

- Cambridge: A*A(*)A (40-42)
- Oxford: AAA +CAT (39)
- Durham: AAA (37)
- St Andrews AAA (36)
- Exeter AAB (34-36)
- UCL AAB (36)
- King's ABB (35)
- Warwick: AAB (34)
- Royal Holloway: A/BBB (32)
- N'castle ABB (32)
- Swansea: BBB (32) (+ foundation year: CDD)
- Birkbeck (London): CCC

Avoid those courses reserved for maintained sector: you won't get in!



How best to prep

- Start reading now:
- the cornerstone texts either in original or translation
- Read some more:
- the scholarship on those texts and be prepared to cite
- Read even more:
- outline socio-political and cultural histories of those time periods
- Listen to podcasts
- Visit local, national, international site & museums
- Become an expert on one or two aspects that GENUINELY interest you
- Never invent (they are the experts at spotting BS...)



What you can do with a Classics degree

A surprisingly wide range of career areas: (see Dr Ord)

- Accountancy
- Arts & Culture
- Banking (Investment)
- Business, HR, Finance
- Civil Service (fast track)
- Computing
- Education
- Heritage
- Journalism
- Law (barrister & solicitor)
- Marketing & Communications



Careers-related, transferable skills from studying Classics

(Do also consult Dr Ord)

- 1 INTELLECTUAL SKILLS
- 2 COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- 3 ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS
- 4 INTERPERSONAL SKILLS
- 5 RESEARCH SKILLS
- 6 MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS
- 7 COMPUTER LITERACY
- 8 NUMERACY SKILLS

([LINKS TO A CAMBRIDGE STUDY](#))

