

# CLASSICAL SUBJECTS AT UNIVERSITY





# TOPICS

- What is meant by 'Classics' at university
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  - Some career-related skills developed
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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
- Interdisciplinary studies

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)



# 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, Marketing
- Civil Service (fast track)
- Computing
- Education (all levels)
- 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](#)

(THESE ARE CLICKABLE LINKS TO RESEARCH ON  
TRANSFERABLE SKILLS, UNDERTAKEN AT THE  
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE)





# UCAS: 514 COURSES AT 50 UNIVERSITIES



WHEN YOU ENTER 'CLASSICS' INTO THE UCAS SEARCH BOX  
THIS YEAR!

*Learn how to navigate your way around Unifrog & UCAS websites*

# 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, Royal Holloway).

Or you can enrol in an international university:

- Europe:
  - Ireland: e.g. TCD
  - Italy: e.g. Rome Sapienza among many
  - Netherlands: e.g. Leiden
- North America
  - Canada: e.g. Vancouver
  - USA: e.g. Brown, Columbia among many
- Rest of world
  - New Zealand
  - South Africa

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)
- Newcastle ABB (32)
- Swansea: BBB (32) (+ foundation year: CDD)
- Birkbeck (London): CCC

*Avoid those courses reserved for maintained sector – ask your teachers!*



# 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 it...)

