CLASSICAL SUBJECTS AT UNIVERSITY





TOPICS

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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

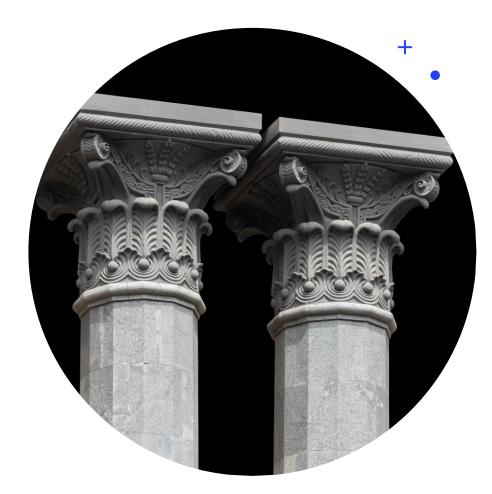
Options increase as you move through a course and increasingly specialise.



Can you combine a Classics degree?

With a surprisingly large range of other subjects:

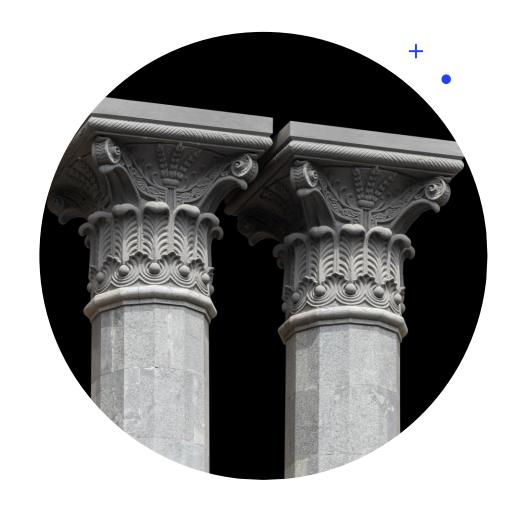
- Most modern languages (incl Arabic & Chinese)
- Modern history
- Ancient History
- Archaeology
- English
- Oriental/Near Eastern Studies
- Computing
- Psychology
- Politics
- Divinity
- Philosophy
- Maths
- Music
- Egyptology
- Comparative Lit.
- Combined Honours (at several universities, e.g. Exeter)



What you can do with a Classics degree

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

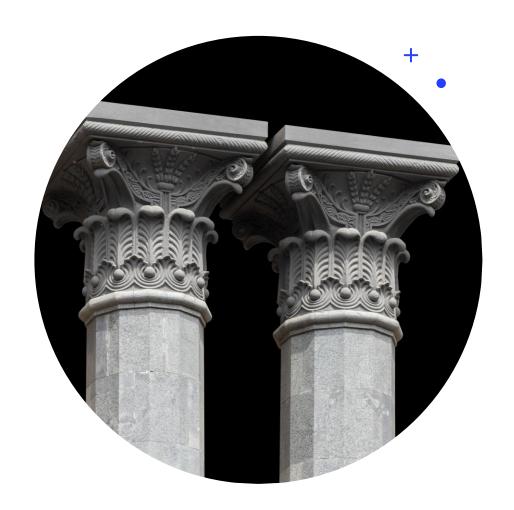
- Accountancy
- Arts & Culture
- Banking (Investment)
- Business, HR, Finance, Marketing
- Civil Service (fast track)
- Computing
- Education (all levels)
- Heritage
- Journalism
- Law (barrister & solicitor)
- Marketing & Communications



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



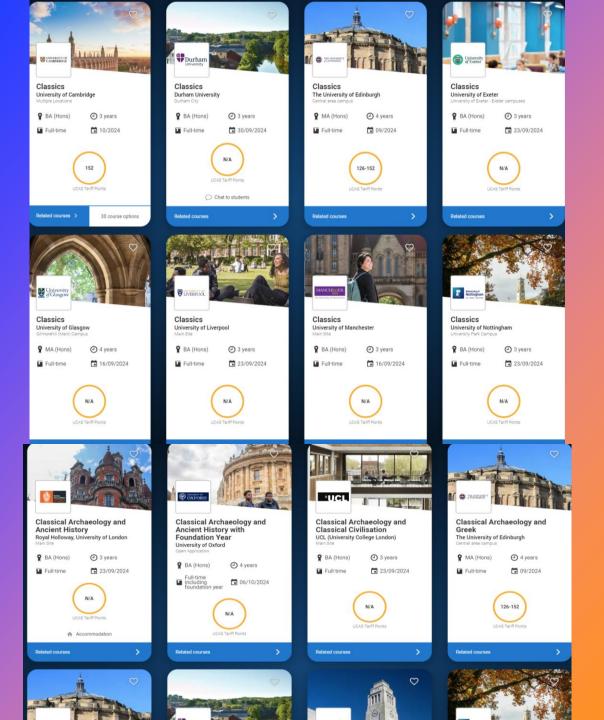
UCAS: 514 COURSES AT 50 UNIVERSITIES

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

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Learn how to navigate your way around Unifrog & UCAS websites



Where in the UK? 50 universities

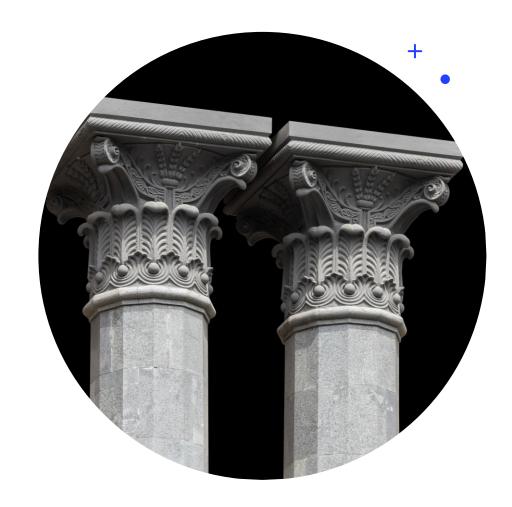
Where to study Classics abroad

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)

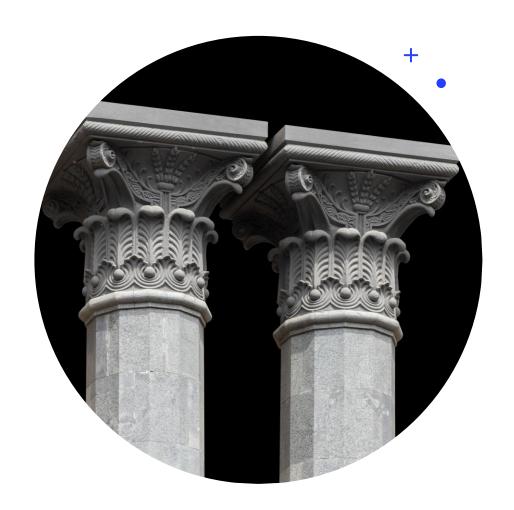
Royal Holloway: A/BBB (32)

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...)

