

Classics

The Department of Classics is committed to the threefold study of Greco-Roman antiquity via its languages and literatures, its history, and its art and architectural remains. The **Master of Arts (MA) in Classics** is ideal preparation either for the PhD or for a career in secondary teaching, and it has a strong placement record in both areas. The **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)** program prepares candidates primarily for careers in research and university teaching. The department also supports students' exploration of alternative careers while pursuing the MA or PhD. Both programs provide rigorous instruction in Greek and Latin languages and literatures, exposure to the subfields of Classics, opportunities to cultivate special fields of research, and teaching experience in departmental courses.

Although both graduate programs are built around preparation in the core fields of Classics, opportunities exist for collaboration with numerous other departments and programs. PhD candidates have the option to pursue one of several special interdisciplinary tracks: Ancient History, Ancient Performance, Ancient Music, or Ancient Philosophy. Washington University also possesses several special collections of interest to the Classics researcher: the John Max Wulffing Coin Collection, an internationally recognized resource that can be applied to studies in numismatics, history, economics and art; a small collection of papyri housed in Olin Library; a substantial archive of epigraphical materials; and an important collection of Greek painted pottery.

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