



Welcome to the Athens of the North!

aque uirginis. disturbatos per c. cesare!
afundamentis nouos fecit ac restituit. **IN AB**

Iusticie sedes. fidei domus. **SIDA SCIPITRI**

aula pudoris. **H**æc est quæ cernis pietas
quæ possidet omnis. **Q**uæ patris & filii
uirtutibus inclita gaudet. **A**ultoræq.
suū genitoris laudibus æquat. **IN AM**

Scandite cantantes dño **BONESCIPITRI**

dñm q. legentes. **E**x alto populis uerba
superna sonent. **EX ALTE RA PARTE**

Pelagius. iū. episc. dī famulus fecit cu
rante iuliano pp. scd. **IN THEATRO**

Petronius maximus. vc. p̄fectus urbi.
curauit. **IN COLUMNA TRAIANI**

Senatus populusq. romanus. imp. cesari
diuineruæ f. dacico. pontif. maximo.
trib. pot. xvii imp. vi. cos. vi. pp. ad decla
randū quantæ altitudinis mons & locus
tantas operibus sit egestus. **IT IBIDEM**

S. P. Q. R. imp. cesari. diui traiani parthici.



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Welcome to the Offer Holder Day
2019 entry

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Old College
(1789-1827)



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Latin



Greek



Medieval Latin & Byzantine Studies



Ancient History



Classical Art & Archaeology



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Staff in Classics: facts and figures

- In 2019/20, 24 full-time permanent staff
- At any time, Classics hosts about five to ten early career scholars, who usually also do some teaching e.g. Leverhulme/ Marie Curie Fellows, Project postdocs, temporary lecturers
- Highly international staff bringing different perspectives and ideas: UK, Ireland, US, Canada, Italy, Greece, Germany
- Probably third biggest department in UK for staff numbers, after Oxbridge



Award-winning research

- E.g. Three multi-million European Research Council Grants on Sasanian Persia, Byzantine and Chinese learning compared, and Honour in Classical Greece

Highly regarded teaching

- High scores in National Student Survey (100% for MA Classics in 2017)

Prizes for textbooks

- Judith Barringer's *The Art and Archaeology of Ancient Greece* (Cambridge), has won PROSE award for best textbook in the Humanities (2016) and the Bolchazy Pedagogical Book Award (2018)



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Areas of study in Classics

Greek (including Philosophy)

Latin

Ancient History

Classical Art and Archaeology

Classical Literature in Translation

- Availability of both Greek and Latin palaeography
- Byzantine studies and Medieval Latin
- Possibility of going on excavations



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Degree Programmes

One Subject

- MA Ancient History
- MA Latin Studies
- MA Greek Studies

Two (+) subjects

- MA Classics (Greek & Latin)
- MA Classical Studies (various)
- MA Ancient History & Classical Archaeology
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Degree Programmes

Joint Honours with History and Archaeology (within School of HCA)

- MA Ancient and Medieval History
- MA History and Classics
- MA Ancient Mediterranean Civilisations
- MA Archaeology and Ancient History

Joint Honours with Islamic and Middle East Studies, Divinity, Philosophy

- MA Classical and Middle East Studies
- MA Divinity and Classics
- MA Philosophy and Greek



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Degree Programmes

Joint Honours with Literature, Languages, Linguistics

- MA English Literature and Classics
- MA Scottish Literature and Classics
- MA Classics and English Language
- MA Classics and Linguistics
- MA French / German / Italian / Russian Studies / Scandinavian Studies / Spanish (any one of these) and Classics
- MA Arabic and Ancient Greek



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Four-year degree structure

120 credits every year

Year 1 40 credits of courses in each of your two subject areas, plus 40 credits of optional courses

Year 2 40–80 mandatory credits plus optional courses

Year 3 6 courses of 20 credits each alternatively, year abroad

Year 4 4 courses of 20 credits each plus 40-credit dissertation

sub-honours

honours



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Four-year degree structure

Becoming an expert; acquiring transferable skills

Year 1 laying the foundations – survey lectures and courses

Year 2 methodologies, approaches, historiography, interpretive techniques etc.

Year 3/4 wide choice of ‘case studies’ deepening your knowledge and allowing you to test, apply, and improve your newly acquired skills; dissertation research

sub-honours

honours



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Classics Sub-honours courses (as of 2019/20)

Year 1

Latin and Greek

- Greek 1A + 1B / 1C + 1D
- Latin 1A + 1B / 1C + 1D

Ancient History

Classical Archaeology

Classical Literature in translation

- Greek World 1A + 1B
- Roman World 1A + 1B

Year 2

Latin and Greek

- Greek 2A (or 2a ex-beginners) + 2B
- Latin 2A (or 2a ex-beginners) + 2B

Ancient History

- Ancient History 2A: Past and Present in the Ancient World (also Classical Literature)
- Ancient History 2B: Themes and Theories in Ancient History
- The Transformation of the Roman World AD 300-800

Classical Archaeology

- Roman Art and Archaeology
- Greek Art and Archaeology

Classical Literature in translation

- Classical Literature 2: Greek and Roman Epic [also AH 2a]

See Offer Holder day brochure for detailed descriptions



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Teaching formats in Classics



Year 1 Greek/Roman World lectures (c.130–200) Greek & Latin
classes (ca. 20-45)
small-group tutorials (c.12)



Year 2 Ancient History/ Classical Archaeology/ Classical Literature
lectures (c.50–100); Greek & Latin classes (c.25-30); small-group
tutorials



Year 3 honours courses – range from 10-20 (Greek/Latin/ Classical
Archaeology) to 20-25 (Ancient History)

Year 4 honours courses; dissertation (14,000 words),
meeting supervisor one-on-one



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Sample degrees

	MA in Classics	MA in Classical Studies
Year 1	Latin 1a and 1b OR Latin 1c and 1d Greek 1a and 1b OR Greek 1c or 1d 2 outside courses	EITHER 4 Greek and Roman World courses OR 2 courses from Greek and Roman Worlds and 2 Latin/Greek courses 2 outside courses
Year 2	Latin 2a or 2a ex-beginners and 2b Greek 2a or 2a ex-beginners and 2b 2 outside courses	Ancient History 2a Classical Literature 2 2 further second year Classics courses 2 outside courses
Year 3	Latin Language A Greek Language A 1-3 specialist text courses in each language and up to 1 course in another fields within Classics Or YEAR ABROAD	Six Classics courses following on from years 1 and 2 Or YEAR ABROAD
Year 4	Classics dissertation (double weighted) 2 specialist text courses in each language	Classics dissertation (double weighted) Up to 4 courses from within Classics



Sample degrees ctd

	MA in History and Classics	MA in Ancient History and Classical Archaeology
Year 1	The Historian's Toolkit and another first year history course. Latin 1a and 1b OR Latin 1c and 1d OR Greek 1a and 1b OR Greek 1c or 1d OR Any 2 Greek & Roman World courses Two outside courses	4 Greek and Roman World courses 2 outside courses
Year 2	Introduction to Historiography plus 1 other year 2 History course 2 Classics courses following on from year 1 (e.g. Latin 2a & 2b, Transformation and Ancient History 2b, Ancient History 2a & Classical Lit. 2) 2 outside courses	Ancient History 2a and Ancient History 2b Greek Art and Archaeology Roman Art and Archaeology 2 outside courses
Year 3	6 courses in History and Classics (split 3-3, 2-4, or 4-2), in Classics following on from subhonours pathway Or YEAR ABROAD	2 courses in Ancient History 2 in Classical Art/ Archaeology 2 from either or other Classics
Year 4	History or Classics dissertation (double weighted) 40 credits worth of courses in each subject	Classics dissertation (double weighted) 1 course in Ancient History 1 course in Classical Art/ Archaeology 2 from either or other Classics



This year's Ancient History Courses

N.B. Not all of these courses are necessarily available in every given year. Courses change every year.

- After Alexander
- Childhood and Youth in Ancient Rome
- Conspiracy in Ancient Rome
- Constantinople: The History of a Medieval Megalopolis from Constantine the Great to Süleyman the Magnificent
- The Emperor Nero
- Empresses and Others
- The Formation of the Medieval Roman Empire 602-867
- The Jewish Diaspora under the Roman Empire
- Judaea in the Hellenistic World
- Money, Men and Gods in Archaic and Classical Greece
- Roman Slavery
- Sparta and Crete: Classical Greek Society beyond Athens
- Religion and War in Byzantium and in Comparative Perspective
- The World of St Augustine



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Sample Honours Course topics:
Greek/ Latin (this year and next year)

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- Greek Language A / B (compulsory)
- Early Greek Philosophy
- Hesiod
- Homer
- Greek Comedy
- Greek Tragedy
- Herodotus
- Plato and Socrates
- Greek Palaeography
- Latin Language A / B
- Amor and Roma: Latin Love Elegy
- The Catilinarian Conspiracy
- Cicero the Advocate
- Latin Epic
- Latin Satire
- Medieval Latin:
- Later Latin Poetry
- The Latin Manuscript



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Sample Honours Course topics:
Classical Art and Archaeology (this year and last)

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- Ancient Superpowers: The Armis and Military Monuments of Rome and Persia
- Art and Archaeology of the Roman Near East and Egypt
- The Athenian Acropolis
- Byzantine Archaeology
- Constantinople (see Ancient History)
- Early and Archaic Greek Art and Archaeology
- Hadrian's Wall and its stakeholders, past and present
- Hellenistic Art
- The Hittites
- Living on the Edge the Archaeology of Roman Frontiers
- Roman Architecture

- Classical Archaeology Summer Field Schools presently at Aeclanum (possibly in Jordan and Turkey from next year)
- NB also available: courses from Archaeology Dept



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Sample Honours Course topics:
Classical Literature in Translation

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- Ancient Didactic Poetry
- Ancient Literature from a Comparative Perspective
- Classical Receptions
- Early Greek Philosophy in Translation
- Monsters, Murders and Mayhem: Biography in the Ancient World
- Poetry and Culture from Antiquity to the Early Middle Ages
- Roman Satire
- Socrates and Plato: Five Dialogues
- Tragedy
- Troy after the Fall
- Topics in Byzantine Literary History

All courses taught with texts in translation



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Some dissertation topics from recent years

- The Palaikastro Kouros
- Ovid's Narcissus and Echo episode
- Purcell's Interpretation of Dido and Aeneas
- The role and status of royal women between the Achaemenid and Seleukid Empires
- The Herodian Dynasty and the empress Livia



Some previous year abroad destinations

Italy: Bologna, Turin, Venice

Greece: Thessaloniki

Germany: Berlin (both Humboldt and FU), Munich

Spain: Granada, Madrid, Salamanca

France: Montpellier, Paris (Sorbonne)

Canada: McGill, Toronto

USA: UC Berkeley, UNC Chapel Hill, Chicago, Georgetown, UW Seattle

Australia: Sydney, Melbourne

NB We will keep updated information for Erasmus+ applicants, about the impact of the UK's decision to leave the EU on our participation in the programme, available online: www.ed.ac.uk/news/eu



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Flexibility and an exceptionally wide choice ...

- Classical languages: one of the most robust programmes in Britain; start at any stage of your studies
- Wide range of sub-honours and honours courses
- Wide range of degree programmes; option to change

... combined with world-class expertise

- Research-led teaching
- ‘Traditional’ approaches (e.g., textual criticism) combined with cutting-edge innovative approaches (e.g., cognitive science)



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The 'Personal Tutor' system: support & advice



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Assets of Classics at Edinburgh

- Archaeological field-work experience
- Field-trips organised by both the department and the Classics Society, e.g., Italy, Greece, Turkey, Iran, Egypt, Tunisia ...
- Dedicated funds for student travelling (Baldwin Brown etc.)
- Outreach activities; working with schools (Literacy through Latin)
- Weekly Research Seminars
- A great student community (Classics Society)
- Festival, Fringe etc.



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Dedicated meeting & study spaces in the School



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What our alumnae/alumni are doing

- Teaching at University or in primary or secondary school
- Corporate law
- (City) bankers
- consultants
- Professional football trainer
- RAF pilot
- Sculptor
- Oil industry executive
- Amazon executive
- Journalists: business journalist, BBC World Service journalist
- Publisher
- EU civil servant
- Social worker
- Sports instructors: hockey, skiing, dance teacher



Useful websites

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