The study of the cultures of ancient Greece and Rome is inherently valuable, and it also offers an opportunity for critical reflection on our own society and its values. The field of classical studies combines history, literature, archaeology, art history, law, and linguistics, and so is fundamentally interdisciplinary in character. The study of Greece and Rome thus provides students with an historical perspective on and better understanding of the institutions, values, and intellectual traditions of the world in which we live. Our students gain an understanding not only of various aspects of the ancient world but also of the methodologies of classical studies can work separately and together to widen and deepen our comprehension of human cultures in all periods.

The MA in Classics serves two primary purposes: (1) to prepare students for entry into a PhD program in Classics or a related field, and (2) to prepare students for teaching Latin, Greek, and the history and culture of the ancient Mediterranean world in secondary schools.

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Requirements

The requirements for the M.A. degree are:

• A minimum of 30 semester hours of graduate-level courses completed with a minimum grade of B.
• Two qualifying papers or an M.A. thesis defended before a committee of three faculty members.
• Satisfactory completion of a reading exam in a modern language (German, French, or Italian). We encourage students without preparation in a modern language (excluding English) to enroll in undergraduate language courses as part of their M.A. coursework.