



Classical Civilisation as a New Minor Subject

Details for the Academic Year 22/23

Why take this New Minor Subject?

You will take Classical Civilisation as New Minor Subject if you are interested in the literature, thought and culture of Ancient Greece and Rome. You will enjoy this subject if you are passionate about literature; if you want to acquire an understanding of the past and its influence; if you would like to engage with the mythology, poetic imagination, depth of thought and historical value of two civilisations that shaped the western world.

What will I learn?

On this pathway, you will take 60 ECTS in Classical Civilisation across Years 2 to 4. Students lay firm foundations in Year 2 when they first join Classical Civilisation as a Minor pathway. You are introduced to the subject with four 5-ECTS modules that provide an overview of the subject and related methodologies (ancient history, literature, and mythology). In each of the Sophister years you will take two 10-ECTS thematic modules that explore how the Greeks and Romans saw themselves and other cultures; how they tried to make sense of the world around them through philosophy and religion; how they thought about politics and ideology, ethnicity and identity, life and death. You will develop a thorough knowledge of the classical world and learn how to approach critically Greek and Roman literatures in their historical and cultural contexts. You will learn how to analyse ancient texts both as literature and as gateways into culture and thought, to discuss key themes of relevance to both the ancient and modern world, and to refine your analysis of texts through more specialised skills and methodologies. All texts are studied in translation and no knowledge of Greek or Latin is required.

What will I do?

After a solid introduction to the Greek and Roman worlds and to the skills and approaches required to acquire a comprehensive and interdisciplinary perspective on classical culture, you will have an opportunity to focus on specific themes and literary genres. All modules are research-led and taught through a mixture of lectures, practical classes, and small-group seminars, which encourage lively discussion and the development of independent thinking.

Senior Fresh:

You will choose two 5-ECTS modules in each semester:

CLU11101 Introduction to Greek History (5 ECTS, Semester 1)

CLU11201 Greek and Roman Mythology (5 ECTS, Semester 1)

CLU11203 Reading Ancient Literature (5 ECTS, Semester 1)

CLU11102 Introduction to Roman History (5 ECTS, Semester 2)

CLU11202 Greek and Roman Religion (5 ECTS, Semester 2)

CLU11204 Writing about Ancient Literature (5 ECTS, Semester 2)

Junior Sophister:

You take two 10-ECTS modules from the list below:

CLU22201 Heroism, Identity and Authority (10 ECTS) or CLU22205 Gender and Sexuality with Project

CLU22200 Writing the Past or CLU22204 Culture and Ideology with Project

Note that maximum one module 'with project' is permitted. If you choose CLU22205 in Semester 1 you may not take CLU22204 in Semester 2, and vice versa. CLU22201 and CLU22200 may be taken together.

Senior Sophister:

You take two 10-ECTS modules from the list below:

CLU33211 Explaining the World or CLU33215 Drama and Performance with Project

CLU33216 Greek Erotic Poetry or CLU33214 Social Media in the Ancient World with Project.

Note that maximum one module 'with project' is permitted. If you take CLU33215 in Semester 1 you may not take CLU33214 in Semester 2, and vice versa. CLU33211 and CLU33216 may be taken together.

How will this be assessed?

A combination of end-of-semester examination and continuous assessment, e.g. essays, seminar presentations, team projects, textual commentaries, and comparative/reception studies.

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