The reading lists for each program represent what the Department considers to be a reasonable minimum number of works for students in the different programs to have read in the original languages by the time of their qualifying exam.

Students should consider supplementing this list with additional works in their special areas of interest. Students should consult with their advisors or committee chairs about adding works that would significantly enhance their preparation in their special field(s).

With the special exception of the ancient history reading lists (for which see next paragraph), the reading lists have a real but loose relationship with the Greek and Latin sight translation exams. Students can expect at least half of the passages on the PhD sight exam to be drawn from the appropriate list, but not all of them: i.e., 3-5 passages out of 6 will be on the reading lists. Therefore, the reading lists also are meant to guide students in their preparation for the sight exams while maintaining, at least to some extent, their 'unseen' nature.

Passages on the ancient history sight translation exams will all come from the appropriate reading list. Students in the ancient history emphasis must choose which of the classical languages is their 'major' language and which their 'minor' language, and report their choice to the graduate advisor at least one month before the relevant sight exams so that there is sufficient time for the exam committee to accommodate their needs.