

Emphasis in Ancient History, M.A Requirements

These interdisciplinary degrees involve significant coursework in the History Department, and are designed for those students who wish their training to emphasize ancient history, without sacrificing the classical languages. The course of study combines graduate courses in Greek and Latin with research seminars in ancient history, and allows students to choose a major and a minor language. Scholars who graduate from this program should be equally at home teaching in a Classics or History Department.

Course Requirements

A minimum of 36 units are required, among which must be included:

Classics 211, 212, 213 (History of Greek and Latin Literature)

Classics 201 (Proseminar)

A minimum of four graduate courses in Greek or Latin each year in the program..

Four quarters of graduate courses in ancient history, selected from the following list, with the provisos that both Greek and Roman history be represented and at least two quarters be taken of graduate coursework in the History Department:

Classics 233: Seminar in Greek History.

Classics 233: Seminar in Roman History.

History 201E: Advanced Historical Literature: Greek History.

History 201E: Advanced Historical Literature: Roman History.

History 211A-B: Seminar in Greek History or History 213A-B: Seminar in Roman History.

Students may petition the graduate advisor for permission to apply any of the following courses to this requirement (success of the petition will depend on the relevance to ancient history of the actual content of the specific version of the course taken): Classics 231 (Literary Studies), Classics 232 (Cultural Studies), Classics 234 (Archaeology), Classics 235 (Specialized Studies), and Greek and Latin graduate reading courses in historical or historically relevant authors, including a historical or historically relevant paper that is submitted for the paper requirement. Courses may not be repeated for this requirement.

Paper Requirements

Two longer papers (3000 word minimum) written in Classics or Ancient History seminars that the student has taken while in the M.A. program.

Two shorter papers (2000 word minimum) written in other courses while in the M.A. program.

For satisfaction of the requirement a paper must have received a grade of at least B+ from the instructor in the course for which it was written.

Examinations

Greek Sight Exam (based on reading list)

Latin Sight Exam (based on reading list)

Modern Language Translation Exam

Greek and Roman History Exam

Note:

The Greek and Latin sight exams are based on reading lists somewhat shorter than the straight Classics M.A. reading lists, with a greater emphasis on historical authors. The student must designate either Greek or Latin as the "major" language and the other as the "minor". The reading list will be longer for the "major" language. The standard of translation will be the same as for the straight Classics M.A. sight exams.

Reading List

Reading List for Greek as the Major Language

Prose

Aristotle Poetics; Nicomachean Ethics I, X
Demosthenes Philippics; Olynthiacs
Herodotus Historiae I, VI-IX
Isocrates Panegyricus
Plato Apology, Symposium
Plutarch Life of Alexander
Thucydides Books I-III, VI, VII
Xenophon Anabasis I, Hellenica I, II

Verse

Aeschylus Agamemnon
Aristophanes Clouds
Euripides Hippolytus
Hesiod Works and Days 1-382; Theogony 1-616
Homer Iliad I, II, XXII, XXIV; Odyssey I, II, XIX, XX
Homeric Hymns II and IV
Lyric Poets Selections in Campbell of Archilochus, Callinus,
Tyrtaeus, Mimnermus, Solon, Sappho, Alcaeus, Anacreon,
Xenophanes, Simonides, Theognis
Pindar Olympian 1, 2, 7, 11; Nemean 4; Isthmian 3, 4, 7
Sophocles Oedipus Rex

Reading List for Greek as the Minor Language

Prose

Demosthenes Olynthiacs
Herodotus Historiae I, VII
Plato Apology
Thucydides Books I-III
Xenophon Hellenica I

Verse

Aeschylus Agamemnon
Aristophanes Clouds
Euripides Hippolytus
Hesiod Works and Days 1-382
Homer Iliad I, XXII, XXIV; Odyssey I
Solon Selections in Campbell
Sophocles Oedipus Rex

Reading List for Latin as the Major Language

Prose

Augustus Res Gestae Divi Augusti
Caesar Bellum Gallicum I, Bellum Civile I

Cicero Cat. I, II; Pro Milone; Pro Caelio; Orator; Second Philippic; Re Publica; Letters: Ad Att. I.13, 14, 16, 19; II.1, 16, 18, 19, 24; IV.3, 5; VII.5, 9, 10; VIII.1, 3, XII.15, XIII.52, XV.11; Ad Fam. I.9, V.12, 16; VIII.6, 14; XII.3, XV.5, 6
Livy Books I, V, XXI
Pliny the Younger 1.1, 3.14 and 16, 4.19, 5.19, 6.16 and 20, 7.33, 9.33, 10.96 and 97
Sallust Catiline, Jugurtha
Seneca Letters 5, 18, 28, 57
Suetonius Life of Augustus
Tacitus Annales I, II, XIII, XIV, Agricola

Verse

Catullus 1, 2, 5, 8, 11, 29, 49, 64, 72, 101
Horace Odes, Book 1; Satires, Book 1
Juvenal Satires I, III
Lucretius Book I
Martial Spec. 1, 2; Epigrams I.1, 15, 32, 33, 35, 55, 61, 101, 109; II.53, 90, 91; III.4, 38, 43, 68; IV.5, 14, 42, 44, 49, 76; V.10, 13, 20, 34, 37, 58, 76, 81; VI.17, 19, 34, 40, 52, 82; VII.21, 40, 43, 85; VIII.3, 12, 19, 35, 40, 69; IX.18, 28, 68, 81, 97; X.2, 4, 13, 23, 47, 53, 61, 72, 97, 103; XI.13, 18; XII.10, 18, 30, 31, 39, 46, 94; XIV.183-185
Ovid Metamorphoses VI, X; Amores I; Ars Amatoria I
Plautus Menaechmi Propertius Elegies I.1-3, 6, 11, 12, 16, 21, 22; IV.1, 6, 7
Seneca Hercules Furens
Terence Adelphi
Vergil Eclogues 1, 2, 4; Georgics IV, Aeneid I, IV, VI, VIII, XII

Reading List for Latin as the Minor Language

Prose

Caesar Bellum Civile I
Cicero Cat. I, II; Pro Caelio; Second Philippic; Letters: Ad Att. IV.3 and 5; VII.5 and 10; VIII.1; XII.15, XIII.52, XV.11; Ad Fam. V.12 and 16; XII.3; XV.6
Livy Books I, V
Pliny the Younger 1.1, 3.14 and 16, 4.19, 5.19, 6.16 and 20, 7.33, 9.33, 10.96 and 97
Sallust Catiline
Suetonius Life of Augustus
Tacitus Annales I, II

Verse

Catullus 1, 2, 29, 49, 64
Horace Odes, Book 1
Juvenal Satires III
Lucretius Book I
Ovid Metamorphoses VI; Amores I

Plautus Menaechmi
Propertius Elegies I.1-3, 6, 11, 12, 16, 21, 22; IV.1, 6, 7
Vergil Aeneid I, IV, VI, XII

M.A. Program Rules and Procedures

Examinations

Passages on the M.A. sight translation examinations will be drawn from the appropriate M.A. reading list. Each sight translation examination must be finished in four hours. Each exam consists of 6 passages, 10-20 lines long, 3 in prose and 3 in poetry. In order for an examination to be judged of 'passing' level, 4 of the 6 passages must have been translated at the 'passing' level or higher. All passages of a sight translation exam must be attempted or the exam will not be graded. Sight translation examinations in Greek and Latin for the M.A. degree will be scheduled in the Winter quarter only. Students will be required to take the examination(s) each Winter quarter in the language(s) they have not already passed. If a student's performance on the Winter quarter examination, although not passing, was sufficiently strong to warrant a second attempt, the faculty may grant permission to attempt the examination again in the Spring quarter. Each student's M.A. Examination Committee consists of four professors. The fourth professor is on the Committee to substitute for a professor on leave. All examinations are read and judged by at least two members of the student's Committee. A third member of the Committee is called upon to express an opinion when the student's performance is problematic.

Coursework

No student may take a 596 course (Directed Reading and Research) in Greek or Latin unless s/he has passed the sight examination in that language. Courses numbered 596, 597, 598 and 599 can only be taken S/U. A minimum of 36 units (with a grade of B or better) taken while in the program at UCSB is required, of which 24 units must be in graduate courses; the minimum in each language is 12 graduate units. Courses numbered 597 and 598 do not count toward the unit requirement; no more than 12 units of courses numbered 596 can be counted. Three courses is the normal load for a graduate student each quarter, but the minimum number of courses each quarter is two courses plus Classics 597 units (Preparation for Comprehensive Exams) to equal 12 units per quarter.

Progress toward the Degree

Students are normally expected to complete the M.A. degree requirements in 2 years. Students' performance in the program is reviewed toward the end of each year by the Graduate Advisor and the Chair of the student's committee. The student may expect a frank and fair evaluation, with specific recommendations as appropriate.