Graduate Minor in Ancient Studies

About the Minor

The Ancient Studies program, created in 1968, is shared among the faculty from six departments at the University of Missouri. This minor provides an opportunity for students to diversify their curriculum and to perceive their field in a broader context than is possible within a departmental program. Students in this program select about one quarter of the total courses from among a variety of courses designated by the participating departments.

A student pursuing a graduate degree in Anthropology, Art History and Archaeology, Classical Studies, History, Philosophy or Religious Studies may elect an Ancient Studies minor at either the M.A. or Ph.D. level.

Requirements

The minor consists of additional courses to be selected from Ancient Studies courses outside the student’s major department. Requirements for the minor may vary from department to department; individual plans of study must be approved by the student’s major adviser, the student’s academic program director of graduate studies, and the Graduate School.

1. For the M.A. degree, a minimum of 9 hours at or above the 7000 level from at least two departments outside the student’s home department. In some departments these courses may also fulfill another MA requirement.

2. For the Ph.D. degree, a minimum of 24 hours (including the work for the M.A.) at or above the 7000 level from at least two departments outside the student’s home department. These 24 hours must include at least two courses at the 8000-level or above in one or more departments outside the student’s home department.

To the Ancient Studies Program

Candidates must have earned a bachelor’s degree in an appropriate field; preference is usually given to students who intend to continue their work for a PhD. An application, including a completed MU Graduate School application form, transcript and GRE scores, should be made directly to the department in which the student wishes to study. It must be accompanied by three letters of recommendation concerning the student’s academic ability, a copy of a recent term paper, and a short statement from the applicant that sets out professional goals and reasons for pursuing the Ancient Studies minor. Inquiries may be addressed to the directors of graduate studies at the appropriate department.

Admissions

Ancient Studies Program Requirements

1. Admission into one of the following graduate departments: Anthropology, Art History and Archaeology, Classical Studies, History, Philosophy or Religious Studies.

2. Fulfillment of all the requirements of the major department. The master’s degree may be completed within approximately two years; the doctorate normally requires three years of course work beyond the master’s level.

3. The minor consists of additional courses to be selected from Ancient Studies courses outside the student’s major department; it usually constitutes about one-quarter of the graduate course work. For recognition of the minor, students should apply formally to the current chair of the Ancient Studies Committee.

General admission and degree requirements for the Graduate School are determined by the Graduate Faculty Senate. However, admission to the Graduate School does not in itself entitle a student to candidacy for an advanced degree. A student must also be accepted for advisement by the faculty of a department or area. Departments and areas establish admission standards that, in many cases, exceed the minimum requirements of the Graduate School. Admission to the Graduate School is based on three considerations:

- an official transcript showing that the applicant has earned a baccalaureate, DVM, MD or JD degree equivalent to that granted by MU,
- a grade point average of B or better in the last 60 hours of undergraduate courses, and
- Official GRE results.

Financial Support

The Ancient Studies Committee is able to award one fellowship (renewable for four further years) to a doctoral student entering from a University other than MU. In addition, applicants may be eligible for fellowships administered by the Graduate School, including the Gus T. Ridgel Fellowships for Minority Americans. In addition to a stipend, University fellowships include exemption from resident and non-resident educational fees. Some individual departments also offer fellowships, scholarships and other financial assistance for graduate students, including teaching and research assistantships. For information concerning financial aid, write directly to the directors of graduate studies in the department to which you are applying. Financial aid deadlines are frequently earlier than the deadline for applications for admission.

In addition to the materials for admission to the Ancient Studies program, applicants for financial support must submit a separate letter to the department applying for fellowship or assistantship support.

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