MA in Classical Studies

Admission Contact Information
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Admission Criteria

Fall deadline: April 1st
NOTE: Deadline for teaching assistantship applicants: January 15th
Spring deadline: November 1st (Departmental support not typically available)

- Minimum GPA: 3.0 during last 2 years
- Bachelor of arts degree from an accredited college or university
- Reading knowledge of Greek and/or Latin
- GPA of at least 3.0 in Greek and/or Latin courses
- Minimum GRE score: no minimum
- Minimum TOEFL scores
  - Internet-based test (IBT)
    - 61 Effective July 1, 2015 must have score of 80
  - Paper-based test (PBT)
    - 500 Effective July 1, 2015 must have score of 550

Required Application Materials
To the Office of Graduate Studies
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Statement of interest
- 10-20 pp. writing sample
- Transcripts
- GRE scores

Application materials that cannot be submitted directly to the Office of Graduate Studies may be sent to the Classical Studies program.

Financial Aid from the Program
Some programs require an extra form or statement from those who wish to be considered for internal assistantships, fellowships or other funding packages. Check the program website or ask the program contact for details.

Plan of Study
The minimum course of study is 30 semester hours. Of these, at least 12 hours in Greek, Latin, classics and related fields must be at the 8000/9000 level or above, and at least six hours must be in courses in other departments. At least 21 of the 30 hours must be completed in Greek, Latin or classics in the department. CLASS 7000 is required of all students during their first year of graduate study. Students who wish to have a minor may take 10-12 hours in another department or complete an ancient studies minor.

Languages
Some command of German and French (or Italian) is helpful from the outset, and MA candidates are required to have demonstrated proficiency in one of the languages by the time that they begin their second year of graduate study. Degree candidates take MA language tests (Latin and/or Greek) in the 2nd or 3rd year of graduate studies.

Written Works and Oral Examination
A final oral examination is given by a faculty committee selected by the student in consultation with the advisor. This examination will include defense of either the thesis or a compiled portfolio of seminar papers. If the former option is elected, the thesis will account for six credit hours.