

CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION (HBA)

Department of Historical Studies

Classical Civilization is the study of the cultures of the Ancient Mediterranean, and in particular the cultures of the Greek and Roman worlds. The study of literatures, classical languages, art, material culture, philosophy, political thought and history, as well as how all of these things are received in later periods, offers an ideal insight into the development of many societies of the modern world, providing an indispensable access to many Humanities subjects. Doing Classics means studying fascinating material in its historical contexts, and asking broad social and political questions that can give an insight into the challenges of our current society.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we've pulled together information and interesting suggestions to get you started, although there are many more! As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are mentioned. In fact, activities such as joining an academic society, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study at UTM. Read through the chart and create your own plan using **My Program Plan** found at www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans

Programs of Study (POSt)

- Major Program ERMAJ0382 Classical Civilization (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN0382 Classical Civilization (Arts)

Check out...

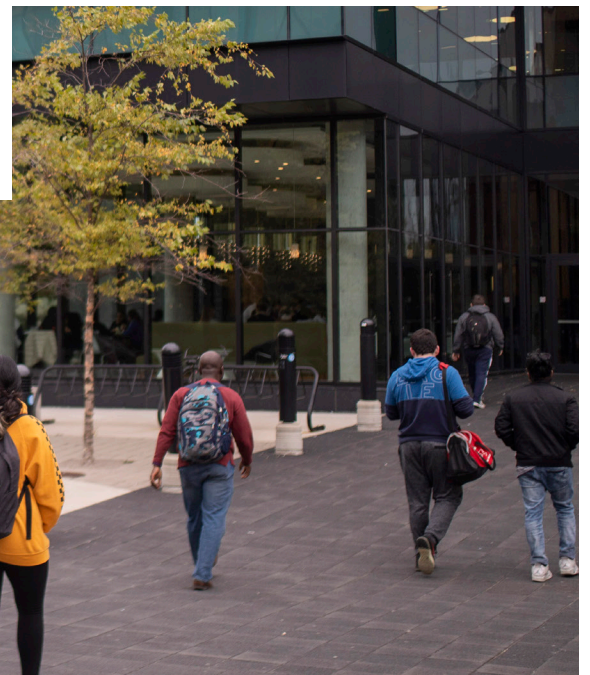
How are the culture, society, and beliefs of ancient Greeks and Romans and their neighbours still meaningful for us? Explore the relevance and diversity of the Greek and Roman worlds through their material culture in CLA220H5: Introduction to Greek and Roman Archaeology, and delve into their contacts with Egypt in CLA395H5: Topics in Classics: Isis and Serapis in the Graeco-Roman World

What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre to explore your career options.

Careers for graduates: Acquisitions editor; Archivist; Cultural administrator; Documentarian; Financial analyst; Foreign service officer; Historian; Historical heritage preservationist; Librarian; Museum technician; Post-secondary education administrator; Social policy researcher.

Workplaces: Archives; Financial services; Galleries; Government; Legal agencies; Museums; Newspapers and magazines; Non-profit agencies; Publishing houses; Service industry; Tourism.



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HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN

Read through each year. Investigate what appeals to you here and in any other Program Plans that apply to you.

Visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans to create your own plan using [My Program Plan](#). Update your plan yearly.



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| PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS* | <p>Enrol in 1.0 credits from courses CLA101H5, CLA230H5, CLA231H5, CLA233H5 and CLA237H5.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.</p> <p>Develop foundational academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a utmONE course. Build community and gain academic support through LAUNCH. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.</p> | <p>For second year and higher, enrol in 6.0 additional CLA credits at the 200+ level, including at least 4.0 credits at the 300+ level.</p> <p>Consider applying for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses CLA299Y5, CLA399Y5 and CLA499Y5. Visit the EEU website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC's Program for Accessing Research Training (PART) to enhance your research skills.</p> |
| BUILD SKILLS | <p>Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Attend the Get Hired Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p> <p>Attend the Experiential Education Fair.</p> | <p>Use the Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>Work on-campus through the Work-Study program. View position descriptions on the CLNx.</p> |
| BUILD A NETWORK | <p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Historical Studies Society (HSS). Go to the HSS Meet & Greet to meet professors and fellow students.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.</p> | <p>Do you have a professor you would like to connect with? Ask them a question during office hours. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Don't be shy! Learn Tips On How to Approach a Professor available through the Experiential Education Unit (EEU).</p> |
| BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET | <p>Engage with the many programs offered by the International Education Centre (IEC), whether you are an international or domestic student. Consider joining the Canada Eh? day trips or English Language Conversation Circles to deepen your global mindset.</p> <p>First-year international students can also take advantage of THRIVE-IN, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.</p> | <p>Participate in International Education Week and engage in programs like Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS) to build on your leadership and communication skills in global citizenship.</p> <p>Learn about and prepare for a future UTM Abroad Experience through the IEC to strengthen and enhance your intercultural skill set, and learn about other cultures while sharing your own!</p> |
| PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE | <p>Where should you start your career journey? The Career Centre's model can help you identify things to consider. You can get started today by visiting My Career Centre to begin exploring on your own.</p> <p>Get ready to select your Program of Study (POST) by attending the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and CC.</p> | <p>Learn how your academics and career goals work together in a Career Counselling appointment.</p> <p>Explore careers through the CC's Job Shadow Program or In the Field.</p> <p>Considering further education? Attend the CC's Graduate & Professional Schools Fair. Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT) and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC).</p> |

*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.

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| <p>Remember to attain at least 4.0 credits at the 300+ level.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements. see the Office of the Registrar and the Historical Studies Academic Advisor. | <p>Initiate your own reading and research project. Apply for an Independent Reading course such as CLA497H5 and CLA499H5. Speak to the Historical Studies Academic Advisor.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and confirm graduation request.</p> |
| <p>Explore your interests. Are you into promoting mindfulness and building community? Investigate the UTM Library Ambassador Program.</p> <p>Sharpen your problem solving and design skills by getting involved in a Social Innovation Project through the Centre for Student Engagement.</p> | <p>Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your presentation skills? Consider taking EDS325H5 which allows you to earn a course credit in addition to a placement opportunity as a RGASC Facilitated Study Group Leader.</p> |
| <p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Get published in Prandium: The Journal of Historical Studies at UTM or consider publishing in Plebeian, the Journal of the Classics Students' Union.</p> | <p>Join a professional association. Check out the Classical Association of Canada.</p> <p>Go to the Ontario Student Classics Conference.</p> |
| <p>Expanding your intercultural awareness and developing intercultural skills will help you in your academics, personal growth and are highly sought out by employers.</p> <p>Earn credits overseas! Apply to study for a summer term, or year at one of 170+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange, funding and travel safety. Attend Global Learning Week to learn about the various opportunities available to you!</p> | <p>Engage in programs like ISTEP and THRIVE-OUT to support your transition out of the University!</p> |
| <p>Attend CC workshops to learn the basics of creating a resume and cover letter, preparing for an interview, and creating a strong LinkedIn profile. To register, visit the UTM Events page on CLNx. You would also find exciting networking opportunities to connect with employers, industry professionals and alumni.</p> <p>Are you ready to take the next step in preparing for further education? Get started by checking out the Pursue Learning section of My Career Centre and attending a drop-in session with a Career Counsellor for best practices for grad school preparation.</p> | <p>Attend the CC workshop, Now That I'm Graduating What's Next to learn how to develop your job search plan.</p> <p>Ready for employment? Schedule an Employment Strategist Appointment to review your documents and practice your skills. If you are still unsure about the next steps in your career journey, schedule a Career Counsellor Appointment to gain support exploring career options and establishing a career plan.</p> |

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Skills developed in Classical Civilization

To be competitive in the job market, it is essential that you can explain your skills to an employer. Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market the following skills:

Communication and Networking: learn to communicate complex data in presentations through networks to wider communities; collaborate and debate with diverse groups and individuals to determine the validity of sources and understand the historical context of decision-making; strengthen writing skills in multiple writing genres.

Problem-solving: evaluate past and current records through problem-based learning to assess the nature of institutions.

Creative Thinking and Leadership: learn content localization by working with qualitative and quantitative data in texts, reports, and materials; create exhibits.

Research: locate and connect diverse forms of evidence through research projects, internships, and work experiences; learn translation and field research skills, and frame new perspectives in writing and peer teaching.

Get involved

Check out the 100+ student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- Historical Studies Society (HSS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a full listing of clubs on campus visit the **Student Groups and Societies Directory**

Services that support you

- **Accessibility Services (AS)**
- **Career Centre (CC)**
- **Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)**
- **Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Office (EDIO)**
- **Experiential Education Unit (EEU)**
- **Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)**
- **International Education Centre (IEC)**
- **Office of the Registrar (OR)**
- **Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC)**
- **Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC)**
- **UTM Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (HMALC)**

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FUTURE STUDENTS

Admission to UTM

All program areas require an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent, with six Grade 12 U/M courses, or equivalent, including English. The admission average is calculated with English plus the next best five courses. The approximate average required for admission is mid- to high-70s. More information is available at utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook.

NOTE: During the application process, applicants will select the Humanities admissions category, but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Specialist, Major, and/or Minor) until after first year.

Sneak Peek

Hercules who? Take CLA204H5 and learn about the myths and legends of the Ancient Greek and Roman Mediterranean world in ancient art and literature. More Greek gods? Enroll in CLA308H5 or CLA355H5 to learn about the religion, festivals, and temples of the Greeks. What about reading Homer and Plato, Caesar and Vergil in the original languages? Acquire the skills to read ancient literature in the original **Greek and Latin**.

The UTM Classical Civilization program is unique as it focuses not only on Greece and Rome but also on regions these cultures were in contact with, such as Egypt and the Ancient Near East, allowing students to study cultural contacts and cultural change, as well as their contemporary relevance. Courses in Classics thus present solid grounding in material that is indispensable for the understanding of many other Humanities subjects and current social and political debates.

Our program provides training in knowledge-based, skills-based, and mindset-based outcomes, such as close reading, writing, analytical thinking, and the formulation of arguments, which you learn to hone and defend. All of this not only makes learning about the ancient world fun, but also offers a crucial foundation for discussing critical issues such as racism, equity, economy, and the environment.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

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