UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

BA (Hons)

Classical Studies

UCAS code Q810

Entry requirements	Study mode	Duration	
A level: BBB	Full-time	3 years	Apply by: **13 January 2027** Starts on: **27 September 2027**

About this course

Classical Studies allows you to study the society and culture of the Greek and Roman worlds, including their art, religion, history, and archaeology, studying their literary and visual cultures against the backdrop of the history of the period.

Introduction

By examining a range of literary, documentary and visual evidence, you will develop critical skills of interpretation and understanding of methodological problems, plus knowledge of core theories, concepts and approaches. At the same time, you'll learn how to read, describe and comment upon current research, promoting insights into the history of the discipline and encouraging you to tackle questions of central interest today, taking particular advantage of the research specialisms of Liverpool staff. The Classical Studies programme also invites students to explore the close relationship between the Graeco-Roman world and modern responses to it. In addition, you have the chance to further broaden your understanding of Ancient Greek and Roman society and culture while studying Ancient Greek or Latin from beginner to advanced.

What you'll learn

- A systemic understanding of the literature, history, art and archaeology of the Greek and Roman worlds
- A grounding in a wide range of contemporary theories, concepts and perspectives currently in use across a range of Humanities subjects and that are directly relevant and applicable to selected historical and cultural subjects of study
- Opportunity to undertake a work placement
- Intellectual independence and the ability to formulate arguments and present the results clearly both orally and in writing
- Option to develop skills in Greek or Latin, including the ability to undertake textual analysis

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Year one

Students take 45 credits of required modules and 30 credits of optional modules in each semester.

CLAH100, CLAH113, ALGY130 and ALGY150 are all 30 credits and take place across both semesters (accounting for 15 credits in each semester). Students may opt to take Greek Worlds 1 and/or Roman Worlds 1 on a 30-credit basis.

Students cannot take both Ancient Greek and Latin. Semester one modules are pre-requisite for semester two modules (e.g. students must complete Latin 1a to take Latin 1b). The level is dependent on ability; in general, beginners join Latin or Ancient Greek 1a and b; those with an AS level join Latin or Ancient Greek 2a and 2b; those with an A level join Latin or Ancient Greek 3a and 3b. Students with other qualifications should seek advice from the Subject Lead.

Students should follow these rules for the Egyptology modules:

ALGY130 must be taken alongside ALGY128 and ALGY123. These are all pre-requisites for Egyptology modules in years 2 and 3.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
FRAMING ANTIQUITY (CLAH100)	30
INTRODUCTION TO CLASSICAL LITERATURE (CLAH113)	30
GREEK WORLDS 1 (CLAH134)	15
ROMAN WORLDS 1 (CLAH135)	15

Optional modules	Credits
ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AND NEAR EAST (ALGY150)	30
INTRODUCTION TO ANCIENT EGYPT (ALGY130)	30
INTRODUCTION TO MIDDLE EGYPTIAN I (ALGY128)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 1A (CLAH501)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 2A (CLAH503)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 3A (CLAH505)	15
LATIN 1A (CLAH401)	15
LATIN 2A (CLAH403)	15
LATIN 3A (CLAH405)	15
INTRODUCTION TO MIDDLE EGYPTIAN II (ALGY123)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 1B (CLAH502)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 2B (CLAH504)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 3B (CLAH506)	15
LATIN 1B (CLAH402)	15
LATIN 2B (CLAH404)	15
LATIN 3B (CLAH406)	15

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Year two

Students must take 30 credits of required modules and 30 credits of optional modules in each semester.

Students must check they meet any prerequisites for individual modules.

Special Topics run in alternate years and topics may be subject to change; if a student is particularly interested in a certain topic, they must choose it this academic year, since it may not be available next academic year.

Students cannot take both Ancient Greek and Latin. Semester one modules are prerequisite for semester two modules (e.g. students must complete Latin 1a to take Latin 1b). The level is dependent on ability; in general, beginners join Latin or Ancient Greek 1a and b; those with an AS level join Latin or Ancient Greek 2a and 2b; those with an A level join Latin or Ancient Greek 3a and 3b. Students with other qualifications should seek advice from the Subject Lead.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
GREEK LITERARY CULTURES (CLAH236)	30
ROMAN LITERARY CULTURES (CLAH235)	30

Optional modules	Credits
GREEK WORLDS 2 (CLAH284)	30
GREEK WORLDS 2 (CLAH294)	15
NOMADS: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF EURASIA (ALGY223)	15
ARCHAEOLOGY OF DEATH AND MORTUARY PRACTICES (ALGY224)	15
MIDDLE EGYPTIAN TEXTS I (ALGY251)	15
BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY (ALGY254)	15
SUMERIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (ALGY288)	15
PLACEMENT YEAR PREPARATION (HLAC220)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 1A (CLAH501)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 2A (CLAH503)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 3A (CLAH505)	15
LATIN 1A (CLAH401)	15
LATIN 2A (CLAH403)	15
LATIN 3A (CLAH405)	15
CONQUEST, CONFLICT AND CULTURE: SICILY FROM PROTOHISTORY TO THE HELLENISTIC PERIOD (CLAH225)	15
IMPERIAL EPIC (CLAH227)	15

Optional modules	Credits
CYPRUS AND THE PTOLEMAIC POSSESSIONS OUTSIDE EGYPT (CLAH228)	15
ACE WORK PLACEMENT (CLAH222)	15
ROMAN WORLDS 2 (CLAH285)	30
ROMAN WORLD 2 (CLAH295)	15
AKKADIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (ALGY213)	15
MIDDLE EGYPTIAN TEXTS II (ALGY252)	15
COPTIC LANGUAGE AND TEXTS (ALGY253)	15
THE CELTS (IRON AGE EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN) (ALGY259)	15
SOCIAL LIFE IN EGYPT (ALGY277)	15
FIRST CIVILISATION: MESOPOTAMIA AND THE SUMERIANS (ALGY287)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 1B (CLAH502)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 2B (CLAH504)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 3B (CLAH506)	15
LATIN 1B (CLAH402)	15
LATIN 2B (CLAH404)	15
LATIN 3B (CLAH406)	15

Optional modules	Credits
HERODOTUS' HISTORIES (CLAH207)	15
RULES FOR THE MUSE: ANCIENT LITERARY CRITICISM (CLAH224)	15
INITIATION INTO THE MYSTERIES OF THE GRAECO-ROMAN WORLD (CLAH237)	15
ANCIENT DRAMA IN PERFORMANCE THEN AND NOW (CLAH277)	15

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Year three

Students take 45 credits of optional modules in each semester and a required dissertation (ALGY450).

Students must check they meet any prerequisites for individual modules.

Students can choose either Ancient Greek or Latin. Semester one modules are prerequisite for semester two modules (e.g. students must complete Latin 1a to take Latin 1b). The level is dependent on ability; in general, beginners join Latin or Ancient Greek 1a and b; those with an AS level join Latin or Ancient Greek 2a and 2b; those with an A level join Latin or Ancient Greek 3a and 3b. Students with other qualifications should seek advice from the Subject Lead.

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Compulsory modules	Credits
DISSERTATION (ALGY450)	30

Optional modules	Credits
SUMERIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (ALGY288)	15
THE ORIGINS OF AGRICULTURE AND SEDENTISM IN THE NEAR EAST (ALGY356)	15
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE ANCIENT WORLD (ALGY364)	15
ADVANCED EGYPTIAN TEXTS (ALGY373)	15
EGYPTIAN RELIGION (ALGY385)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 1A (CLAH501)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 2A (CLAH503)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 3A (CLAH505)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 4A (CLAH523)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 5A (CLAH525)	15
LATIN 1A (CLAH401)	15
LATIN 2A (CLAH403)	15
LATIN 3A (CLAH405)	15
LATIN 4A (CLAH423)	15

Optional modules	Credits
LATIN 5A (CLAH425)	15
CONQUEST, CONFLICT AND CULTURE: SICILY FROM PROTOHISTORY TO THE HELLENISTIC PERIOD (CLAH315)	15
IMPERIAL EPIC (CLAH327)	15
CYPRUS AND THE PTOLEMAIC POSSESSIONS OUTSIDE EGYPT (CLAH328)	15
AUGUSTUS AND THE FOUNDATION OF EMPIRE (CLAH301)	15
AKKADIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (ALGY213)	15
ANCIENT WARFARE (ALGY311)	15
LATE EGYPTIAN (ALGY374)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 1B (CLAH502)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 2B (CLAH504)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 3B (CLAH506)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 4B (CLAH524)	15
ANCIENT GREEK 5B (CLAH526)	15
LATIN 1B (CLAH402)	15
LATIN 2B (CLAH404)	15
LATIN 3B (CLAH406)	15

Optional modules	Credits
LATIN 4B (CLAH424)	15
LATIN 5B (CLAH426)	15
RULES FOR THE MUSE: ANCIENT LITERARY CRITICISM (CLAH314)	15
HERODOTUS' HISTORIES (CLAH317)	15
ANCIENT DRAMA IN PERFORMANCE: THEN AND NOW (CLAH366)	15
INITIATION INTO THE MYSTERIES OF THE GRAECO-ROMAN WORLD (CLAH367)	15

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Combined degree

Choosing this subject as a combined degree

In year one a group of four core modules provides you with a solid introduction to the breadth of Graeco-Roman society and culture, and helps you develop the skills you will require for later in-depth study. In year two you will study aspects of Greek and Roman literature, art, language, intellectual culture, and modern receptions of the ancient world more intensely. In year three, modules are centred on key figures, genres, and themes continue to develop your skills, depth, and focus. Your dissertation will give you the opportunity to undertake detailed and independent research under the guidance of an expert adviser. The subject matter itself will be your own choice.

Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

Modules are delivered through a mixture of lectures, seminars, workshops and practical sessions. Lectures introduce key topics, evidence and debates, while seminars and workshops provide opportunities to discuss sources, scholarship and interpretations in greater detail. Practical sessions may be used in some modules to develop digital and research skills.

Independent study is expected throughout the programme, including preparation for classes, reading primary and secondary sources, conducting research and responding to feedback. Course materials are available through the University's online learning environment, and students are supported through guidance and feedback from academic staff. Opportunities may also be available through study trips and placement-based learning.

How you're assessed

Classical Studies is assessed in a variety of ways.

Examinations: learning outcomes are demonstrated through written examinations that may assess knowledge, analysis, interpretation and language skills.

Assessed coursework, including essays, reports and projects: learning outcomes are demonstrated through independent research, critical analysis and the presentation of evidence-based arguments.

Quizzes, portfolios and project-based assessments: learning outcomes are demonstrated through the application and synthesis of knowledge, research and skills developed throughout a module.

Interviews and oral assessments: some language modules may include oral assessment to evaluate communication, translation and linguistic skills.

Liverpool Learning Framework

At Liverpool, we take a distinctive approach to education through the Liverpool Learning Framework. This means teaching that is engaging, inclusive and designed to help you succeed during your studies and beyond.

You'll develop specialist subject knowledge alongside the skills employers value most, including:

- Digital fluency

- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three Liverpool Hallmarks:

- Research-connected teaching - learning informed by the latest ideas and discoveries
- Active learning - taking part, applying knowledge and learning by doing
- Authentic assessment - assessments designed around real-world tasks and challenges

We also embed key priorities across our curriculum, including AI literacy, employability, and sustainability, helping you prepare for the future and make a positive impact in the world.

We’re committed to creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive.

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Careers and employability

The skills learnt on a Classical Studies degree offer a wide range of possibilities. Graduates of this programme which combines a range of analytical skills can expect to have good access to careers in industry, commerce, finance, education and public service. The programme will also prepare students for postgraduate study or further training

Graduates of this programme have good access to careers in the following industries:

- commerce
- finance
- education
- public service.

Recent employers include:

- The National Trust
- English Heritage
- Civil Service
- Archaeology South East
- Police Service
- Apple

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year - £10,050
Year in industry fee - £2,010
Year abroad fee - £1,508 (applies to year in China)

International fees

Full-time place, per year - £27,000
Year in industry fee - £1,955
Year abroad fee - £13,500 (applies to year in China)

The UK fees shown are for the academic year 2027/28. The international fees shown are for the academic year 2026/27 and will be subject for change for the academic year 2027/28. Please be advised that tuition fees may increase each year for both UK and international students. For UK students, this will be subject to the government's regulated fee limits.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support. Learn more about paying for your studies.

Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. You can find information on the general and subject-specific costs you could expect to incur on our study costs webpage.

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

A levels

BBB

Applicants with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) are eligible for a reduction in grade requirements. For this course, the offer is **BBC** from A levels, with **B** in the EPQ.

You may automatically qualify for reduced entry requirements through our contextual offers scheme. Based on your personal circumstances, you may automatically qualify for up to a two-grade reduction in the entry requirements needed for this course. When you apply, we consider a range of factors – such as where you live – to assess if you're eligible for a grade reduction. You don't have to make an application for a grade reduction – we'll do all the work.

Find out more about how we make reduced grade offers.

T levels

T levels considered in a relevant subject.

Applicants should contact us by completing the enquiry form on our website to discuss specific requirements in the core components and the occupational specialism.

GCSE

4/C in English and 4/C in Mathematics

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

BTEC applications are encouraged. We evaluate each BTEC application on its merits.

International Baccalaureate

30 points overall with no score less than 4 or pass the IB Diploma plus 5,5,5 in 3 HL subjects.

Irish Leaving Certificate

H2, H2, H2, H3, H3, H3

Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher

BBB in Advanced Highers, combinations of Advanced Highers and Scottish Highers are welcome

Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced

B in the Welsh Baccalaureate, plus BB at A level.

Access

Pass relevant Access to HE Diploma(Humanities/Social Science) with 45 Level 3 credits with 30 at Distinction and 15 at Merit.

International qualifications

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet our entry requirements, you could be eligible for a Pre-Master's course. This is offered on campus at the University of Liverpool International College, in partnership with Kaplan International Pathways. It's a specialist preparation course for postgraduate study, and when you pass the Pre-Master's at the required level with good attendance, you're guaranteed entry to a University of Liverpool master's degree.

Alternative entry requirements

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, contact us for advice
- If you are returning to learning, have had a disrupted education or are switching career pathways, the one-year Go Higher diploma qualifies you to apply for University of Liverpool arts, humanities and social sciences programmes
- Applications from mature students are welcome.

English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a majority English speaking country.

We accept a variety of international language tests and country-specific qualifications.

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our Pre-Sessional English courses to achieve the required level.

IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5

TOEFL iBT

If you took a TOEFL test on or before 20 January 2026, you'll need 88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 17, writing 17, reading 17 and speaking 19. If you took a TOEFL test from 21 January 2026 onwards, when a new scoring system was introduced, you'll need 4.5 overall, with 4 or above in all components. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

Duolingo English Test

125 overall, with speaking, reading and writing not less than 105, and listening not below 100

Pearson PTE Academic

61 overall, with no component below 59

LanguageCert Academic

70 overall, with no skill below 60

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0500

Grade C overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking and listening. Speaking and listening must be separately endorsed on the certificate.

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0990

Grade 4 overall, with Merit in speaking and listening

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0510/0511

0510: Grade B overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0511: Grade B overall.

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0993/0991

0993: Grade 6 overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0991: Grade 6 overall.

Cambridge ESOL Level 2/3 Advanced

176 overall, with no paper below 162

International Baccalaureate English A: Literature or Language & Literature

Grade 5 at Standard Level or grade 5 at Higher Level

International Baccalaureate English B

Grade 7 at Standard Level or grade 6 at Higher Level

Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don’t meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or the equivalent score in selected other English language tests, to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5	6 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no more than one component at 5.0	10 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no component below 5.0	12 weeks	Online
5.0 overall, with no component below 5.0	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no component below 4.5	30 weeks	On campus
4.5 overall, with no more than one component at 4.0	40 weeks	On campus

If you’ve completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course length you require.

Please see our guide to Pre-sessional English entry requirements for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5, for further details.

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