Why Classics at San Francisco State University?

The Master of Arts in Classics introduces students to advanced methodologies used in the study of ancient languages, the interpretation of ancient texts, and the analysis of material culture. We ensure small-group seminar classes and close supervisor-student interaction in classwork, thesis research, and pre-professional projects. Our graduates find jobs in a wide range of industries including public and private education, research, fieldwork, consulting, law, and community advocacy. Students with goals in other academic areas, including Museum Studies, Philosophy, History, Theology, Modern Languages or Comparative Literature can also benefit from a Masters Degree in Classics. Most of our MA students have the opportunity to advance to PhD programs.

Expertise, Research, Teaching

Each graduate student focuses on one or more of our core areas of expertise:

### Greek and Roman Texts
- Advanced study of texts, authors, and genres
- Indo-European linguistics
- Translation theory
- Faculty specializations include Archaic Greek poetry, Greek philosophical traditions, Roman epistolography, Greco-Roman historiography, and Hellenistic literature.

### Mediterranean Archaeology
- Greek, Roman, and Near Eastern
- Bronze Age to the Roman Period
- Via Consulare Project
- GIS / Remote Sensing / Photogrammetry
- Faculty specializations include the Mediterranean Bronze Age, Egypt, Pompeii, Sicily, Greek Vase Painting and Sculpture

### Cultural History
- Greco-Roman History in its Mediterranean Context
- Writing as Art
- Ethnicity and Identity
- Sexuality and Gender in Antiquity
- Classics in Film and Television

### Theories and Applications
- Textual and Critical Theory
- Archaeological Methods
- Ancient and Modern Environmentalism
- Social Justice in Classics

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Application Deadlines

May 1
Applications after the deadline are accepted on a space available basis

Application and Admission

BA in Classics or a related field
Recommended GPA of 3.0
One letter of recommendation
Writing sample
Official transcripts
Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores
Statement of purpose
Sufficient proficiency in Greek and Latin to take seminars in those languages

Program Curriculum

The M.A. in Classics consists of 30 hours of coursework. Required seminar and professional skills courses provide the foundations in theory and practice. Students tailor the program to their interests through the selection of elective units and the focus of their culminating experience.

Recent MA Graduate Destinations

PhD Programs
Ohio State University
Rutgers University
Stanford University
State University of New York, Buffalo
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Florida, Gainesville
University of Southern California
University of Texas, Austin
University of Virginia

Careers
Archaeological Project Staff
Attorney at Law
Community Advocate
Community College Instructor
Finds Lab Analyst
Freelance Author
High School Teacher
Museum Staff
NASA Scientist
Office Manager
Statistician
University Professor

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