

CLASSICS (CLAS)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Arts and Humanities

Abstract

The Department of Classics offers a graduate program of study with specializations in Latin or in Latin and Greek, leading to the Master of Arts degree. The program provides students with advanced study of Latin and/or Greek language and literature in the context of a broader and deeper understanding of Greek and Roman culture and civilization. Students choose one of two tracks toward the degree: Latin, or Latin and Greek. Students are required to take advanced language courses, but also have the option to take a course in related disciplines outside of the Classics Department.

Financial Assistance

The department has a number of fully funded teaching assistantships, which provide tuition assistance and a stipend for living expenses. Contact the Director of Graduate Studies or the Department Chair for details. Additional funding is also available for study abroad, conference travel, and other activities.

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Courses: CLAS (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/courses/clas/>) GREK (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/courses/grek/>) LATN (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/courses/latn/>)

ADMISSIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- CV/Resume
- Supplementary Application (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/gradschool.umd.edu/files/uploads/admissionsforms/umdsupplementaryapplicationclas2021.pdf>)
- Writing Sample

In addition to the general requirements for admission established by the Graduate School (see "General Information" section in this catalog), applicants must demonstrate a proficiency in translating the ancient language(s) at the advanced undergraduate level.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline	Summer Deadline
Domestic Applicants			
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	August 21, 2026	January 16, 2026	N/A
International Applicants			
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A,E,G,H,I and L visas immigrants	March 13, 2026	September 30, 2025	N/A

RESOURCES AND LINKS:

Program Website: [classics.umd.edu](http://www.classics.umd.edu) (<http://www.classics.umd.edu>)

Application Process: gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying/>)

REQUIREMENTS

- Classics, Master of Arts (M.A.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/classics-clas/classics-ma/>)

FACILITIES AND SPECIAL RESOURCES

The Washington-Baltimore region boasts a number of outstanding libraries related to classics: the Center for Hellenic Studies, Dumbarton Oaks, and the Library of Congress are all located in Washington, D.C. The Eisenhower Library is located in Baltimore, on the campus of Johns Hopkins University.