Classical Civilization (HBA)

Department of Historical Studies

Classical Civilization offers a chance to explore the ancient Mediterranean, in particular the cultures of the Greek and Roman worlds. Through studies of literature, classical languages, art, material culture, philosophy, history, and political thought, you will investigate how these cultures are received in later periods and shape many societies in the modern world. Studying Classics is not just about the past—it is about making connections to today. You will engage with fascinating stories, artifacts, and ideas in historical contexts, while tackling big social and political questions that can give insight into challenges of our modern society. 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.

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; archaeologist; archivist; documentarian; historian; historical heritage preservationist; librarian; museum technician; post-secondary education administrator; social policy researcher; collections manager; editor for academic, literary or historical publications; high school Latin or Ancient Greek teacher; lawyer; paralegal or legal assistant; legal researcher; journalist; policy analyst; public relations; linguist; history communicator; social media historian; historical consultant for video games and movies.

Workplaces

Archives; financial services; galleries; government; legal agencies; museums; newspapers and magazines; non-profit agencies; publishing houses; service industry; tourism.

Programs of Study

- Major Program ERMAJ0382 Classical Civilization (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN0382 Classical Civilization (Arts)
- Certificate in Ancient Languages ERCER0382

Make the most of your time at UTM!

We've pulled together the information you need to plan for how to maximize your university experience.

As you review the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are mentioned. Investigate what appeals to you in the proposed yearly plans and then create your own plan using the **My Program Plan Template** form found on **page 6** of this booklet.

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Major Program Plan

First Year

Plan Your Academics*

Enrol in 1.0 credits from the following courses: CLA101H5, CLA207H5, CLA230H5, CLA231H5 or CLA233H5. Consider taking LAT101H5 or GRK101H5. View the **Academic Calendar** for course selection.

Choose a program of study (Subject POSt) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use **Degree Explorer** to plan your degree.

Develop academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a **utmONE** First-Year Foundations Course. Build community and gain academic support through **LAUNCH**. Join a RGASC **Peer Facilitated Study Group**.

Check out...

Explore the material remains of the Ancient Greeks and Romans and get hands-on experience handling artefacts in CLA220H5: Introduction to Greek and Roman Archaeology. Want to know how the ancient Romans handled natural disasters? Enrol in CLA317H5: Nature and the Environment in Roman Literature. Take CLA307H5: Greek and Roman Lyric Poetry to learn about ancient novels!

Build a Global Mindset

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 the **Language Exchange Program** to deepen your global mindset.

First-year international students can also take advantage of **THRIVE-IN**, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.

Build Skills

Use the **Co-Curricular Record (CCR)** to search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.

Attend the **Get Hired Fair** through the Career Centre to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.

Attend the **Experiential Education Fair** to learn about for-credit EL opportunities.

Build a Network

Check out the **Classics and the World Today** public lecture.

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.

Plan for Your Future

Start by exploring the **UTM Career Centre Model**—a chance to reflect and choose what's right for you with guided support.

Connect with support in-person: Drop-in to an **Academic & Career Planning Session** to chat with Advisors and Career Counsellors. Visit the Career Corner in the **Student Services Hub** to chat with a Peer Career Assistant about resources that fit your goals.

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

Second Year

Plan Your Academics*

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.

Consider applying for **Research Opportunity Program (ROP)** courses: CLA299H5, CLA299Y5, CLA399H5, CLA399Y5, CLA499H5 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.

Build a Global Mindset

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.

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!

Build Skills

Use the **Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx)** to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities as well as **Work-Study.**

Sign up to become an **Experiential Education Unit Student Ambassador** and earn a CCR notation.

Build a Network

Do you have a professor you would like to connect with? Ask them a question during office hours, discuss an assignment or go over lecture material. Don't be shy! Learn **Tips on How to Approach a Professor** available through the **Experiential Education Unit (EEU).**

Visit the UTM Library **Reference Desk** to meet supportive staff and start building your academic network.

Plan for Your Future

Explore your options with the Career Centre's **Job Shadow Program**, **In the Field**, or a one-on-one with a **Career Counsellor**.

Thinking about grad school? Attend the **Graduate & Professional School Fair**, research application requirements, admission tests, and explore funding options.

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Third Year

Plan Your Academics*

Remember to attain at least 4.0 credits at the 300+ level.

Consider summer opportunities in Classics such as language study, archaeological fieldwork, or travel. Enrol in CLA404H5: Advanced Topics in Classics.

Throughout your undergraduate degree, use **Degree Explorer** and the **Academic Calendar** to ensure you complete you program requirements. Connect with the **Office of the Registrar** or the **Historical Studies Academic Advisor** for assistance.

Build Skills

Explore your interests. Are you into promoting mindfulness and building community? Investigate the UTM **Library Ambassador Program**.

Sharpen your problem solving and design skills by getting involved in a **Social Innovation Project** through the Centre for Student Engagement.

Build a Global Mindset

Expanding your intercultural awareness and developing intercultural skills will help you in your academics and personal growth, and are skills highly sought out by employers.

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.

Build a Network

Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).

Get published in **Prandium: The Journal of Historical Studies at UTM** or consider publishing in **Plebeian**, the Journal of the Classics Students' Union

Plan for Your Future

Need job search support? Book a coaching appointment with an **Employment Strategist** for personalized guidance.

Ready to take the next step for grad school? Visit the Pursue Learning section on **MyCareerCentre** and drop-in to chat with a **Career Counsellor** about grad school prep tips.

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Final Year

Plan Your Academics*

Initiate your own reading and research project. Apply for an Independent Reading course such as CLA497H5 and CLA497Y5. Speak to the **Historical Studies Academic Advisor.**

Log on to ACORN and request graduation.

Build Skills

Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your presentation skills? Consider taking **EDS325H5: Supplemental Instruction in Higher Education: Peer-Facilitated Study Groups** which allows you to earn a course credit in addition to a placement opportunity as a RGASC **Facilitated Study Group Leader**.

Build a Global Mindset

Engage in programs like **ISTEP** and **THRIVE-OUT** to support your transition out of the University!

Build a Network

Join a professional association. **Check out the Classical Association of Canada.**

Go to the **Ontario Student Classics Conference**.

Plan for Your Future

Attend the **Sweats to Suits Job Search Conference** and discover diverse career pathways.

Work with the **Employment Strategist** team to review your resume and prep for interviews.

Still figuring things out? Meet with a **Career Counsellor** to create a career plan and attend a **Career Wellness** session to support your well-being along the way.

Visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans for the online version and links.

My Program Plan
Template

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Build a Global Mindset

Build Skills

Year:

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Plan for Your Future

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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 **https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/future-students/admissions/requirements**.

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.

Gain Hands-on Experience

Experiential learning at UTM empowers students to learn by doing, by taking what they study in the classroom and applying it in practical, hands-on settings. Build practical skills, explore career interests,and deepen your academic learning, giving you a strong advantage as you move toward your future goals.

- **Academic Internships**
  Earn academic credit while completing a work placement.
- **Alternative Reading Week**
  Three-day community impact experience.
- **Community Engaged Learning**
  Learning with local communities.
- **Field Courses**
  Applying classroom knowledge in the field.
- **Global Learning**
  Learning across global contexts.
- **Research Opportunity Program**
  Hands-on research with faculty.
- **Skills Accelerator**
  Build skills with an employer.
- **Social Innovation Project**
  Student teams solve local organizational challenges.
- **UTM Co-op Internship Program**
  Learning through immersive paid Co-op jobs.
- **Work Study**
  Part-time, paid work on campus.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

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Sneak Peek

Venus who? Take CLA204H5 and learn about the myths and legends of the Ancient Greek and Roman Mediterranean world in ancient art and literature. More Roman gods? Enrol in CLA310H5 to learn about the religion, festivals, and temples of the Romans. Take CLA370H5 to focus on changes to religion in Late Antiquity. What about reading Homer, Plato, Caesar, and Vergil in the original languages? Enrol in GRK101H5 and LAT101H5 to read ancient literature in Ancient 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.

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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)

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

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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)**

This QR code leads to the online version of this Program Plan. Scan the code to gain access to all the live links.