



# DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS, ANCIENT HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

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## Classics and Ancient History at Birmingham

The Department of Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology draws together the study of Greece, Rome, Egypt and the Near East. Our staff offer a wide range of expertise in the history, culture, archaeology and languages of the ancient world.

We are home to the Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies, the only research centre in the UK which brings all of these subjects together within a single unit.

Staff in the Centre deliver particular expertise in the history and languages of the East Mediterranean region.

Times Higher Education also ranked us in the top five departments for Classics for our performance in the latest Research Excellence Framework exercise, making this an ideal place to undertake postgraduate study.

Our flagship Antiquity MA programme offers a choice of four pathways covering the full range of subjects associated with the study of the ancient world: Byzantine Studies; Classical

Archaeology; Classics and Ancient History; and Egyptology. Whichever pathway you choose, the programme offers an ideal opportunity to pursue your interests in greater depth and also provides an ideal foundation for any further research at doctoral level. It allows you to specialise, but also encourages you to branch out into related disciplines and to consider interdisciplinary approaches.

Our lively postgraduate community also offers excellent routes into the research of Classics and Ancient History through our PhD, MA by Research and MRes programmes.



### Programmes

- Antiquity MA
- Medieval Studies MA (Byzantine Studies pathway)
- Ancient History MRes
- Byzantine Studies MRes
- Classics MRes
- Cuneiform and Ancient Near Eastern Studies MRes
- Egyptology MRes
- Late Antiquity MRes
- Classics and Ancient History PhD/MA by Research
- Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies PhD/MA by Research



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DEPARTMENT  
*IN THE WORLD*  
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ONE OF THE

**TOP 150**

CLASSICS AND ANCIENT  
HISTORY DEPARTMENTS  
*IN THE WORLD*

\*QS 2019





## STUDENT PROFILE

'By studying the history and archaeology of the classical antiquity, one goes back to the origins of the modern civilization and explores a world uniquely diverse and exciting, especially the world of ancient Greece and Rome.'

'Birmingham University is one of the best places to do my research. With highly qualified and experienced staff, excellent facilities (including the central library) and resources, it leads the research in classics in the UK and Europe.'

'The best things about my course is the great support and close and meticulous supervision I am receiving from my supervisors, as well as the sense of connection of the local research community.'

'Life is exciting as a researcher at the University of Birmingham. There are lots of events, conferences and presentations by renowned scholars and new colleagues, as well as an energetic community of students within a buzzing modern city.'

**IOANNIS NAKAS**, PhD in Classics,  
Ancient History and Archaeology



### Your career prospects

Birmingham's Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology graduates develop a broad range of transferable skills including: familiarity with research methods; the ability to manage large quantities of information from diverse sources; the ability to organise information in a logical and coherent manner; the expertise to write clearly and concisely and to tight deadlines; critical and analytical ability; the capacity for argument, debate and speculation; and the ability to base conclusions on statistical research.

### Scholarships

Each year, the College of Arts and Law offer a number of funding opportunities for Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology students.

For more information, please visit [birmingham.ac.uk/calffunding](http://birmingham.ac.uk/calffunding)

### Your learning

Students will have access to a range of learning resources including environmental and material culture teaching collections, the Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology Museum, and the Danford Collection of West African Art and Artefacts.

The University Library holds excellent Archaeology collections covering a wide range of archaeological themes, subjects, periods and geographical areas.

You will have access to the Roman and Byzantine coin collection at the Barber Institute of Fine Arts, one of the largest in the world,

and the library of Professor A. A. M. Bryer, the founder of the Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies, housed in the seminar room of the Centre.

We have a lively postgraduate community with many opportunities to enhance your learning through attendance at events, research seminars and conferences.

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This leaflet was written several months in advance of the start of the academic year. It is intended to provide prospective students with a general picture of the programmes and courses offered by the School. Please note that not all programmes or all courses are offered every year. Also, because our research is constantly exploring new areas and directions of study some courses may be discontinued and new ones offered in their place.

Please note the information in this brochure is correct at time of publication but may be subject to change (November 2019).