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# CLASSICS, ANCIENT HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY



# Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology at Birmingham

Our distinctive programmes draw together the study of Greece and Rome with Egypt and the Near East: from the first cities and the pyramids to the golden age of Greece, and the rise and fall of the Roman Empire.

## Why study Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology at Birmingham?

- Many universities will offer you the chance to study Classical languages. At Birmingham, we currently offer not only Latin and Greek, but also Egyptian and Ancient Near Eastern languages.
- You will have access to a range of exceptional learning resources, from our extensive environmental and material culture teaching collections, to our nationally and internationally important art and artefact collections such as the Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology Museum, Danford Collection, and Barber Institute of Fine Arts.
- From Byzantium to barbarians, Athenian drama to prehistoric archaeology, our expertise means you can study a wide range of periods, countries and cultures to suit your interests.

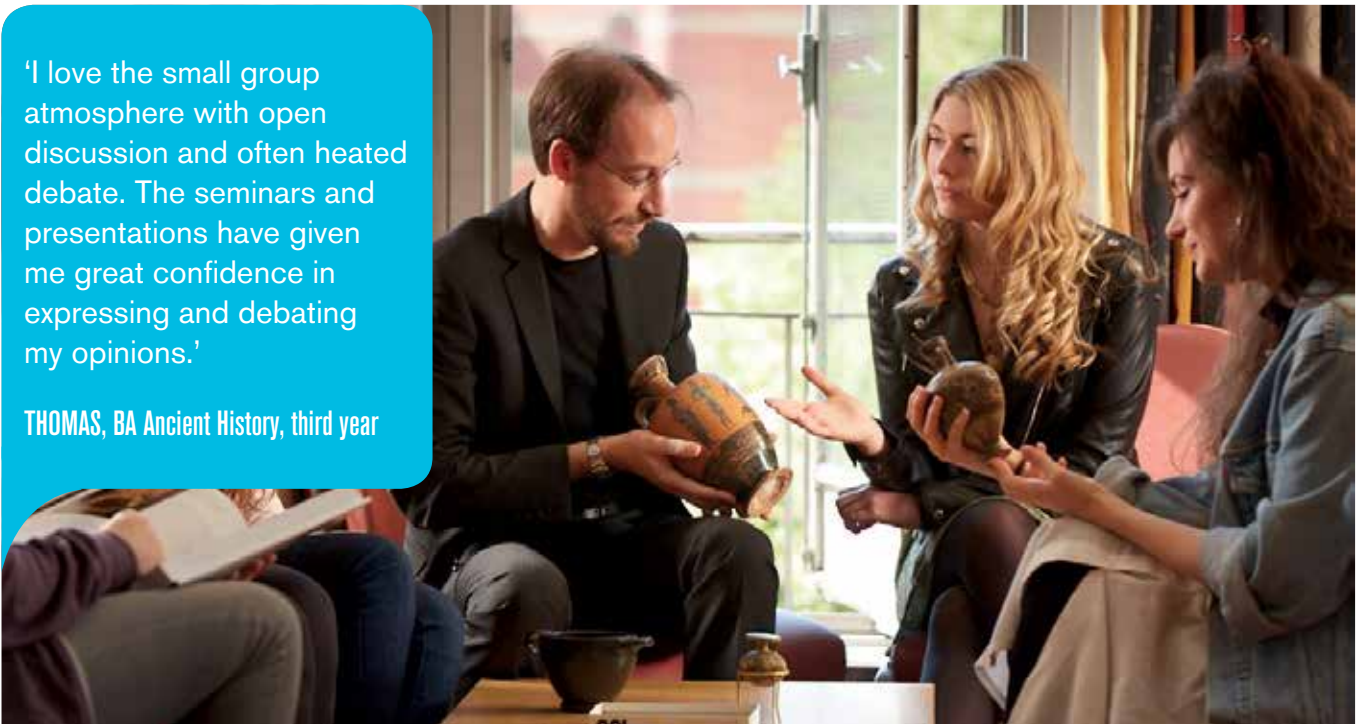


'We are passionate about the ancient past and what it can teach us about the modern world. Learning how to analyse ancient sources gives us the critical thinking skills we need to evaluate the many forms of information we come across in our daily lives.'

DR ANDREW BAYLISS,  
Senior Lecturer

'I love the small group atmosphere with open discussion and often heated debate. The seminars and presentations have given me great confidence in expressing and debating my opinions.'

THOMAS, BA Ancient History, third year



## OUR PROGRAMMES

### BA Ancient History

To understand the present, you need to discover the past. That is exactly what you will do as you delve into the rise and development of ancient civilisations over several millennia: from the Ancient Near East and Ancient Egypt, to Classical Greece, Republican and Imperial Rome, and Late Antiquity. You will explore Roman, Greek, Egyptian and Near Eastern cultures by looking at political, military, religious, social and cultural history.

### BA Classics

Develop your expertise in both Greek and Latin, while delving into all aspects of ancient civilisation: poetry, drama, myth, religion, history and art. By reading in the original languages, you will be able to understand Greek and Latin texts in greater depth, as well as have the opportunity to study the monuments, religion and mythology of Greece and Rome.

### BA Classical Literature and Civilisation

Fascinated by ancient cultures? Love reading and thinking for yourself? Then this innovative degree is for you. You will encounter the diversity of the ancient world by embracing all aspects of Greek and Roman culture, drawing together literature, drama, myth, religion and history, as well as philosophy and art. You will work with the plays, poems and speeches that have come down to us from antiquity and you will study the monuments, religion and mythology that make up classical civilisation. You also have the option to study ancient

languages. You do not need to have studied Latin or Greek before as we offer specially designed modules to help you explore the original texts behind the translations. If you have previously studied these ancient languages, we can take you forward from whatever level you've reached.

### BA Archaeology and Ancient History

This programme provides you with the opportunity to study the ancient civilisations of Egypt and Western Asia, Greece and Rome, and prehistoric and historic societies in the Mediterranean, Europe and Britain. By interpreting historical and archaeological evidence together, you can build a rounded picture of the life and culture of these ancient societies. We place a distinctive emphasis on the combination of archaeological and historical approaches in the study of the ancient world, including material culture and museum studies, and field archaeology. The range of expertise available ensures that you can study a wide range of periods, countries and cultures.

### BA Archaeology and Anthropology

This integrated degree programme is designed both for future archaeologists and anthropologists, and for those seeking an exciting and dynamic non-vocational degree course. The degree offers study in archaeological and anthropological theory, prehistory, historical archaeology, ethnography, practical and field archaeology, religion and ritual, aid and development, and material culture studies.

### Joint Honours

In addition to our Single Honours programmes, there is also the opportunity to study as part of a Joint Honours programme with either Anthropology, English, History or Philosophy.

In your first year, study is split equally between the two disciplines. In subsequent years our Joint Honours programmes offer a flexible approach which allows you to tailor your course to suit your developing strengths and interests. In the second year you might stay with the equal weighting, or you might select to take more modules in one of your disciplines, effectively changing to a major/minor weighting. In the final year you have the option to maintain your second-year weighting, switch your major discipline to your other discipline or revert to an equal weighting between your two subjects.

## STUDY ABROAD

You can apply to study abroad for a year in an approved university around the world. If you achieve a grade of 2.1 or above in your first year then you will be invited to apply for a Year Abroad in your second year. If your application is successful, you will go abroad in your third year and return to us for your final year.

Find out more at  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/yearabroad](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/yearabroad)

## OPTIONAL MODULES

You will have a wide range of optional modules to choose from across Ancient History, Classics and Archaeology. Recent optional modules have included Imperial Egypt, Classical Epic, Greeks and Barbarians, Sparta, Egyptian Mysteries in Greece and Rome, Nature in Roman Eyes, Byzantium and Islam, Environmental Archaeology in the Lab, and Archaeologies of Roman Imperialism.



## STUDY TOUR

A special feature of the Ancient History, Classics, Classical Literature and Civilisation, and Archaeology and Ancient History programmes is the second year Study Tour module, which is a unique opportunity to visit the regions you are studying. With financial support from the University, you plan a research project and travel with fellow students to a country relevant to your studies such as Italy, Greece, France or Spain.



Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
BA Ancient History	V110	ABB
BA Archaeology and Ancient History	VVC4	ABB
BA Classical Literature and Civilisation	Q820	ABB
BA Classics	Q800	ABB
BA Archaeology and Anthropology	LV64	ABB
BA Anthropology and Classical Literature and Civilisation	LQ68	ABB
BA Archaeology and Ancient History and History	VV14	ABB
BA Classical Literature and Civilisation and Philosophy	QV85	ABB
BA English and Classical Literature and Civilisation	QQ3V	ABB

### Essential information

Applicants for Classics Q800 must have a GCSE (grade 7) in Latin, Greek, or a Modern Language, or A level Latin (grade B).



### Careers and employability

These unique degrees are designed to provide both academic excellence and vocational development; a balance that's highly sought after by employers. Graduates from the Department of Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology go on to careers in a wide range of areas such as law, business, education and the media, with employers including central and local government, cultural and heritage organisations, environmental agencies, charities and development organisations, and a range of commercial companies. Specific jobs in addition to graduate entry schemes include PR and communications, human resources, legal work, library work, events planning, and tourism. Some will also go on to undertake further study and research in pursuit of higher degrees.

### NEXT STEPS

#### How to apply

Apply through UCAS.

#### Offer-holder Visit Days

Following the application process, offer-holders will be invited to an Offer-holder Visit Day and are strongly encouraged to take this opportunity to visit the Department and meet staff and students with whom they would be studying.



### LEARN MORE

#### Email:

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Full details on all courses with year-by-year breakdown can be found at:

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/caha-ug](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/caha-ug)

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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 (June 2019).



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