Master's in Classics and Ancient Civilisations

Ancient History

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Ancient History will open up a new world to you: the ancient world. How did men and women, elites and slaves, citizens and foreigners live together in Greek and Roman cities, and what role did religion and rituals play in urban life? The MA in Ancient History engages with these topics and other aspects of life in the ancient world.

This joint programme between the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU) offers a stimulating environment to study a range of historical issues from Greek and Roman antiquity. During intensive classes in small groups, you will gain an in-depth understanding of the ancient world and complex heuristic, analytic, and reporting skills.

This unique collaboration between two of the leading universities in the Netherlands will enable you to explore the specialisms of numerous faculty members, ranging from sport, gender, traditional cults and Christianisation to imperial representation and late antiquity. You will also have the opportunity to further develop your own interests. The programme will train you to analyse complicated historical issues, as well as enabling you to hone your communication skills.
Career prospects

The analytical and communicative skills you gain in this degree programme are essential for professional careers in a broad range of fields, including:
• Research and communication for media and cultural institutions (museums, publishers);
• Education and educational institutions;
• National and municipal government bodies.

Spotlight on a course

Great Debates (6 EC)
What is the role for 'the East' in the formation of classical Greek civilisation? Is gender a useful category of historical analysis for the ancient world? What can the study of pilgrimage tell us about lived experiences in the ancient world?
Each of these themes is topic of fierce debate between ancient historians and archaeologists. These debates will be central to this course. Using these debates, we will deal with methodical and theoretical questions, and come to grips with the difficulties of interpreting different types of source material.
Entry requirements

The Master’s in Ancient History is open to students with a university Bachelor’s diploma in:

- Ancient Studies;
- Archaeology;
- Greek and Latin Language and Culture;
- History.

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