Master's in Classics and Ancient Civilisations

Classics

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The study of languages, literature and material culture of ancient Greece and Rome offers a treasure trove of information. Due to a unique collaboration between the two Amsterdam research universities (UvA and VU), you will be able to explore a wide range of Classics disciplines. As a result, you can choose your own areas of interest, will be introduced to scholarly debates and acquire the tools to contribute critically to relevant discussions, both within and outside the field of Classics. Specialisations offered include: narratology, linguistics, intertextuality, reception of classical literature, and post-classical Greek and Latin. This degree programme offers a thorough training in analytical and communication skills essential for becoming a researcher or teacher in the field of classics, or for a position outside the world of classics.
Latin Literature

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Career prospects

Classicists find jobs within their area of expertise, as well as other positions which require a critical, independent and inquisitive mindset. Possible employers include secondary schools, libraries, publishing houses, media and corporate entities. Alumni have also found jobs as translators and policy officers. About two out of every three graduates find employment in secondary education. If you’re indeed planning to become a teacher, you should enrol for the one-year teaching qualification after completion of your degree.

Spotlight on a course

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Entry requirements

The Master’s programme Classics is open to students with a university Bachelor’s diploma in:
• Ancient Studies (with either Greek or Latin);
• Greek and Latin Language and Culture;
• Latin Language and Culture.

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