

Ancient Mediterranean civilization from the Greek Bronze Age until Late Antiquity comes under the purview of the Department of Classics. Within that broad field the expertise of the Department accommodates M.A. studies in several branches of Greek and Roman Archaeology, Art History, History, Language and Literature, and Ancient Thought.

Program Description

The M.A. may be earned either through a combination of course-work and thesis or a combination of course-work and comprehensive examination. The former is usually preferred because it allows for close and prolonged interaction between the student and advisors on a research project. The numbers of students in the program are always small and every effort is made to tailor the program to conform to



Theseus and the Minotaur. Detail from an Attic black-figure lekythos, ca. 500 BC–475 BC.

the interests and objectives of the student and the expertise of the faculty. The Department is particularly interested in promoting M.A. studies that involve combining the study of literary or documentary texts with the study of material culture. In some instances the M.A. will be undertaken as a preliminary to further studies in other fields. Thus recent graduates have gone in to such fields as mu-

seum administration, librarianship and journalism. Others have entered Ph.D. programs in other North American or British universities.

Research Interests of the Department

Currently the Department has particularly strong research interests in Greek and Roman Archaeology. One member of the Department holds a research position as Canada Research Chair in Roman Archaeology. She and other members of the Department regularly offer opportunities for students to do supervised field work, or museum work, in such places as North Africa, Greece, Ukraine, Turkey and the Near East. Other members of the Department have active research interests in selected areas of Greek and Roman History, in Greek and Latin language and literature, and in ancient thought.

Research Facilities

The resources of the University library, combined with those of the University of Winnipeg, accommodate graduate research in several areas. The Department or the University also subscribes to such electronic data-bases as the Thesaurus Linguae Graecae, the Patrologia Latina, the Perseus Project, the Packard Humanities Institute CDs for

Latin Literature and for documentary inscriptions and papyri. Membership in the American School of Classical Studies in Athens allows the Department and its students to utilize the library and other resources and services of the school. Through the offices of instructors working in museums and excavations overseas students have regular opportunities to pursue research overseas.

Affiliations with Organizations

The Department of Classics works closely with the U. of M. Centre for the Study of Hellenic Civilization which supports research in all time periods and aspects of Greek civilization. Some members of the Department, particularly archaeologists, have formal and informal collaborative arrangements with other North American and European universities and institutes. Recent work on the material culture of antiquity has involved collaboration with the Winnipeg Art Gallery and the Manitoba Museum.

Admissions Information

All students admitted to the M.A. program are expected to be proficient at reading ancient Greek and Latin. Ordinarily the proficiency will be consistent with that expected of graduates of four-year B.A. programs in Latin and Greek. Where successful completion of formal course-work in the languages does not indicate such proficiency some other demonstration of competence may be required. This could entail a pre-admission test, successful completion of a prescribed reading list in Greek and Latin, or completion of further undergraduate courses in Greek and/or Latin.

Funding Opportunities

University of Manitoba Fellowships of \$12,000 for Master's and \$16,000 for Ph.D. students are available, regardless of nationality, through annual competitions. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) also provides fellowships on a competitive basis but are restricted to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. In addition, some departments offer Teaching Assistantships and other funding sources; see their specific program profile for more information.

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