

Programme Specification¹

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6. School/Institute:

5. College:

College of Arts

Humanities [REG10300000]

7. Programme Accredited By:

¹ This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if full advantage is taken of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information on the learning outcomes, content and teaching, learning and assessment methods of each course can be found in course handbooks and other programme documentation and online at www.gla.ac.uk

The accuracy of the information in this document is reviewed periodically by the University and may be checked by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education.

8. Entrance Requirements:

Please refer to the current undergraduate prospectus at: http://www.gla.ac.uk/prospectuses/undergraduate/

8.1 ATAS Certificate Requirement:

ATAS Certificate not required

9. Programme Aims:

This programme provides students with the opportunity to study classical Greek language and literature alongside the history, literature, philosophy and visual and material culture of classical Greece and, if desired, of classical antiquity more widely. Its aims are

- to provide a rigorous understanding of classical Greek language
- to provide an opportunity to read widely in classical Greek literature
- an overall understanding of the cultures and societies of ancient Greece
- to provide opportunities to specialise in particular aspects of classical Greece through taught courses and dissertation work
- to provide an understanding of the wide range of approaches which can be applied to the study of classical Greece
- to provide an understanding of Classics as a discipline which is itself dynamic and evolving

10. Intended Learning Outcomes of Programme:

The programme provides opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate knowledge and understanding, skills, qualities and other attributes in the following areas.

Knowledge and Understanding

By the end of this programme students should be able to demonstrate:

- thorough and accurate knowledge of classical Greek through seen and unseen translation
- detailed knowledge and understanding of selected Greek texts
- broad general knowledge of the history of classical Greece and of its major cultural achievements
- detailed knowledge and understanding of a range of historical and literary topics within the field of Classics, including the topic chosen by the student for his or her dissertation
- understanding of the breadth of possible methods of studying and interpreting classical Greece

Skills and Other Attributes

Subject-specific/practical skills

By the end of this programme students should be able to demonstrate:

- ability to translate classical Greek, unseen, accurately into English
- ability to translate prepared set texts in classical Greek accurately into English
- ability to provide relevant and detailed comment on passages of prepared set texts in classical Greek
- ability to provide detailed analysis of primary sources relating to classical Greece
- ability to relate their knowledge and understanding of the genres of classical Greek literature to the interpretation of specific passages of classical Greek literature

Intellectual skills

By the end of this programme students should be able to demonstrate:

- ability to articulate and sustain extended and comprehensive academic argument in written form
- ability to assess oral and written material rapidly and then respond to the ideas so presented
- ability to assess and evaluate the importance of primary sources in constructing academic argument
- ability to assess and evaluate secondary literature in constructing academic argument

Transferable/key skills

- ability to communicate lucidly and effectively in written and oral form
- ability to use IT resources appropriate to the material which is being studied

ability to work to clear deadlines and plan work accordingly

11. Assessment Methods:

The assessment methods used by the subject area are:

- essays. Essay-writing assesses students' knowledge and understanding; it also enables them to demonstrate their subject-specific and transferable skills. In terms of intellectual skills, this method of assessment tests the ability to articulate and sustain academic argument and to assess and evaluate primary and secondary material in so doing
- commentary exercises. Commentary exercises assess students' knowledge and understanding; they also enable them to demonstrate their subject specific skills
- grammar and translation exercises. These assess knowledge and understanding of classical Greek language
- exams. Exams assess students' knowledge and understanding; they also provide an opportunity to test the ability to assess written material rapidly and respond to it.
- seminar presentations. Seminar presentations assess knowledge and understanding and subject-specific skills and the transferable skills of oral presentation and working to deadlines and may include use of IT resources. Seminars assess the ability to sustain academic argument and to assess and evaluate primary and secondary material in so doing
- dissertation (if taken). The dissertation assesses students' knowledge and understanding, their subject-specific skills as relevant to the topic they are working on and their transferable skills. The dissertation provides an opportunity to assess the intellectual skills of formulating a research question, articulating and sustaining an extended and comprehensive academic argument and of assessing primary and secondary source material in constructing academic argument.

12. Learning and Teaching Approaches:

The learning and teaching methods for this programme are

- the lecture. Lectures support student learning through the presentation of knowledge in coherent and lucid manner and facilitate structured and guided interpretation and methodological discussion. In the subject area's research-led environment, lectures can also, where appropriate, give students access to research in progress prior to publication.
- the seminar. Seminars support the development of knowledge through the detailed study of specific issues and the development of skills by demanding critical engagement with primary and secondary material and clarity in oral presentation.

the supervision. Supervision (of dissertation work) support students' development of the skills of formulating and answering a research question and of presenting their findings in coherent and lucid written form.

13. Relevant QAA Subject Benchmark Statements and Other External or Internal Reference Points:

http://www.qaa.ac.uk/academicinfrastructure/benchmark/honours/classics.asp

14. Programme Structure and Features:

A typical joint honours curriculum in Greek will be constructed as follows:

Year	Courses	Credits	Possible Exit Points
1	Greek 1A and	20	Certificate of
	Greek 1B	20	Higher Education
	Two Level 1 courses in a second Subject	40	120 credits
	Two Level 1 courses in a third Subject	40	
2	Greek 2A and	20	Diploma of
	Greek 2B	20	Higher Education
	Two Level 2 courses in second Subject	40	240 credits
	Two additional Level 1 courses	40	
3	3 20-credit courses drawn from those honours courses offered in that session	60	MA (ordinary)
Junior Hons	60 credits in the student's other joint honours subject		
4	Greek Unprepared Translation Either	20	MA with Honours
Senior Hons	Dissertation (40 credits)		480 credits
	or	40	
	2 20-credit courses drawn from those honours courses offered in that session (in this case, the student must do a dissertation	40	
	in their other joint honours subject) 60 credits in the student's other joint honours subject	40	
		60	

Students taking Joint Honours Greek together with Joint Honours Latin will be required to complete a 20-credit Portfolio after a study-tour to Classical sites as part of their 4th year curriculum.

15. Additional Relevant Information:

Support for students is provided by the Postgraduate/Undergraduate Adviser(s) of Studies supported by University resources such as the Effective Learning Adviser located in the Student Learning Service (www.gla.ac.uk/services/tls/sls/), the Student Counselling and Advisory Service (www.gla.ac.uk/services/counselling/), the Student Disability Service (www.gla.ac.uk/services/studentdisability/) and the Careers Service (www.gla.ac.uk/services/careers/).

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