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National Student Survey 2016

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Tunrayo Olaoshun, Second year Ancient History

ACTING OUT YOUR LOVE OF CLASSICS

You will have the opportunity to apply your knowledge of the Classical world and develop your skills in creative and imaginative ways. Each year we invite all Classics students to help us stage a Classical Play at a professional theatre (this year at the Belgrade in Coventry), performing to over one thousand audience members from across the country.

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Our Classical Play will expose you to the multi-dimensionality of theatre. You’ll be encouraged to consider different aspects of the Classical work, examining the ways in which these ideas are relatable and relevant to a modern audience. Alongside this, you will also acquire important transferable skills which will be valuable in the workplace, including effective negotiation strategies, teamwork, marketing and communication skills, and time and budget management.

Dr Emmanuela Bakola
Assistant Professor of Ancient Greek Language and Literature

I look forward to working with the director and the creative team on their ideas and interpretations every year. Since in my research I am interested in the role of space in Greek literature and especially Greek drama, I particularly enjoy being part of the set design team. The practical approach allows me to see a different dimension to the plays, which is not always easy to appreciate when you work only with the text.
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On this course we’ll equip you with valuable transferable skills in analysis, logic, written and oral communication, the ability to work independently, to meet deadlines and to pay close attention to detail.

Studying Classical languages offers all our students a fantastic opportunity to enhance conceptual understanding, as well as enjoyment, of ancient culture, society, and thought. Accessing the ancient world in this way enriches our students’ fascination with the worlds of Greece and Rome, as well as providing first-hand experience of the texture of ancient verbal expression, however much or little exposure students have had of ancient languages before coming to Warwick.

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BA ANCIENT HISTORY AND CLASSICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

In your second and third years, you take one core module (‘Hellenistic World’ in the second year, ‘Dissertation’ in the third year), alongside a choice of three other modules from a wide variety of options. These include modules on political and social history (‘Democracy and Imperialism’, ‘The Transformation of Society under Augustus’), as well as others focused on analysis of archaeological and material evidence (‘Principles and Methods of Classical Archaeology’, ‘Domestic Space in the Roman World’, ‘Coinage of Greece and Rome’). You can also choose to complement your historical interests with a module on a literary topic (e.g. ‘Greek Theatre’). The wealth of options and flexibility of the course allows you to design a degree course which reflects your own unique interests and abilities.

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BA CLASSICS

Do you wish to challenge yourself and enrich your understanding of Classical languages and literature?

Our BA Classics degree allows you to examine an exciting range of original texts, and to experiment with a range of thematic, interdisciplinary and theoretical approaches to the study of antiquity - its culture, politics, art and thought.

You will take four modules each year. The first year will introduce you to diverse aspects of Classical culture and society, in conjunction with tailored language work. In your second and third years you will take at least two core modules with an ancient text component each year. In the final year, one of the four modules will be the dissertation, which allows you to explore further an area of particular interest under the guidance of a supervisor.

This course is taught through lectures, seminars, close-reading tutorials, and workshops. Teaching is designed to develop a range of core skills both in literary criticism and in theoretical and interdisciplinary approaches to Classics. This means you will have the chance to explore classical literature and art (or what connects them), performance studies, the reception of antiquity in the Renaissance and the modern world, or contemporary philosophical responses to ancient texts, themes, and concepts.

**WORKING WITH ORIGINAL TEXTS**

You will have the chance to study canonical authors - Homer, Euripides, Virgil, Herodotus, Horace, Livy - alongside less familiar names such as Pindar, Cratinus, Gorgias, Persius, Statius and Galen. Texts are studied thematically rather than exclusively by genre or period, with the aim of honing both your literary-critical skills and your ability to situate texts within much broader interpretative debates.

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Our BA Classics and English degree gives you the chance to study both subjects as a continuum.

The course examines the multiple and ever-evolving interactions between the artistic production of Classical antiquity and English literature, from Shakespeare to contemporary poets, novelists and dramatists, and our modules encourage interdisciplinary thinking between the two inter-related fields.

You will explore the broad and subtle trends in the development of Western literature, and acquire the knowledge and critical skills to make your own connections between genres, authors, themes, concepts, theories and historical moments.

In your first year, core modules from Classics include ‘Roman Culture and Society’ or ‘Greek Culture and Society’, plus Latin or Greek at advanced level, alongside two English core modules (‘Modes of Reading’, an introduction to the practices of criticism, and either ‘Epic into Novel’, or ‘Medieval to Renaissance Literature’). In your second and third years you may choose from a range of optional modules from either department, with flexibility increasing in your third year, when you will also write a dissertation on a topic of your choice, supervised by a specialist in either department.

Having studied Latin, Greek and English Literature to A-Level, I was drawn to Warwick as it is one of few universities to offer the joint honours degree Classics and English. The course has been incredibly valuable for me, as it has allowed me to not only recognise and appreciate literary allusion across Classical and Modern forms of storytelling, but has provided me with the tools to use these allusions in my own work to add greater depth to my own creativity.

This joint degree gives you the chance to discover the origins of Western philosophical thought within the socio-political context of the ancient world, and to trace its transformation in multiple contexts up to the present day.

The course will allow you to develop enhanced analytical skills across many contexts and modes of thought, and also gives you the opportunity to study an ancient language.

You will enjoy an outstanding range of up-to-date, research-led modules, moving from core modules in your first year to specialist options in your second and third years. In your first year, you will take four core modules which include ‘Greek Culture and Society’, ‘Roman Culture and Society’, ‘Introduction to Ancient Philosophy’ and Latin or Greek at the appropriate level.

In your second and third years, you will also take four modules per year, which may be weighted towards Classics, or split 50/50 between the two departments. Current options from the Classics department include ‘Politics and Poetics in Greek and Latin Literature’, ‘The Vulnerable Body in Roman Literature and Thought’, ‘History of Medicine’, ‘Greek Near East’, ‘Greek Theatre’. In Philosophy recent modules have included: ‘Nietzsche in Context’; ‘Feminism, Meaning and Communication’, ‘Philosophy in Film’, ‘Issues in Contemporary Aesthetics’, ‘Origins of Mind’.

Engaging with ancient philosophy is a great way to explore the origins of Western culture up to the present day. Studying the way in which the early Greeks described the workings of the Universe through myths, poetry, and rational discourse, is not only incredibly fascinating, but it also helps us reflect on our own attitude towards the world around us.
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Classical scholarship in Italy is regarded as world-leading, so you will benefit both from quality of academic study as well as being immersed in another language and culture.

STUDY IN EUROPE

If you are interested in combining your studies at Warwick with spending one year in an Italian University, you may want to consider applying for:

- Ancient History and Classical Archaeology with Study in Europe (VV 18)
- Classical Civilisation with Study in Europe (Q821)
- Classics (Ancient Greek) with Study in Europe (Q801)
- Classics (Latin) with Study in Europe (Q802)

In order to be eligible for our Study in Europe degree programmes, we ask for a certain level of achievement in the study of an ancient or modern language, or evidence of your ability to learn Italian.

For more information, see warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/students/study_in_europe/monash

STUDY IN MONASH UNIVERSITY, AUSTRALIA

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The Experience of the First Year

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Your other modules are taught through lectures, smaller group seminars, and interactive learning sessions. For some lectures, you may be asked to do some reading either before or after the session. For seminars, you will be asked to prepare particular material in advance and come ready to discuss your ideas. For language classes, you will need to complete work both before and after each class. Language modules are assessed regularly throughout the year in short quizzes and tests. Your other modules are each assessed through two written pieces of work and an exam at the end of the year.

One of the great things about our department is that people come with a variety of A levels. We give all first years a grounding in the various approaches of our subject (including language) so that everyone can find out what really interests them in the vast area that is Classics.

Modules

Core for all degrees:
- Greek Culture and Society: studies the vast and immensely rich panorama of Greek culture
- Roman Culture and Society: asks what being Roman means in the Roman Empire
- Languages: different modules cater for students, depending on their previous language learning experience, from the basics of ancient languages to post A-level advanced study of ancient literary texts. (Q800 students take 2 language modules)

Modules dependent upon degree choice:
- Introduction to Greek and Roman History: introduction to central themes from the Greek Archaic Period to the beginning of the Roman Empire under Augustus (AD 14). (Compulsory for students doing VV17, but optional for Q820, not available for Q800)
- Philosophy (both courses below compulsory for Q897, but optional for Q820, not available for Q800)
  - Philosophy in Practice: engages philosophically with current affairs
  - Introduction to Ancient Philosophy introduces thinkers, ideas and arguments from ancient philosophy foundational for the western philosophical tradition

List of Modules

Second and Third Year Modules

Archaeology, Art, Architecture
- Art and Architecture of Asia Minor
- Coinage of Greece and Rome
- Domestic Space in the Roman World
- Principles and Methods of Classical Archaeology
- The Roman Near East

Ancient History
- City of Rome
- Democracy and Imperialism
- Food and Drink in the Ancient Mediterranean
- Greek Religion
- History of Medicine in the Ancient World
- Receptions of Antiquity: East and West
- The Roman Economy
- The Roman Empire from Tiberius to Hadrian
- The Transformation of Roman Society under Augustus
- The Roman Empire from Antoninus Pius to Constantine
- From Confucius to Constantine: Ancient Global History

Literature in Translation or Original Language
- Ancient Greek Theatre
- Origins of the Modern Novel
- Politics and Poetics in Greek and Latin Literature
- The Vulnerable Body in Roman Thought and Literature
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- Humanism and Early Modern Latin Texts
- Space and Place in Ancient Greek Literature
- Roman Laughter: Wit and Transgression in Roman Literature and Thought
- Rhetorics: from Classical Rhetoric to Modern Communication
- Greek Language and Literature
- Greek Literary Texts
- Latin Language and Literature
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Our priorities in designing our modules: transmit our research to students, encourage inquisitive approaches to the ancient world and inspire students to develop critical thinking and creativity. For example, my module on Rhetorics invites analysis of modern communication and politics in the light of the development of ancient persuasion techniques.
PREPARING FOR THE WORLD OF WORK

We see it as an imperative to equip you with the skills and capability to adapt to a workplace which is increasingly affected by accelerated social and technological change.

Earlier this year (2017), Warwick was ranked the most targeted University by the UK’s Top 100 Graduate Employers.* We invite nearly 300 leading employers to campus each year, ensuring that our students have the opportunity to meet employers at careers fairs, employer presentations or sector-specific events. The most recent figures show that 100% of first degree graduates from across the department had secured employment or further study six months after graduation.

Graduates from the department have gone on to successful and distinguished careers in a diverse range of fields. These include: Law, Teaching, Civil Service, Theatre, Banking, Marketing and Communications.

The multi-disciplinary nature of the degree means that our students develop a broad skillset which includes advanced analytical skills, honed written and verbal communication skills, a thirst for critical evaluation and an awareness of divergent perspectives.

*According to The Graduate Market in 2017 published by High Fliers Research Ltd.

YOUR SOCIETIES AND NETWORKS

With over 250 student societies, there are plenty of opportunities to meet like-minded people and share in activities you enjoy.

Our Classics Society is very active, regularly organising socials, parties and a trip abroad every year, and bi-annual visits to interesting sites in the UK (such as Stonehenge or Hadrian’s Wall). By joining the Classics Society you will have the chance to get to know students from across the department and across the degree programmes. Warwick’s Classics Society also plays a vital role in the staging and production of our annual ancient play. Additional activities include practice and matches and fundraising for charity events. The society is also there to support you academically. The student mentoring scheme for first year students pairs you with second or final year undergraduates, who will be on hand to help you find your way around, give you some advice about modules or answer any questions you might have.

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