



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH
School of History, Classics
and Archaeology

Undergraduate opportunities



Classics at Edinburgh

Study at one of the world's leading universities where
we've been teaching Classics for over 400 years.

Why choose Classics at Edinburgh?

With a distinguished tradition that stretches back more than four centuries, Classics at Edinburgh offers one of the widest choices of subjects and approaches of any university in the UK.

A world-leading university

The University of Edinburgh is one of the world's leading universities. We are consistently ranked among the top 50 best universities in the world, we're 22nd in the 2024 QS World University Rankings, and we attract some of the world's brightest staff and students. Edinburgh is currently ranked 10th in the world for Arts and Humanities (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023).

The Classics department is one of the largest groups of classics-focused academics in the UK, with around 30 members of staff covering a variety of research interests. Our Classics staff are drawn not only from the UK but from Canada, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, and the USA; the student body, both in Classics and the wider School, is international too. This means that there is always a diversity of perspectives and traditions to draw on.

Breadth and depth of study

We offer a wide choice of programmes and more than 30 specialist course options across all the main areas of classics:

- Greek and Latin language, literature and thought
- ancient history
- classical art and archaeology

The flexible nature of our degrees enables you to expand your academic range by studying subjects outside your major discipline during the first two years. Year 1 Classics students have recently taken courses in subjects as varied as archaeology, philosophy, history and politics.

A supportive environment

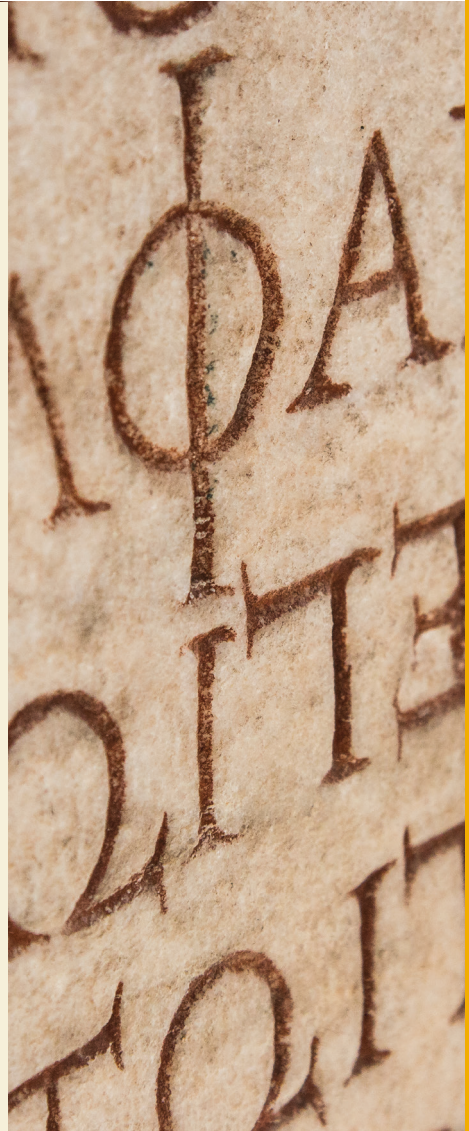
We want you to feel supported throughout your time with us at Edinburgh and a wide range of services are available. The School also has a dedicated Student Support and Experience Team, Wellbeing Officer and peer support.

Overseas study trips

We encourage you to take up opportunities to study, travel or excavate abroad during your time with us. Our students have participated in overseas excavations in Italy, Georgia and Macedonia in recent years. We have some funding available to support students to undertake fieldwork during the vacation as well as funding for broader study or travel in 'classical lands'. We have also organised study trips abroad in recent years, including to Macedonia and the Bay of Naples.

During the summer break between years 1 and 2, students taking degrees involving Classical Archaeology will take a course allowing them to gain experience in excavation or museum work.

*Please note that these opportunities will be subject to availability and are likely to have extra costs.



A flexible four-year degree

Edinburgh offers a four-year honours degree, which gives you the benefit of developing a breadth as well as depth of knowledge.

Among the advantages of the four-year degree are:

- Breadth of study. The flexible nature of our degrees enables you to expand your academic range by studying subjects outside your major discipline during the first two years. Year 1 Classics students have recently taken courses in subjects as varied as archaeology, philosophy, history and politics.
- Joint degrees. A huge range of joint degrees offers you the opportunity to study two disciplines in real depth.
- Third year abroad. An extensive network of reciprocal exchanges with major international universities can give you the chance to apply to study overseas for an entire year, and still spend a full three years in Edinburgh.
www.ed.ac.uk/global/go-abroad
- Final-year dissertation. A feature of the fourth year is a dissertation undertaken by all students. This piece of original research, of between 12,000 and 14,000 words, represents the culmination of your undergraduate career and the demonstration of your abilities as an independent scholar.

- MA (Hons). The added experience and intellectual depth that you will gain over the course of the four-year honours undergraduate degree is widely recognised and greatly valued by employers.



Classics degree programmes

Degree programmes within Classics

- MA Classics (i.e. Greek and Latin)
- MA Ancient History
- MA Classical Studies
- MA Classical Archaeology and Ancient History
- MA Ancient History and Greek
- MA Ancient History and Latin
- MA Classical Archaeology and Greek
- MA Classical Archaeology and Latin
- MA Greek Studies
- MA Latin Studies

Joint honours degree programmes with other subjects

The classical world has had an enormous influence on the cultures, philosophies and languages of the Western world. The study of the archaeology, the history and the languages of the ancient world lends itself well to joint degrees, therefore, in complementary areas.

Joint degrees normally involve either a specified area of Classics (e.g. Ancient History in 'Ancient and Medieval History') or a choice (e.g. in English Literature and Classics, either Latin or Greek or non-linguistic areas).

- MA Ancient and Medieval History
- MA Ancient Mediterranean Civilisations

- MA Archaeology and Ancient History
- MA Classics and English Language
- MA Classics and Linguistics
- MA Classical and Middle East Studies
- MA Divinity and Classics
- MA English Literature and Classics
- MA History and Classics
- MA Philosophy and Greek
- MA Scottish Literature and Classics

Joint honours programmes with languages

- MA Arabic and Ancient Greek
- MA French and Classics
- MA German and Classics
- MA Italian and Classics
- MA Russian Studies and Classics
- MA Scandinavian Studies and Classics
- MA Spanish and Classics

Degree programmes listed are for 2025 entry and are subject to change. For the latest information visit our webpages:

edin.ac/ug-classics



What our students say

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“I really like how the degree program was structure and that it allowed you to pick multiple subjects in the first two years to broaden your horizons.”

Alia - MA (Hons) Classical Studies



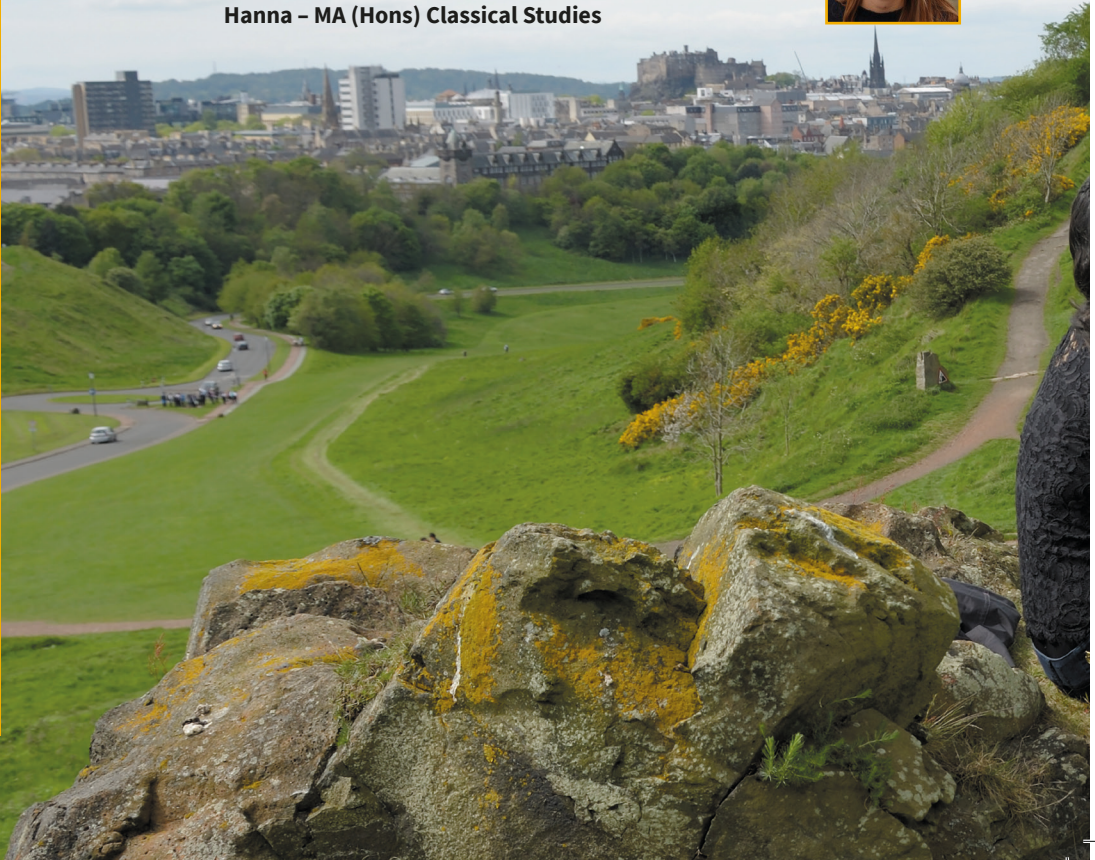
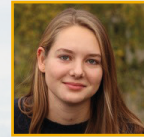
“I have such broad historical interests which the four-year Ancient and Medieval History degree has allowed me to explore far more than a three-year degree would have done.”

Tristan – MA (Hons) Ancient and Medieval History



“The variety of courses I am able to choose from and the chance to study both Latin and Ancient Greek as beginner really appealed to me.”

Hanna – MA (Hons) Classical Studies



Chat online

Wherever you are in the world, UniBuddy gives you the chance to chat to a current student about their experiences. You will be able to connect with a range of students studying different subjects:

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/student-life/student-chat



Life beyond the classroom

The friends you meet, places you discover and the lasting memories you create contribute as much to your university life as your formal learning.

Classics Society

The Edinburgh University Classics welcomes everyone who has an interest in the Ancient World. The Society hosts a variety of socials, ranging from pub nights to staff-student events, symposiums and 'Hadrian's Ball'. It also organises an international trip. The Society conducts outreach work at local schools through their Literacy Through Latin program and welcomes anyone with a basic knowledge of Latin to volunteer. Toga tying a speciality.

edin.ac/hca-societies

History and Games Society

The History and Games Society is the only society dedicated to examining and critically playing historical games. It holds events every month and collaborates with other groups, such as The History and Games Lab, to host playtests, guest seminars, workshops, and gaming events.

edin.ac/hca-societies

Retrospect

The Students' Association offers an array of bars, shops, cafes and entertainment venues, including the city's biggest student nightclub. Regular entertainment includes a variety of clubs, live music and comedy, plus debates and regular club meetings. The Students' Association also supports more than 280 student societies covering all areas of interest across sport, music, drama and the arts.

<https://retrospectjournal.com>

Sport and exercise

Whether a recreational gym-user or a performance athlete going for gold, our worldclass sports facilities and coaches cater for you.

After your degree

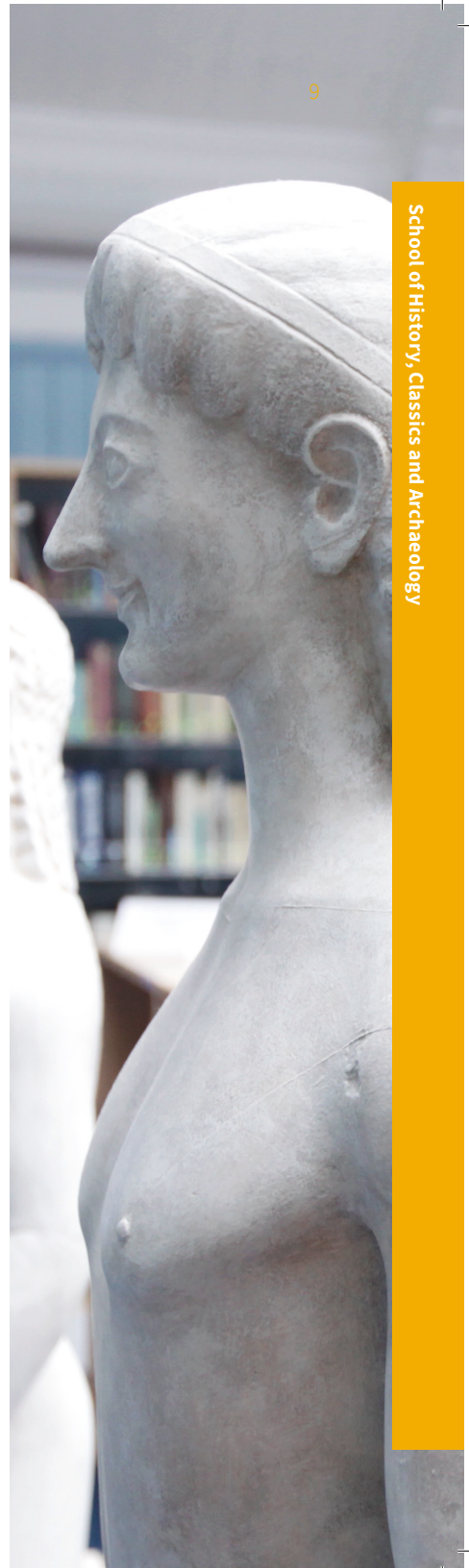
With a degree in Classics from Edinburgh, you'll gain practical, intellectual and theoretical skills that are highly valued by employers.

You'll gain rigorous mental training in a range of disciplines, enabling you to demonstrate intellectual flexibility and the ability to adapt to new situations and to learn new skills.

By working with distant sources and inconclusive evidence, you'll learn to think logically and to develop sound research and analytical skills. You'll learn how to make links between what you already know and what you still need to find out. You'll be taught how to compile and critically evaluate evidence in order to formulate and present an argument coherently.

Classics graduates have gone on to pursue a range of career paths, including:

- journalism
- museums
- teaching
- academia
- accountancy
- finance
- IT
- publishing
- the armed forces
- the legal profession
- the civil service





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Career advice and opportunities to enhance your CV

Our Careers Service can help with your career choices, and offer practical advice about how to advance your career goals. They organise hundreds of career events and workshops each year, including the annual Creative and Cultural Heritage Career Festival, and regularly invite employers onto campus to meet with our students. They also make occasional contributions to the curriculum ensuring students' awareness of the possibilities a History degree offers.

The School of History, Classics and Archaeology has its own dedicated careers consultant who works on a 1:1 basis with students in the School to guide and support their career needs. Most employers expect something extra from today's graduates so the University also runs the Edinburgh Award to help set you apart – this award recognises student involvement in a wide range of co- and extra-curricular activities, and the skills and attributes demonstrated.

Contact us

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We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information in this brochure before going to print (February 2024). However please check online for the most up-to-date information:

www.ed.ac.uk/history-classics-archaeology

FAQs

Where do I find degree programme listings and entry requirements?

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/degrees

Where do I find out more about classics courses?

edin.ac/ug-classics

Where can I find out about visits, tours and Open Days?

www.ed.ac.uk/visit

Where can I find out about accommodation?

www.ed.ac.uk/students/new-students/accommodation

Where do I find out about applying?

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/applying

Where do I apply and track my application?

www.ucas.com

What financial support can I apply for?

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding

What information can I get about facilities and support services?

www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/facilities

Where can I find out about sports facilities?

www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/sport

Where can I find out more about transport in and around the city?

transportforedinburgh.com

What do your students think?

edin.ac/student-life

