

MRes Classics



This programme offers a unique opportunity to deepen and develop your knowledge of classical antiquity by combining a substantial (20,000 words) research dissertation with research training and taught elements. It can lead to doctoral research, but also provides the chance to undertake scholarly research as an enrichment of undergraduate study or for career development purposes.

[Study here and find out why the University of Birmingham was awarded The Times and The Sunday Times University of the Year 2013-14](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2013/09/20-sep-Birmingham-announced-as-University-of-the-Year.aspx)
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Course fact file

Type of Course: Combined research and taught

Study Options: Full time, part time

Duration: 1 year full-time; 2 years part-time

Start date: September

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[Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/historycultures/departments/caha/index.aspx) ([/schools/historycultures/departments/caha/index.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/historycultures/departments/caha/index.aspx))

Details

A research skills training module equips you with a range of specialised and generic skills, including textual criticism, document handling, literary theory, information resources, thesis presentation and bibliographical management. Many students also opt to take further training in classical languages.

In addition, you may choose modules from the **[MA Antiquity](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/iaa/antiquity.aspx)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/iaa/antiquity.aspx>) syllabus, which allows for interdisciplinary study of the ancient world. We also offer the opportunity to take modules from other related postgraduate programmes, such as **[Byzantine Studies](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/combined/iaa/byzantine-studies.aspx)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/combined/iaa/byzantine-studies.aspx>) and **[Modern Greek Studies](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/combined/iaa/modern-greek-studies.aspx)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/combined/iaa/modern-greek-studies.aspx>).

Typically, applicants will have a degree in some area of classical or ancient historical studies, and we recommend that you discuss your proposed research with a potential supervisor before applying - see the full range of academic research interests of **[individual staff](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/iaa/departments/classics/staff/index.aspx)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/iaa/departments/classics/staff/index.aspx>).

Fees and funding

We charge an annual tuition fee. Fees for 2015/16 are currently as follows:

- Home / EU £4,090 full-time; £2,045 part-time
- Overseas: £13,195 full-time; £6,597.50 part-time

For part-time students, the above fee quoted is for year one only and tuition fees will also be payable in subsequent years of your programme.

Tuition fees can either be paid in full or by instalments.

Eligibility for Home/EU or Overseas fees can be verified with Admissions. Learn more about **[fees for international students](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/students/finance/fees.aspx)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/students/finance/fees.aspx>).

Learn more about **[postgraduate tuition fees and funding](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/index.aspx)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/index.aspx>).

Scholarships and studentships

Scholarships to cover fees and/or maintenance costs may be available. To discover whether you are eligible for any award across the University, and to start your funding application, please visit the University's **[Postgraduate Funding Database](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/fees/funding/FundingFilter.aspx)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/fees/funding/FundingFilter.aspx>).

International students can often gain funding through overseas research scholarships, Commonwealth scholarships or their home government.

Entry requirements

Learn more about [entry requirements \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/index.aspx)

International students

Academic requirements

We accept a range of qualifications; our [country pages \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/country/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/country/index.aspx) show you what qualifications we accept from your country.

English language requirements

You can satisfy our English language requirements in two ways:

- by holding an [English language qualification \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/index.aspx) to the right level
- by taking and successfully completing one of our [English courses for international students \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/english-courses.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/english-courses.aspx)

How to apply

Before you make your application

You may wish to [register your interest with us \(https://bham.hobsons.co.uk/emtinterestpage.aspx?ip=postgraduate\)](https://bham.hobsons.co.uk/emtinterestpage.aspx?ip=postgraduate) to receive regular news and updates on postgraduate life within this Department and the wider University.

Making your application

Learn more about [applying \(/postgraduate/courses/apply-pg/index.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/apply-pg/index.aspx)

When clicking on the Apply Now button you will be directed to an application specifically designed for the programme you wish to apply for where you will create an account with the University application system and submit your application and supporting documents online. Further information regarding how to apply online can be found on the [How to apply pages \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx)

[Apply now \(https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/CALo21.htm\)](https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/CALo21.htm)

Learning and teaching

Classics and Ancient History at Birmingham is one of the few university departments in the UK that draws together the study of Greece and Rome with Egypt and the Near East. You will be able to draw on a wide range of academic expertise in the history, culture, and languages of the ancient world.

You will also become part of, and contribute to, the vibrant international community of the College of Arts and Law Graduate School, which offers dedicated research resources and a supportive working environment. Our team of academic and operational staff are on hand to offer support and advice to all postgraduate students within the College.

Related staff

[Dr Niall Livingstone \(/staff/profiles/caha/livingstone-niall.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/caha/livingstone-niall.aspx)

Employability

The University of Birmingham has been ranked 8th in the UK and 60th in the world for post-qualification employability in the latest global survey of universities commissioned by the International Herald Tribune.

Your degree will provide excellent preparation for employment and this will be further enhanced by the employability skills training offered through the College of Arts and Law Graduate School.

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Birmingham's Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology graduates develop a broad range of transferable skills including: familiarity with research methods; the ability to manage large quantities of information from diverse sources; the ability to organise information in a logical and coherent manner; the expertise to write clearly and concisely and to tight deadlines; critical and analytical ability; the capacity for argument, debate and speculation; and the ability to base conclusions on statistical research.

In 2013, over 92% of Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology postgraduates were in work and/or further study six months after graduation. Many of our postgraduates enter roles for which their programme has especially prepared them, such as museum and heritage activities and archaeological posts. Elsewhere, a range of professions are undertaken by our graduates, from librarianship and teaching to accountancy. Employers that our graduates have gone on to work for include: AOC Archaeology Group; Blakesley Hall Museum; City and Borough Councils; English Heritage; KPMG; National Trust; and Sotheby's.

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