

Combined Degree-BA and MA in Classics and Ancient World Studies

Requirements

Undergraduate part of degree

Can follow any of the tracks offered by Classics, provided students have completed at least 2 100-level courses in Greek and at least 2 100-level courses in Latin, preferably more

- Greek and Latin Major
- Classical Studies Major
- Latin Major
- Greek Major

Graduate part of degree

(follows the Classics track)

- 10 graduate courses in Classics (2 upper level Latin, 2 upper level Greek; one in history, one in archaeology;
- Foreign language: German or French, tested by examination
- Thesis or Qualifying Papers
- Comprehensive Examination
- Must complete the graduate reading lists and pass the translation exams

Preamble

The Classics Department seeks to introduce a 4+1 (combined bachelor's and master's) degree program following the guidelines determined by GSAS (reproduced below) and using our existing M.A. degree program in Classics.

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree Programs Description

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) offers combined degree programs through select departments. A combined Bachelor/Masters degree program is a five-year program conducted jointly by the School of Arts & Sciences and GSAS. The program permits students to complete the 120 credit-hour undergraduate degree and 30 credit-hour master degree in five years. The below policy currently does not apply to the Master of Fine Arts, Occupational Therapy, School of Psychology, and Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning degrees. The combined degree program is demanding and is intended for academically exceptional Tufts undergraduates. Applicants are urged to seek academic advising as early as possible.

Admission process and criteria

Admission to the graduate degree portion of the program is separate from the undergraduate degree portion. Admission to the graduate program is normally during the junior year. There are several criteria for admission to the program:

- Students must apply and be admitted to the graduate program by the end of the spring semester of their junior year
 - Competitive applicants will have an overall minimum 3.5 GPA
 - Applicants are required to submit 2 letters of recommendation, are exempted from the GRE requirement, and are not required to pay the graduate application fee
 - Individual departments and programs may have additional admission requirements
- Students seeking admission to the graduate program should consult with their undergraduate major advisors, the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education, and their prospective graduate advisor before applying to the graduate school. Contact with the department's graduate director, prior to application, is also highly advised.

Tuition and financial aid

Combined-degree students are responsible for payment of the undergraduate tuition and the graduate tuition. The graduate degree scholarship committee will take the undergraduate degree scholarship package into consideration when making decisions. Tuition for the graduate program covers the graduate curriculum, starting with up to two Tufts graduate summer courses, if required for the degree, taken after the student's senior year. For approved shared graduate-level course credit-hours, described below, the graduate tuition will be reduced by the cost of the shared credit-hours up to six credit-hours. Graduate continuation fees are applicable after one year. There is a one year residency requirement for the graduate program. Students are not eligible for graduate teaching assistantships unless the bachelor's degree is completed.

General curriculum—see specific program for details

Graduates of a GSAS combined degree program will complete all the academic requirements for both the undergraduate degree and graduate degree. Participating combined degree programs may permit admitted and enrolled students to apply up to six credit-hours of > 100- level Tufts coursework, taken as part for the undergraduate degree requirements, towards the master's degree requirements. These shared graduate-level course credit-hours must be part of the master's degree requirements and must adhere to the policies in the graduate student handbook. Refer to the specific program curriculum for further details, as students are subject to the individual department and program guidelines.

Degrees conferred

Graduates of a combined degree program receive a bachelor's degree from Tufts (BA, BS) and a master's degree from Tufts (MA, MS, MAT). Degrees are conferred upon completion of requirements for each portion of the program, e.g. a degree will be conferred once the BA requirements are completed and a degree will be conferred once the MA requirements are completed.

Additional admission requirements:

Interested students should apply in Fall of their junior year. In exceptional cases we will consider students applying in their senior year. The Classics Department does not wish to add any additional admission requirements at this time, though we would like to add a recommendation that at least one of the two letters of support come from a member of the Classics Department.

Degree requirements:

Students must complete the requirements for their undergraduate Classics major (any track) and the standard requirements for the Classics M.A. degree. Following GSAS policy, only two courses (six Carnegie units) may count towards both the undergraduate and M.A. degrees. (Only Tufts 100 level Classics courses may count towards the M.A. degree, except LAT and GK 120) The Classics M.A. degree requirements are reproduced above.

The coursework consists of eleven (10) upper-level Classics courses (courses numbered 100 or above). The Masters Program culminates in a capstone project, satisfied either by a thesis or two Qualifying Papers, both defended orally.

We recommend students take five courses towards the M.A. degree in their senior year. Of those five courses, only a maximum of two courses may count towards both the Bachelor's and the Master's. This means that the student will need to be proactive in making up three extra undergraduate courses throughout their undergraduate career. Additionally, a maximum of two other 100 level courses taken while an undergrad can be reserved for graduate credit through the Registrar's Office, <http://students.tufts.edu/registrar/student-forms>, however, those courses would then not be able to count towards the Bachelor's degree.

Proposed program of study:

Freshman through junior years: completion of undergraduate distribution, foundation, and most major requirements. It is recommended that students take three extra courses, or have AP credits, to make up for the three graduate-exclusive courses they will be taking in their senior year.

Senior year: 5 courses towards the MA degree. Choose Thesis advisor and produce initial Thesis proposal by the end of the year.

Summer between Senior Year and M.A. Year: Field Work, Research, Analysis, or Composition as relevant to the thesis or Qualifying Papers. Students may take up to two 100 level summer courses as part of their tuition if they are being offered.

Plus one M.A. year: Master's Thesis in the Spring, plus four 100 level Classics courses over the year.