Combined Degree Program

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) offers a combined degree program through the Department of Classical Studies. A combined Bachelor/Master's degree program is a five-year program conducted jointly by the School of Arts and Sciences and GSAS. The program permits students to complete the 120 credit-hour undergraduate degree and 30 credit-hour master's degree in five years. Two of the courses counted toward the B.A. degree (at the 100 or 200 level) may also count toward the M.A. degree.

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 Department of Classical Studies recommends that at least one of the two letters of support come from a member of the Department of Classical Studies.

To apply, review the online application process. Additional information and application requirements are available at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences website or 617-627-3395.

A complete application includes:

- Application for admission
- Scanned copies of all college transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation
- Résumé
- Writing sample

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 coursework for the Classics M.A. consists of ten (10) upper-level Classics courses (courses numbered 100 or above) and 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, 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 M.A. 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.

**Tuition and Financial Aid Information**
Interested students should contact Classics Department Chair, Professor Bruce Hitchner for tuition and financial aid information.