

Five reasons to study Classics at Brock

Choice to match your needs

Degree streams in Classical Languages, Ancient Art and Archaeology, Classical Studies

Overseas program every summer

Archaeological field schools and study tours to the Mediterranean

Greek and Latin offered at all levels every year

From Homer to Virgil, Herodotus to Tacitus

Your own community

Brock University Archaeological Society (BUAS), bringing students together for 25 years

Learn outside the classroom

Monthly talks, visits from national and international experts, theatre and film evenings

Plus

- Archaeology lab and Cypriote Museum
- Hands-on experience with ancient artifacts
- Peer Mentoring Program
- Gladiators, Latin love poetry, Greek prostitutes, pirates and shipwrecks, Mycenaean tombs and much more!



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On the cover:

Alex Gill

BA Classics.

Mountain biker, rock climber, archaeologist.

Goals: Dig for relics. Unearth possibilities.

Alex Gill, who studied in the art and archaeology stream of the Classics program, called himself "a Cinderella story."

Alex, who graduated in June 2011, said he got mediocre grades in high school. After that, he took one year of a college course that left him unsatisfied.

Then he discovered the Classics program at Brock.

"If you'd told me a few years ago that I'd be deep-sea diving off the coast of Turkey looking for shipwrecks, or that I'd be on an archaeological dig in Italy, or that I'd get a 98 per cent in Latin, I wouldn't have believed you."

Alex, who's also passionate about cycling, served as president of the Brock University Archaeological Society.

"I'm not living vicariously through the Discovery Channel. I'm doing what I want to do."



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FAQs about Classics

How is Brock Classics different from Classics at other universities?

Brock Classics is unique in combining an emphasis on hands-on learning through the material culture of the ancient world with courses that address contemporary issues, such as antiquities looting and archaeological ethics, cultural heritage management, gender identity and sexual politics, environmental issues and childhood and family development. These innovative courses are supported by our commitment to award-winning Greek and Latin language instruction in all years of our program. We are the only Classics program in Ontario to offer degree-related travel opportunities in the Mediterranean every year.

What do people usually do with a degree in Classics?

Our students have graduated to careers as archaeologists, conservators, museum curators, librarians, teachers, university professors, lawyers, public servants, travel guides, field illustrators and editors. You can ask alumni about their career path at our Classics Winter Social, held annually.

I want to become a teacher. Can my Classics courses count towards a teachable in the Initial (Consecutive) Teacher Education at Brock?

Yes. Classics courses count towards a History teachable and an Art teachable. Talk to the academic advisor, Faculty of Humanities, for more details.

Do I need to have knowledge of Latin and Greek?

No. We expect most of our students to be beginners. We're with you every step of the way.



Above: Students on the archaeological practicum enjoying a meal at a taverna in Pacheia Ammos, Crete.

Below: Shallow water excavation in the harbours at Burgaz, a site located on the Turkish coast.



I'm really bad with languages. Do I have to take Latin or Greek for all four years?

No. If languages aren't your strength, you can take Classics with Major. This requires only two credits in Greek and/or Latin, so you can still major in Classics without taking any languages after your second year. See the undergraduate calendar for details.

I'm really excited about the opportunity to study abroad on an archaeological dig/study tour to the Mediterranean, but money is tight. Are there awards that could help me out?

Yes. There are a number of awards available to Classics students through the University and BUAS. See brocku.ca/safa for details.