

Classics @ UK unis - quick facts

Top 20*

1 Cambridge	A*AA	11 Bristol	AAA
2 Oxford	AAA	12 KCL	AAB
3 Durham	AAA	13 Warwick	AAB
4 St Andrews	AAA	14 Newcastle	AAB
5 Exeter	AAA	15 Leeds	AAB***
6 Glasgow	AAB	16 Royal Holloway	ABB
7 UCL	AAB	17 Kent	BBB
8 Birmingham	ABB	18 Manchester	ABB
9 Southampton	AAB**	19 Liverpool	ABB
10 Nottingham	ABB	20 Reading	BBB

* Complete University Guide April 2020

** ancient history *** classical civilisation

Must haves

A Level Latin and/or Greek. Some universities, like St Andrews ask for an A Level/Pre U in a foreign language. Humanities and essay-based subjects are favoured – classical civilisation, history, ancient history, English, philosophy, religious studies and modern foreign languages.

Other degrees to consider

Classical civilisation, ancient history, or a joint degree combining classics and ancient history/history or classics and English, philosophy or modern languages. Or consider a liberal arts degree.

Example course modules

A classics degree combines learning Greek and Latin, translating and analysing ancient texts, with the study of the art, culture, philosophy and history of Ancient Greece and Rome. In addition to the exploration of the Latin and Greek language, typical modules might include the history of thought, the ancient novel, tragedy, comedy, metamorphosis in Greece and Rome, emotions in the ancient world, sex & the symposium and an analysis of good and evil in the ancient world.

Contact hours per week: 10 (Average all subjects 14.)

Career prospects

Classics graduates gain a range of skills which are attractive to employers – communication, presentation, research, analysis, collation of wide-ranging materials, and the ability to put together coherent arguments - and go on to work in a wide variety of roles, including research, heritage management, law, media, teaching, museums and art galleries. Or you might find a career in the civil service or as a journalist, in media, film, television, theatre, publishing, marketing, PR and consultancy, or in finance and banking.

Average starting salary: £20,000