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These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's core regulations for undergraduate programmes, and the marking and classification conventions for undergraduate programmes.

BA CLASSICS (Q801)

BA CLASSICS (WITH YEAR ABROAD) (Q806)

BA CLASSICS (WITH PLACEMENT YEAR) (Q808)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in a full-time mode of study.

Level 1 (Certificate)

2. Candidates must study and be assessed in the following modules to the value of 40 credits:

		Credit value
Monuments and Memory in the Age of Augustus #	CLAS1301	20
Introduction to the Greek World #	CLAS1601	20

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 - 80 credits from Lists A1 - A3:

List A1:		**Credit value**
Beginners' Latin 1	CLAS1062	40
Or		
Beginners' Greek 1	CLAS1072	40
List A2		
Intermediate Greek 1A	CLAS1541	20
And		
Intermediate Greek 1B	CLAS1551	20
List A3		
Intermediate Latin 1A	CLAS1561	20
And		
Intermediate Latin 1B	CLAS1571	20

4. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 0- 40 credits from List B:

List B:		**Credit value**
Early Greek Philosophy	CLAS1101	20
Language, Translation, Interpretation	CLAS1701	20
Lives of Objects – Greek and Roman Antiquity	CLAS1781	20
Empire and Religion in the Age of Constantine	CLAS1791	20
Level 1 open modules offered by other Boards of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules to the value of 20 credits offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study)		

Level 2 (Diploma)

5. Candidates must study and be assessed in the following module to the value of 20 credits:

		Credit value
Traditions of Epic #	CLAS2151	20

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6. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40-80 credits from Lists C1 - C4. This must include the appropriate progression language from Level 1:

List C1:		**Credit value**
Beginners' Latin 2	CLAS2032	40
Or		
Beginners' Greek 2	CLAS2062	40
List C2		
Intermediate Latin 2A	CLAS2521	20
And		
Intermediate Latin 2B	CLAS2531	20
List C3		
Intermediate Greek 2A	CLAS2541	20
And		
Intermediate Greek 2B	CLAS2551	20
List C4		
Advanced Greek 2A	CLAS2171	20
Advanced Greek 2B	CLAS2181	20
Advanced Latin 2A	CLAS2191	20
Advanced Latin 2B	CLAS2121	20

7. If candidates choose modules offered in Michaelmas or Epiphany, then equal credits should be chosen from each term.

8. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20-60 credits from Lists D1 - D3 to make a total value of 120 credits for the year:

List D1 (Year-long):		**Credit value**
Emperors and Dynasties	CLAS2661	20
Dialogues with Antiquity	CLAS2811	20
Living in the Classical World	CLAS2831	20
Myths of Transformation in Ovid's Metamorphoses	CLAS2881	20
Comedy & Tragedy, Laughter & Sorrow	CLAS2971	20
Level 2 open modules up to the value of 40 credits offered by other Boards of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules to the value of 20 credits offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study)		
List D2 (Michaelmas)		
Alexandria	CLAS2841	20
Ancient Political Thought and Action	CLAS2761	20
Palace to Polis	CLAS20D1	20
List D3 (Epiphany)		
Communicating the Ancient World	CLAS2981	20
Art & Archaeology of the Greek Islands	CLAS20C1	20
Digital Humanities & the Ancient World	CLAS20E1	20

Level 3 (Degree)

9. Candidates must study and be assessed in the following modules to the value of 40 credits:

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		Credit value
Dissertation ~	CLAS3612	40

10. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40-80 credits from Lists E1- E5. This must include the appropriate progression language from Level 2:

List E1:		**Credit value**
Intermediate Latin 3A	CLAS3681	20
And		
Intermediate Latin 3B	CLAS3691	20
List E2		
Intermediate Greek 3A	CLAS3641	20
And		
Intermediate Greek 3B	CLAS3651	20
List E3		
Advanced Latin 3A	CLAS3401	20
Advanced Latin 3B	CLAS3391	20
Advanced Greek 3A	CLAS3421	20
Advanced Greek 3B	CLAS3411	20
List E4 (Michaelmas)		
Higher Latin 1	CLAS3231	20
Higher Greek 1	CLAS3431	20
List E5 (Epiphany)		
Higher Greek 2	CLAS3441	20
Higher Latin 2	CLAS3241	20

11. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 0 - 40 credits from List F to make a total of 120 credits for the year:

List F:		**Credit value**
Writing Alexander	CLAS3581	20
The Hellenistic World	CLAS3841	20
Roman Syria	CLAS3491	20
Interpreting Greek Drama Today	CLAS3831	20
The World of Catullus	CLAS3571	20
Literary Culture from Nero to Trajan	CLAS3891	20
Urbs Roma	CLAS3321	20
The Origins of Civilisation	CLAS3781	20
Level 3 open modules offered by other Boards of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules to the value of 20 credits offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study)		

Assessment, progression and award

12. Candidates must progress in at least one language from Beginners' to Intermediate to Advanced or from Intermediate to Advanced to Higher across the three levels of their degree.
13. Modules marked # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.
14. Modules marked ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30-39% cannot be compensated.

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15. Candidates may choose modules from other Boards of Studies to the maximum value of 40 credits across Levels 2 and 3 together.
16. With reference to the Core Regulations for Undergraduate Programmes pt 13 *"Where undergraduate modules are delivered entirely in a single term, students undertaking such modules should be permitted to take no more than 70 credits in total in a single term."*
17. Exceptionally for academic year 2025/26 only, candidates may, with the written permission of the Director of Undergraduate Studies, take 20 credits of programme-specific Level 1 modules during Level 2 study (subject to timetable compatibility).
18. Exceptionally for academic year 2025/26 only, candidates may, with the written permission of the Director of Undergraduate Studies, take 20 credits of programme-specific Level 2 modules during Level 3 study (subject to timetable compatibility).

Year 3 (Year Abroad)

19. Students admitted to the BA Classics (Q801) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Classics (with Year Abroad) programme (Q806). Students taking the BA Classics (with Year Abroad) (Q806) will undertake an approved study placement in an overseas university following a course of study chosen in consultation with the the Department of Classics & Ancient History and with the host institution in which modules relating to Classics and Ancient History comprise a minimum of 50%. During the year abroad students will be assessed at module level by the host University. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Classics (with Year Abroad) (Q806).

20. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Classics (with Year Abroad) (Q806) must:
    a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Classics (Q801) and progressed to Level 2 of the Honours programme; and
    b. during their Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of Classics & Ancient History to be admitted to the BA Classics (with Year Abroad) (Q806) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies; and
    c. secure an international placement abroad/year abroad opportunity, agreed with the Department Exchange Co-ordinator; and
    d. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Classics (Q801) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Classics (Q801).
21. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of Classics & Ancient History deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad, judged by reference to each student's learning agreement, will continue to Level 3 of the BA Classics (with Year Abroad) (Q806). Students who are not deemed to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad by the Board of Examiners for the Department of Classics & Ancient History will not be permitted to continue on the BA Classics (with Year Abroad) (Q806) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Classics programme (Q801).

Year 3 (Placement Year)

22. Students admitted to the BA Classics (Q801) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Classics (with Placement Year) programme (Q808). Students taking the BA Classics (with Placement Year) (Q808) will undertake an approved placement or placements in a UK or overseas organisation consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.

    Following the placement year, students will be required to successfully complete a placement assessment as agreed by the Department, to determine whether the programme learning outcomes have been met. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Classics (with Placement Year) (Q808). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Classics (Q801) programme.

23. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Classics (with Placement Year) (Q808) must:
    a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Classics (Q801) and progressed to Level 2 of the Honours programme; and

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b. during their Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of Classics & Ancient History to be admitted to the BA Classics (with Placement Year) (Q808) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies; and

c. secure a placement / year abroad opportunity or opportunities comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, agreed with the Departmental Placement Year Convenor and Faculty Placement Officer; and

d. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Classics (Q801) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Classics (Q801).

24. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of Classics & Ancient History deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the placement assessment will continue to Level 3 of the BA Classics (with Placement Year) (Q808). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Classics (with Placement Year) (Q808) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Classics programme (Q801).