

# Classical Studies

## STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION FOR CLASSICAL STUDIES STUDENTS

Studying Classics is enriched through international study in or near those sites in the Mediterranean and Near East which are central to the field. Through studying abroad, students not only visit the sites themselves, but also have a chance to view the Classical heritage in the light of the later civilizations which draw upon this foundation. Whether classroom-based or experiential (e.g., participation in an archaeological dig), study abroad provides a prism through which to analyze the past and its impact on the present—in our language, our political traditions, our cultural riches.

Studying Classics also has a long and rich tradition throughout the Western world, and universities (and scholars) in Britain and Germany, among other countries, are widely recognized for the excellence of their scholarship and teaching in the field. Students could consider participating in an OIP program at a European university with a strong scholarly reputation in Classical Studies.



## GETTING STARTED

1.) Plan early: Talk to your general and Classical Studies advisors about your interest in going abroad	To meet with your Classical Studies advisor, please contact the department's Undergraduate Student Program Coordinator at <a href="mailto:raxelrod@umich.edu">raxelrod@umich.edu</a> .
2.) Visit the OIP: Learn about program offerings and attend the OIP study abroad fair and information sessions.	OIP's Study Abroad Fairs: Fall Fair – Mid September Summer Fair – Mid January
3.) Narrow down your program options: Review course offerings and how they can satisfy concentration and distribution requirements.	See OIP's website: <a href="http://www.lsa.umich.edu/oip/oip-study-abroad.htm">http://www.lsa.umich.edu/oip/oip-study-abroad.htm</a>
4.) Research program costs: Review OIP information on program costs; learn about scholarship options and financial aid for which you may be eligible.	<a href="http://www.lsa.umich.edu/oip/financial.htm">http://www.lsa.umich.edu/oip/financial.htm</a>
5.) Apply for your program.	Online application: <a href="http://www.lsa.umich.edu/oip/applying.htm">http://www.lsa.umich.edu/oip/applying.htm</a>

## FACTORS TO CONSIDER

**Timing:** For many Classical Studies students, junior year works best for study abroad, but it's not the only time to go. There are programs for which sophomores are well prepared, and others for which upper-division standing is required. Summers offer the opportunity for focused study or field experience through participation on an archaeological dig, while the semester or yearlong programs offer the possibility of sustained cultural immersion. The preferred timing will depend on your concentration or minor in the department and the goals of your study abroad experience. Honors students should plan to go abroad before their senior year.

*"I found that the British system had some extra hurdles to get over.... the Honors-Level Latin course I took on Satire... was an extremely stimulating, if demanding, experience that I feel dramatically widened my skills in approaching and studying ancient texts."*

~ Martin H.

St. Andrews, '07

### **Satisfying distribution and general LSA requirements with courses taken abroad:**

- ◆ **Distribution credit** – To use a course or courses taken abroad to satisfy Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, or another distribution category, you should meet with your LSA advisor before going abroad. Take detailed course descriptions or as much information as you can gather to the advising appointment. If you are unable to get this information ahead of time, or if your course elections change while abroad, bring back as much course information as you can, so that your advisor can effectively evaluate the course upon return.
- ◆ **Race and ethnicity** – It is generally advisable to take R & E class on campus. However, if you want to use a course taken abroad to satisfy this requirement, you need to petition the LSA Academic Standards Board upon return. As part of your petition, you need to provide a syllabus for the course and write an argument explaining how you felt the course met the spirit of the requirement. Petition forms with the R & E criteria are available on the web or at the Newnan LSA Advising Center. Keep in mind that you may not be able to get a syllabus for the course, so you should bring back as much course information as you can—e.g. reading lists, coursepacks, papers, etc. If the syllabus and/or course materials are not in English, contact the Academic Standards Board to see if you need to have them

translated. Board members can translate Spanish, French, and German.

- ◆ **Quantitative reasoning** – To use a class taken abroad to satisfy the Quantitative Reasoning requirement, you need to petition the LSA Academic Standards Board upon return. You need to present a course syllabus as well as materials showing the type of work done in the course (homework, quizzes, exams, and textbooks are helpful.)
- ◆ **Upper level writing requirement** – It's extremely rare for a study abroad course to be approved for Upper-Level Writing. Generally these courses must be taught on campus by U-M faculty. If you want to request an exception, contact the Sweetland Writing Center, but keep in mind that such approvals are not likely granted.

**Counting courses taken abroad towards Classical Studies Concentration requirements** - You should plan to meet with your concentration advisor to discuss this possibility before going abroad; bring with you a copy of the course description(s). You may be asked to meet with your advisor upon your return to provide further information about the course(s) taken abroad.

**Funding study abroad** – Students who have financial aid through the University of Michigan can apply their financial aid to any U-M programs sponsored by OIP or other units in the University. The Classical Studies Department has also set aside funds for travel awards to supplement program costs; for more information, please contact the Undergraduate Student Program Coordinator in Classical Studies.



## ACADEMIC YEAR, TERM-LONG (FALL OR WINTER), SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Center for Global and Intercultural Study's Office of International Programs offers over 75 global education options for students to choose from. Credits from these programs appear on your U-M transcript as in-residence credit and can be used to meet College requirements. It is wise to discuss possible programs with your concentration advisor before you select the program right for you.

The sections which follow provide information about international opportunities for Classical Studies students; they are organized as follows: 1. OIP Classical Studies programs, 2. OIP programs at universities abroad whose fields of excellence include Classics, 3. Non-OIP programs at universities with strong departments of Classics, 4. Field opportunities, 5. Other international opportunities.

### OIP CLASSICAL STUDIES PROGRAMS

#### [ATHENS, GREECE: COLLEGE YEAR IN ATHENS \(CYA\)](#)

The CYA program, in Athens, offers a broad range of courses focusing on ancient Greek civilization. Specific archaeology courses include Aegean & Ancient Greek Art and Archaeology, The Archaeology of Athens, and Aegean Prehistory. CYA will offer all U-M Fall and Winter students a \$1,500 scholarship, and can provide some scholarship aid for the Summer program (approximately \$500). Fall or Winter semester and Summer programs.

#### [ATHENS, GREECE: THE ATHENS CENTRE, PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY](#)

The semester-long program offers a limited number of courses focusing on ancient and Byzantine Greece. Classroom instruction is supplemented by field excursions to Crete and other sites. Prerequisite: course in ancient Greek history. Winter semester only.

#### [ROME, ITALY: INTERCOLLEGIATE CENTER FOR CLASSICAL STUDIES \(ICCS\), DUKE UNIVERSITY](#)

Focusing on classical Rome, the ICCS program offers a double-course in the Ancient City [Rome] as well as Latin and Classical Greek. Fall or Winter semester. Spaces are limited. ICCS opened a second campus in Italy, [Catania in Sicily, Italy](#).



### OIP PROGRAMS AT UNIVERSITIES WITH CLASSICAL STUDIES PROGRAMS

If you are considering taking Classics courses as part of a general study abroad program at one of the universities below, please bear in mind that you will need to keep up your study of the host country language (e.g., for Germany or Switzerland).

#### **EGYPT**

American University of Cairo's program in Egyptology offers opportunities to participate in excavations in Egypt. Instruction is in English. [Fall or Winter semester](#), or [Summer term](#).

#### **GERMANY**

Freiburg's Albert Ludwigs Universität, through its Classical Philology Department, gives courses in a range of topics relating to the ancient Greek and Roman worlds. Requires a minimum of four semesters of college-level German or the equivalent. Full year only.

#### **GREAT BRITAIN**

Strong programs in Classics can be found at University College London's Institute for Archaeology and its Classical Studies department; King's College London; Oxford and Cambridge universities, and St. Andrews University in Scotland. Full year or Winter semester.

#### **SWITZERLAND**

The Institut d'Archéologie et des Sciences de l'Antiquité at Lausanne University offers a program of study which includes courses in classical archaeology. Requires five semesters of college-level French or the equivalent. Full year or Winter semester.

*"[Studying in Greece] made it all seem more real, and I was especially amazed with the... massive size of the temples and their beauty... which you can't fully understand from pictures."  
~ Erin L. Greece*

## TURKEY

Bilkent University in Ankara, in its Department of Archaeology and History of Art, offers a broad range of courses in archaeology in the Mediterranean world. Instruction is in English. Full year or Winter semester.

## NON-OIP PROGRAMS AT UNIVERSITIES ABROAD

### **GERMANY**

Heidelberg University has a very old and excellent program in Classics. The Department of Classical Studies is part of its Faculty of Philosophy.

### **ITALY**

The Department of Classics at the University of Washington sponsors a program in Rome during their Spring term. More information about this program can be found online at: <http://depts.washington.edu/clasdept/RB08.pdf>

Students considering these or any other non-UM program should apply directly to the program sponsor or host university.



## **FIELDWORK OPPORTUNITIES** (not through the OIP)

To explore possibilities, see U-M's Department of Classical Studies [Fieldwork website](#).

## **ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLASSICAL STUDIES STUDENTS**

In recent years, a number of faculty from the Department of Classical Studies have taught courses or organized opportunities for students to go abroad as an extension of their Ann Arbor coursework. These include:



### **LATIN 295, INTENSIVE LATIN II (SOTER)**

Students spent a week in Rome over Spring break studying the topography and monuments of the city. (Winter 2005, 2006 semesters, and Winter 2008)

### **MODERN GREEK 325, ATHENS PRESENT AND PAST (LEONTIS)**

In a two-week site visit in early May, students have the opportunity to study the city in its various identities as the site of archaeological remains, as the home of a lively marketplace, as a living memorial to dramatic events, and as a living city. (Winter 2007 and 2008 semesters)

Students should also be aware of a summer project in [Pompeii](#), directed by a former U-M faculty member.