

Classical Civilisation A Level

Course Overview:

You will cover three topics, providing a broad overview of the ancient world, as well as a study of key texts and artefacts.

The modules offer you the chance to explore topics in the areas of Archaeology, Architecture, Art, History, Literature, Philosophy and Politics, covering aspects which have been significant in the development of the modern world. You will study primary sources i.e. texts in translation or physical evidence.

Typical options include:

- Greek Art
- Athenian Democracy and the Athenians
- The World of the Hero: Homer's Odyssey or Iliad and Virgil's Aeneid
- Imperial image
- Greek Theatre
- The late Roman Republic
- Greek Religion

Assessment:

End-of-course Examinations in Year 13:

Paper	Length	Marks	% of A Level
The world of the hero	2 hrs 20	100	40%
Culture and the arts	1 hr 45	75	30%
Beliefs and ideas	1 hr 45	75	30%

Assessment will be by means of structured source-based questions and essays.

Why would this course suit me?

This course enables you to study in depth the literature, history and art of ancient Greece and Rome. Through these, you will gain insight into the society, politics, philosophy and ideas which have shaped modern Europe, developing your own critical and evaluative skills in the process. It is acknowledged by experts that a study of the ancient world 'sharpens our ability to judge the strength and weakness of arguments from historical sources and our sensitivity to modern social, political and cultural issues'.

There will also be opportunities for theatre trips, museum visits and maybe trips further afield to classical sites.

How does this course link to other subjects?

You will develop your reading and writing skills to a high standard, learning to balance your work with evidence, information and arguments from a range of sources. Other A Level subjects complement the study of Classical Civilisation. These include: English Literature, Government & Politics, History, Philosophy & Belief and Modern Languages. The study of Classical Civilisation can lead into a variety of areas of study at University. You will be well-prepared for essay-based courses - History, English, Languages etc. It also provides a foundation for Politics, Law, Philosophy, Theology and Classics courses.

Examination Board:

OCR

Entry Requirements:

Flexible. No GCSE required but Grade 6 in English Language / Literature and / or Humanities would be helpful

Potential Career

Opportunities:

Classical Civilisation is listed as a 'preferred' or 'approved' subject by the top UK Universities.

Students who study Classical Civilisation often go into careers that require thinkers, enquirers, creators and problem solvers. Careers in Law, Business, the Media, Accounting and Finance, Politics, Teaching and Research are not uncommon for Classicists.

