

A Level Classical Civilisation



Exam Board: OCR

A new offer from September 2024, A- Level Classical Civilisation offers the chance to explore the literature, art, and culture of ancient Greece and Rome. Offering valuable insight into the rich histories of these cultures and the lasting impact they have made on Western civilisation in the modern day. You will explore how these beliefs, behaviours and ideals went on to form the cornerstone of Western civilisation as we know it. Surveying the full range of human emotions, through the eyes of our ancient counterparts, you will discuss thought provoking concepts. Combined with the development of evaluation and analysis skills.

Course Overview:

The World of the Hero:

One of Homer's Iliad or Odyssey
And Virgil's Aeneid

Culture & Arts (through plays and material resources):

Greek Theatre
Sophocles' Oedipus the King
Euripides' Bacchae
Aristophanes' Frogs

Greek Religion (through literature and material resources):

Olympian Gods
Mystery Cults
Festivals
Places of Worship
Rituals
Philosophy

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Assessment:

Paper 1: The World of the Hero H408/11 100 marks 2 hours 30 minutes
This component is solely focused on the study of literature in translation.

Paper 2: Culture and the Arts (Greek Theatre) H408/21 75 marks 1 hour 45 minutes
Components in this group involve the study of visual and material culture.

Paper 3: Beliefs and Ideas H408/31 (Greek Religion) 75 marks 1 hour 45 minutes
Components in this group involve of an area of classical thought, in combination with either the study of literature in translation or visual/material culture.

Entry requirements:

Grade 5+ in English. No previous knowledge of classics is required, however, a keen interest and a willingness to read around the subject and a keen enthusiasm for the course content is important.

Who is the course for?

- Students who have a passion for the ancient world and myths.
- Students who enjoy lively debate and discussion.
- Students who seek to improve their writing style, ahead of university admissions.

Career pathways:

Aside from continuing on with study of Classics at university, popular choices for prospective students include law, literature, history, philosophy and languages. Analysis, research, debating and questioning opens up a variety of careers to you. From those that require historical knowledge such as within the museum/cultural sectors, archivists and conservation. The understanding of language, of how to clearly and concisely communicate your point opens up roles within advertising, copywriting, editorial work, public relations all the way up to roles in government.

"I have always been interested in myths and ancient culture -I am really excited to be able to study Classical Civilisation at A Level and can't wait to get started!"