

# Carleton

Department of Classics

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Greetings,

Welcome to Carleton! Allow us to share with you some information about [our department](#). We're a lively and collegial set of faculty and students, studying the languages, history, archaeology, and literature of the ancient Mediterranean world, as well as the connections between ancient and modern thought and culture. We care deeply about welcoming all students to the study of the Classical world, regardless of their prior knowledge, experience, or how they identify; [Classics belongs to all humanity](#).

Since Classics is a fundamentally interdisciplinary enterprise, our courses span a [wide range of areas](#). We have a rich set of course offerings in Greek and Roman history, culture, literature, art and archaeology. We also offer classes in ancient languages: Greek and Latin are both great ways to satisfy Carleton's language requirement. Our sequences start from the beginning, in case you haven't had the chance to take these languages before (most students haven't). We also offer advanced classes where we read authors like Homer, Plato, Vergil or Tacitus in their original language. We have great colleagues in other departments who offer related courses in late classical and medieval history, ancient political thought, philosophy and religion. Unlike many colleges our size, Carleton also offers an interdisciplinary program in archaeology.

Our department suite in the Language and Dining Center houses faculty offices and features a gathering space with a small library, where students study and socialize. Our small classes foster close relationships both among our students and between students and [faculty](#). Once a week students and faculty get together for "Classics Table" downstairs in the dining hall, to talk about courses, the latest classics-related movies, archaeological finds, or just life in general.

Our majors and minors frequently do [off-campus studies](#) programs in Rome or Athens, or occasionally at one of the universities in the U.K. like Oxford or St. Andrews. They also participate in summer fieldwork and research with Carleton faculty, and have presented their findings both with us and on their own at regional and national conferences.

Whether you're a high school Latin enthusiast, a Greek myth fan, or a classics-curious student who wonders where words like "college" and "matriculate" come from, we'd love the chance to chat more about Classics at [Carleton](#). If you'd like to exchange emails with one of the faculty or with current students please just let me know; give me a call at 507-222-5136 or send me an email at [aknodell@carleton.edu](mailto:aknodell@carleton.edu).

All the best,



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