

# CLASSICAL AND ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN STUDIES: CLASSICS, MA

collection of books and periodicals in classics and Hebrew bible, with many of its resources available online.

**Prospective applicants should apply to the Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies MA (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/classical-ancient-near-eastern-studies/classical-ancient-near-eastern-studies-ma/>). The Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies MA named option Classics no longer admits students through the named option.** Current students can only complete the Classics named option through summer 2028. If you have any questions, please contact the department (see contact box).

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Soon after the founding of the University of Wisconsin in 1848, the department was created as one of the first academic units at the university. The Department of Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (CANES) has enjoyed a long tradition of excellence in philological scholarship, literary criticism, archaeology, and ancient history. At the graduate level, the department offers the master of arts and doctor of philosophy in classical and ancient near eastern studies. Students may follow one of two courses of study, classical languages and literatures, or Hebrew bible.

The primary goal of the program is to familiarize students with the core linguistic, historical, and philological aspects of classical and ancient near eastern studies. Students also learn to conduct original research in such varied areas as *gender studies*, *literary theory*, *translation studies*, and *classical reception* under the guidance of established scholars in these areas.

In addition to specified coursework, students participate in directed readings with individual faculty members in their areas of specialization and gain valuable professional experience teaching in courses on the languages, literature, and culture of the ancient world. Additional work may be done in allied fields such as *archaeology*, *art history*, *linguistics*, *comparative literature*, *history*, *philosophy*, and *political science*. Affiliated faculty in many of these fields regularly offer courses, supervise theses and dissertations, and participate in department activities.

A wide range of professional networks provides graduate students with enhanced opportunities for education and career development. In addition to faculty connections to scholars and institutions in their fields of study, the department has formal affiliations with the Society for Classical Studies, the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, the Society of Biblical Literature, and the American Schools of Oriental Research.

The Pillinger Library and Mansoor Reading Room, both located within the department, provide convenient access to a large number of texts, while the larger Greek and Latin Reading Room in the Memorial Library contains an extensive, noncirculating research collection of texts and commentaries. The Memorial Library maintains an excellent research