Master Program

Classics and Ancient Civilizations

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Introduction

- Classics and Ancient Civilizations at Leiden University
- Study programs MA and Research MA
- Specializations
- Skills and job perspectives
Specializations

- Assyriology
- Classics
- Egyptology
- Hebrew and Aramaic Studies
Classics and Ancient Civilizations in Leiden

- Reading and interpreting ancient texts in original languages
- Multidisciplinary approach
- Seminars reflecting ongoing research
- Small workgroups
Classics and Ancient Civilizations in Leiden

- Unique specializations
- Great variety of elective courses
- Library collections
- NINO
- National Museum of Antiquities
Structure MA (one year)

- Track Electives
40 EC: in field of specialization

- Thesis
5 EC: CAC Thesis Seminar
15 EC: Master Thesis
Classics and Ancient Civilizations Seminar

- Joint Project: introduction to the disciplines
- Career Training
- Thesis Training
### Structure Research MA (two years)

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Structure Research MA (two years)

Common Courses
20 EC: together with all Research MA students

Track Electives
55 EC: in field of specialization
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Research School Elective(s)
10 EC

Research Schools: OIKOS / LOT

Cuneiform/Egyptian/Greek/Latin epigraphy
Phoenician Language and Texts
The Mycenaean World
Reading Neo-Latin Literature. Occasion and Intertext
Reading list Greek/Latin
Structure Research MA (two years)

**Thesis Track**

5 EC: Tutorial in preparation for the Thesis

5 EC: Thesis presentation and research proposal

25 EC: Master’s Thesis
Master versus Research Master
Study Program: Classics

- Courses in:
  - Greek and Latin
  - Ancient History, Philosophy

- Core course (MA): Classics Now!

- Examples of track electives 2018-19:

  Latin: Lucretius
  Latin: Classical Reception in Florence in the 15th century
  Greek: The Athenian Acropolis - Texts, Terms and Topography
  Greek: The Other Socrates: Xenophon's Socratic Dialogues
  Numismatics / Papyrology / Paleography
Study Program: Classics

- Seminars visiting scholars and lecture series Forum Antiquum
- Courses at other institutions and Masterlanguage
- Requirements teacher training program
Study Program: Egyptology

- Unique program in The Netherlands
- Excursion to Egypt: Egyptology in the Field

- Examples of track electives 2018-2019:
  
  * Egyptian Temple Inscriptions of the Greco-Roman Period
  * Amarna Seminar
  * Seminar Mastabas/Old Kingdom elite tombs
  * Deir el-Medina Seminar
  * Demotic/Coptic Papyrology
Study Program: Egyptology

*Egyptology in the Field: Research and Facilities in Egypt (15 EC)*

- 8 weeks in Egypt (January-March)
- Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo and various locations throughout Egypt
- Study of archaeological and monumental sites
Study Program: Assyriology

- Wide range of electives, focusing on primary sources, history, culture and society
- Sumerian, Akkadian, Hittite and Anatolian languages
- Examples of track electives 2018-19:

Akkadian/Sumerian/Hittite

Epic Tales from the Ancient World

The Epic of Erra: Text and Context

Akkadian Literary Texts

Old Assyrian Archives

Royal Inscriptions from the Assyrian to the Persian Empire
Study Program: Hebrew and Aramaic Studies

- A wide variety of Hebrew and Aramaic languages
- Study of epigraphic idioms, such as Ugaritic and Phoenician

- Examples of track electives 2018-19

  *Historical Grammar of Hebrew and Aramaic*
  *Cultural History of Aramaic*
  *Advanced Biblical Hebrew Grammar*
  *Reading Source Texts*
  *Aramaization of Assyria*
Job market

- Critical and independent thinking
- Analytical skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

MA
- 40-50% Teaching
- 15-25% Research

RMA
- 17% Education
- 45% Research

What graduates do in their first jobs:

- 14% Teaching
- 11% Writing/editing
- 10% Administration/accountancy
- 7% Communication
- 7% Research and development
- 5% Sales
- 3% Consultancy
- 3% Marketing/advertising/PR
- 3% Management
- 3% Production/logistics
- 3% Interpreting/Translating
- 3% Documentary information management
- 2% Policy development
- 25% Other (such as IT, purchasing and acquisition)
Job perspectives

- **Project officer** at a governmental agency protecting cultural heritage
- **Chief desk editor** at a publishing house (Prometheus)
- **PhD candidate** at a university
- **Teacher** (at high school)
- **Policy Officer** at a ministry
- **Editor** at a foundation focusing on the Hebrew language
- **Project secretary** at a national museum
What kind of preparation works?

If you want to find out more, visit our Career Service at the Career Zone (meet & greet PJ Veth)

For advice on internships and work: hum.leiden.edu/careerservice
Questions?

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