Master’s in Classics and Ancient Civilizations
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Explore the riches of ancient society and culture as a whole, and go beyond the limits of written sources and archaeological material. This Master’s programme challenges excellent students to become experts with regard to the literature and linguistics of classical languages or in the cultures and religions of Ancient Greece, Rome or the Near East. It has two specialisations with distinctive profiles:

- Classics
- Ancient Studies

Students are seen as partners in research, and teaching is strongly related to the expertise of its staff. The core courses will introduce you to some of the most pertinent debates within the field and devote explicit attention to interdisciplinary research. In your elective space, you can choose to take a course on Greek or Roman epigraphy in Athens or Rome, or even specialise in Akkadian.
**Great Debates (6 EC)**
What is the role for ‘the East’ in the formation of classical Greek civilisation? Is gender a useful category of historical analysis for the ancient world? What can the study of pilgrimage tell us about lived experiences in the ancient world? Each of these themes is topic of fierce debate between ancient historians and archaeologists. These debates will be central to this course. Using these debates, we will deal with methodical and theoretical questions, and come to grips with the difficulties of interpreting different types of source material.

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**Career prospects**
Graduates from this degree programme can be employed in various positions requiring an in-depth knowledge of antiquity as well as, due to your academic skills, in a range of other sectors and jobs. Examples are: teaching and academia, commercial ancient research, arts management, and work in the broad cultural sector including museums, archives, journalism, publishing and cultural tourism.

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**ACASA**
This Master’s is offered by the Amsterdam Centre for Ancient Studies and Archaeology (ACASA), a joint venture of the University of Amsterdam and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. As a student, you will be able to benefit from the combined experience of two world-renowned universities and choose from a dizzying range of courses and fields of interest.

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**Spotlight on a course**
Entry requirements
This Master’s programme is open for application to students with a university Bachelor’s diploma in:

- the humanities or social sciences with a minimum of 30 ECTS in Classics, Ancient Studies, Archaeology, History (with demonstrable relationship to Ancient History), or a similar degree programme.
- Greek and Latin language and culture (if specialising in Classics).

For more information, please check: uva.nl/ma-classics-ancient-civilizations > Application and admission