MONITORING AND REGULATING STUDENT PROGRESS

The MA in Classical Studies (Classics (both Latin and Greek), Latin, or Greek) takes two years for a full-time student to complete. Every course gives three credits. Six courses are taken in the first year (three per semester) and four courses are taken in the second year (two per semester). The students must pass a modern foreign language exam (usually French or German) as well as two comprehensive written exams in the ancient languages and an oral exam based on course-work and a reading list.

In recent years the department has met with incoming students to discuss expectations and provide suggestions about how to prepare for the masters exams while simultaneously pursuing course work. Students meet regularly with the graduate program director to review their progress both in courses and in independent work.

A formal review of student progress will be conducted at the end of each student’s first and third semesters. A faculty committee, whose primary members include the Department Chair and Graduate Program Director, as well as other full-time members of the Department, determines the students’ satisfactory progress.

Funding is awarded year by year. The Graduate Program Director will monitor and evaluate a student's academic and teaching performance. The Graduate Program Director will forward any cases of sub-standard performance for review by the faculty committee defined above. Sub-standard performance may result in the loss of a student's stipend.

Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA at a minimum to remain in the program. University policy on incomplete and deferred grades can be found at:

http://www.bc.edu/offices/stserv/azindex/defergrades.html

Occasionally the department admits students who are already employed (typically teaching Latin in a secondary school) and will work toward the degree part time. These students generally finish their course-work in three years (with a normal load being two courses per semester). Occasionally one course is taken in the summer and/or a research paper/independent study with a faculty member is also approved.

The University’s regulations specify that students must complete all requirements for the master's degree within five years. In our Department full-time students regularly complete all the requirements of the degree within two years. Comprehensive exams may not be taken more than once except by special permission. Review and permission to remain in the program beyond the sixth semester is required each term.

The GSAS links to University or School policies and procedures in the academic area may be reviewed at:

http://www.bc.edu/schools/gsas/policies.html