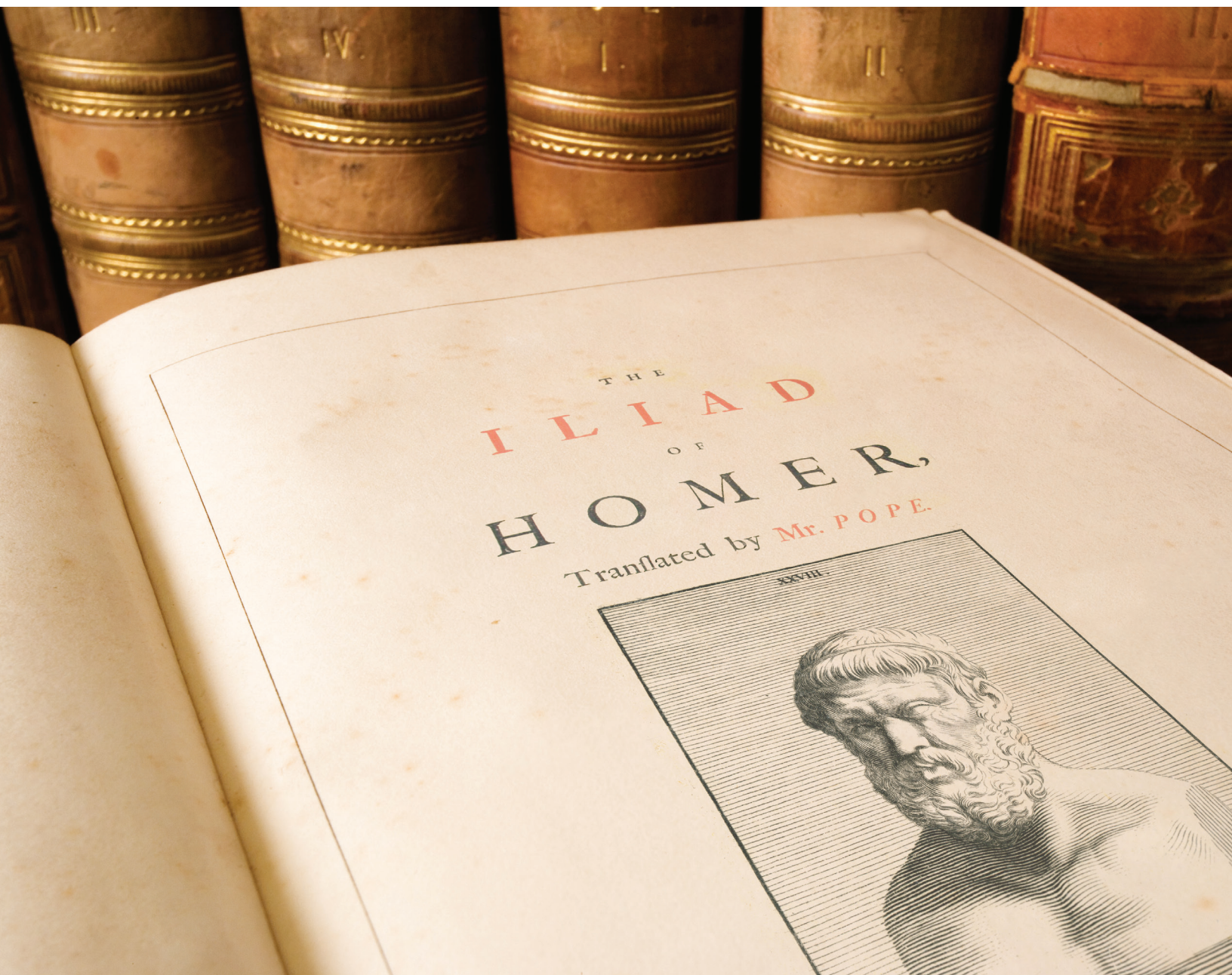




BOSTON COLLEGE

Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences



GRADUATE PROGRAM

Classical Studies

WELCOME FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL STUDIES

Classical Studies encompasses all the material and intellectual culture of the ancient Greek and Roman world. An intrinsically interdisciplinary field, it includes the study of language and creative literature, of political and social history, and of philosophy, religion, art, and archaeology. At the same time, it is heir to a long tradition of exacting and specialized scholarship. The linguist and the critic, the archaeologist, the epigrapher and the various historians of events and ideas all have special contributions to make. Classics is therefore also distinguished by the degree of cooperation it supports among persons of disparate expertise.

The Department of Classical Studies at Boston College is small and congenial, with a faculty that enjoys teaching while at the same time is active in research and publishing. It has the feel of a small college department in the midst of a major university. The department includes six full-time faculty members and two part-time lecturers; as many as 10 faculty members in other departments have teaching and research interests in the ancient world. In addition to the outstanding facilities of the O'Neill Library,

the department possesses its own library and seminar room and provides access to valuable Boston institutions such as the Museum of Fine Arts. The department sponsors various lectures and discussion groups, inviting leading scholars from other universities to share their research in addition to supporting talks by our own faculty and graduate students.

For more information about the Boston College Department of Classical Studies, please visit us at bc.edu/classics.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Arts serves the goals and needs of a variety of students: those who wish to discover whether they should pursue the Ph.D., those who wish to extend and consolidate their knowledge of the field before moving on to work at the Ph.D. level, and those who wish to prepare themselves for a career in teaching at the secondary level.

The Department of Classics offers two M.A. programs:

Master of Arts in Latin and Greek

Master of Arts in Latin

Degree Requirements

Both M.A. programs require:

- ❖ 30 credits of coursework
- ❖ Proficiency test in a modern foreign language
- ❖ Comprehensive examinations (written and oral)

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COURSES

The combined and varied interests of the faculty ensure that the department offers a variety of graduate course electives. While the number and content of the graduate electives vary from year to year, the following list is illustrative of the range of courses offered.

FALL

Herodotus	Eshleman
Civil War Literature	Thatcher
Senecan Tragedy	Sapsford

SPRING

Livy	Eshleman
Latin Pastoral Poetry	Polt
Power Struggles in Early Greek Epic	Eisenfeld

OUTCOMES

Students typically choose our M.A. because they need additional language training before pursuing further study at the graduate level or because they wish to teach language at the secondary level.

Recent graduates have gone on to leading programs at universities including Boston College, Boston University, University of Cincinnati, University of Florida, University of Indiana, University of Pennsylvania, University of Washington, and Yale University. Many of our graduates have made careers in secondary education in and around the Boston area at schools such as Boston College High School, The Fessenden School, Newton Public Schools, Norfolk Academy, Ursuline Academy, Wayland Public Schools, and Weston Public Schools, to name a few.

MORRISSEY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The oldest and largest of the University's eight schools and colleges, the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences offers graduate programs in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, leading to the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Arts, and Master of Science. In addition, numerous dual-degree options are offered in cooperation with the Carroll School of Management, the Boston College Law School, the Lynch School of Education and Human Development, and the School of Social Work.

With approximately 900 graduate students and more than 500 full-time faculty, the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences is small enough to know you as a person, but large enough to serve you and prepare you for a rewarding life and satisfying career.

Academic Resources

BOSTON AREA CONSORTIUM

The Boston Area Consortium allows graduate students to cross-register for courses at Boston University, Brandeis University, and Tufts University.

BOSTON COLLEGE LIBRARIES

The University is home to eight libraries, containing nearly 3 million volumes; more than 700 manuscript collections, including music, photos, art, and artifacts; 625,000 e-books; and more than 600 electronic databases. O'Neill Library, Boston College's main library, offers subject-specialist librarians to help with research, to set up alerts to publications in areas of interest, and to answer any research- and library-related questions.

THE BOSTON LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

The Boston Library Consortium allows Boston College students access to millions of volumes and other services at 19 area institutions in addition to the world-class resources available through the Boston College Library System.

THE GRADUATE CONSORTIUM IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

The Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies (GCWS) brings together scholars and teachers at nine degree-granting institutions in the Boston area: Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northeastern University, Simmons University, Tufts University, and the University of Massachusetts Boston. The GCWS is devoted to graduate teaching and research in Women's Studies and to advancing interdisciplinary Women's Studies scholarship. Students can engage in the community and cross-disciplinary study promoted by the GCWS in myriad ways. Through courses, attending events, and organizing conferences, these initiatives provide a learning environment unlike any other.

STUDENT LIFE AND CAMPUS RESOURCES

Boston College is located on the edge of one of the world's most vibrant cities. Just six miles from downtown Boston—an exciting and dynamic place to live and learn—Boston College is an easy car or “T” ride away from a booming center for trade, finance, research, and education.

Home to some of New England's most prestigious cultural landmarks, including the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston Symphony Hall, and the Freedom Trail, Boston provides a rich environment for those passionate about art, music, and history. For sports fans, Boston hosts a number of the country's greatest sports teams: the Celtics, Patriots, Bruins, and, of course, Fenway Park's beloved Red Sox. Found within a short drive from Boston are some of New England's best recreational sites, from the excellent skiing in New Hampshire to the pristine beaches of Cape Cod.

Boston also offers a wide range of family friendly attractions, including the Children's Museum, New England Aquarium, Franklin Park Zoo, and the Museum of Science. There are roughly 50 universities located in the Boston area, and the large student population adds to the city's intellectually rich and diverse community. Events, lectures, and reading groups hosted by world-renowned scholars abound on area campuses, providing abundant opportunities to meet and network with other graduate students and faculty throughout the Boston area.

The University

Boston College is a Jesuit university with 15,000 students, 880 full-time faculty, and more than 190,000 active alumni. Since its founding in 1863, the University has known extraordinary growth and change. From its beginnings as a small Jesuit college intended to provide higher education for Boston's largely immigrant Catholic population, Boston College has grown into a national institution of higher learning that is consistently ranked among the top universities in the nation. Boston College is ranked 36th among national universities by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Today, Boston College attracts scholars from all 50 states and over 80 countries, and confers more than 4,300 degrees annually in more than 50 fields through its eight schools and colleges. Its faculty members are committed to both teaching and research and have set new marks for research grants in each of the last 10 years. The University is committed to academic excellence. As part of its most recent strategic plan, Boston College is in the process of adding 100 new faculty positions, expanding faculty and graduate research, increasing student financial aid, and widening opportunities in key undergraduate and graduate programs.

The University is comprised of the following colleges and schools: Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, Carroll School of Management, Connell School of Nursing, Lynch School of Education and Human Development, Woods College of Advancing Studies, Boston College Law School, School of Social Work, and Clough School of Theology and Ministry.

General Resources

HOUSING

While on-campus housing is not available for graduate students, most choose to live in nearby apartments. The Office of Residential Life maintains an extensive database with available rental listings, roommates, and helpful local real estate agents. The best time to look for fall semester housing is June through the end of August. For spring semester housing, the best time to look is late November through the beginning of the second semester. Additionally, some graduate students may live on campus as resident assistants. Interested students should contact the Office of Residential Life.

STUDENT LIFE AND CAMPUS RESOURCES

JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY, S.J., GRADUATE STUDENT CENTER

One of only a handful of graduate student centers around the country, the Murray Graduate Student Center is dedicated to the support and enrichment of graduate student life at Boston College. Its primary purpose is to build a sense of community among the entire graduate student population and cultivate a sense of belonging to the University as a whole. Its amenities include study rooms, a computer lab, two smart televisions, kitchen, deck and patio space, complimentary coffee and tea, and more. Throughout the year, the center hosts programs organized by the Office of Graduate Student Life and graduate student groups. The Murray Graduate Student Center also maintains an active job board (available electronically), listing academic and non-academic opportunities for employment both on and off campus.

MCMULLEN MUSEUM OF ART

Serving as a dynamic educational resource for the national and international community, the McMullen Museum of Art showcases interdisciplinary exhibitions that ask innovative questions and break new ground in the display and scholarship of the works on view. The McMullen regularly offers exhibition-related programs, including musical and theatrical performances, films, gallery talks, symposia, lectures, readings, and receptions that draw students, faculty, alumni, and friends together for stimulating dialogue. Located on the Brighton campus, the McMullen Museum is free to all visitors.

CONNORS FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

Working closely with the Graduate School, the Connors Family Learning Center sponsors seminars, workshops, and discussions for graduate teaching assistants and teaching fellows on strategies for improving teaching effectiveness and student learning. Each fall, the Learning Center and the Graduate School hold a “Fall Teaching Orientation” workshop designed to help students prepare for teaching. The center also hosts ongoing seminars on college teaching, higher

learning, and academic life; assists graduate students in developing teaching portfolios; and provides class visits and teaching consultations, upon request. Through these and other activities, the Connors Family Learning Center plays an important role in enhancing the quality of academic life at Boston College.

MARGOT CONNELL RECREATION CENTER

The Margot Connell Recreation Center redefines the future of fitness and recreation at Boston College. The 244,000-square-foot, four-story structure offers our community an inspired space to play, pursue sports, gather with friends, and work out. This facility includes a fitness center, rock climbing wall, jogging track, aquatics center, wood-floor basketball courts, tennis courts, multi-activity courts, multi-purpose rooms for spin, yoga, and fitness classes, and so much more.

BOSTON COLLEGE CAREER CENTER

The Boston College Career Center works with graduate students at each step of their career development. Services include self-assessment, career counseling, various career development workshops, resume and cover letter critiques, and practice interviews. In addition to extensive workshop offerings, Career Center staff members are available throughout the year for one-on-one advising about any aspect of the career path. The Career Resource Library offers a wealth of resources, including books, periodicals, and online databases.

ADMISSION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The application deadline for fall admission is February 1. Please visit bc.edu/gsas for detailed information on how to apply.

Application requirements include:

❖ Application Form:	Submitted online, via the GSAS website.
❖ Application Fee:	\$75, non-refundable.
❖ Abstract of Courses Form:	A concise overview of background and related courses completed in an intended field or proposed area of study.
❖ Official Transcripts:	Demonstrating coursework completed/degree conferral from all post-secondary institutions attended.
❖ Two Letters of Recommendation: (<i>minimum</i>)	From professors or supervisors. It is highly advisable that at least one letter be from an academic source.
❖ Statement of Purpose:	A brief (1-2 page) discussion of an applicant's preparation, motivation, and goals for their proposed course of study.
❖ Writing Sample:	A sample of an applicant's best work (usually a course paper or equivalent) related to their proposed field of study recommended.
❖ Proof of English Proficiency: (<i>international only</i>)	Official TOEFL/IELTS score reports accepted.

Financial Assistance

DEPARTMENT FUNDING

Limited scholarship aid is available, chiefly in the form of tuition scholarships. Most students will also receive one teaching assistantship during their four semesters, which carries a stipend in addition to a tuition scholarship.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

Graduate students can apply for federal financial aid using the FAFSA. The loans that may be available to graduate students are the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan and Perkins Loan, based on eligibility. If additional funds are needed, student may apply for a Grad Plus Loan. For more information, see the Graduate Financial Aid website at bc.edu/gradaid or contact the Graduate Financial Aid Office at 617-552-3300 or 800-294-0294.

OFFICE FOR SPONSORED PROGRAMS

The Office for Sponsored Programs (OSP) assists both faculty and graduate students in finding sources of external funding for their projects and provides advice in the development of proposals. OSP maintains a reference library of publications from both public and private sectors listing funding sources for sponsored projects. In the recent past, graduate students have received research support from prominent agencies, corporations and organizations such as the Fulbright Commission, the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the American Political Science Association, the American Chemical Society, and the American Association of University Women.

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