WELCOME FROM THE CLASSICAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Classical Studies encompasses all the material and intellectual culture of the ancient Greek and Roman world. It includes the study of language and creative literature, of political and social history, and of philosophy, religion, art and archaeology. It is thus the original and most comprehensive of interdisciplinary fields and the cornerstone of liberal education. 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 Classical Studies Department 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 five full-time faculty members and two part-time lecturers; as many as nine 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 Classical Studies Department, 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 three M.A. programs:

- Master of Arts in Latin
- Master of Arts in Greek
- Master of Arts in Latin and Greek

Degree Requirements

All three M.A. programs require:

- 30 credits of coursework
- Proficiency test in a modern foreign language
- Comprehensive examinations (written and oral)
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 varies from year to year, the following list is illustrative of the range of courses offered.

**FALL 2016**
- Homer **Eisenfeld**
- Catullus **Polt**
- Livy **Eshleman**

**SPRING 2017**
- Tacitus **Eshleman**
- Greek Rhetoric **Thatcher**
- Virgil **Polt**

**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 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.
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 the Graduate School of Social Work.

With approximately 1,000 students and 400 full-time faculty, the Graduate School 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 2.95 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 College, 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 & 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 more than 14,000 students, 786 full-time faculty and more than 170,000 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 30th 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 4,000 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, Woods College of Advancing Studies, Boston College Law School, Graduate School of Social Work and 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.
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 main 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 one-and-a-half day “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.

FLYNN RECREATION COMPLEX
The 144,000-square-foot Flynn Recreation Complex houses a running track; tennis, basketball, volleyball, squash and racquetball courts; an aquatics center with pool and dive well; saunas and more. Its 10,000-square-foot Fitness Center offers more than 100 pieces of cardio equipment, a full complement of strength training equipment and free weights, an air-conditioned spin studio and three air-conditioned group fitness studios. During the academic year, BC Rec holds more than 80 group fitness classes per week in a variety of disciplines, including Zumba, spin, yoga, strength training, Pilates and 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 & FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Application requirements include:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application Form: Submitted online, via the GSAS website.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Application Fee: $75, non-refundable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abstract of Courses Form: A concise overview of background and related courses completed in an intended field or proposed area of study.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Official Transcripts: Demonstrating coursework completed/degree conferral from all post-secondary institutions attended.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GRE General Test: Official score report required for all applicants.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Two Letters of Recommendation: From professors or supervisors. It is highly advisable that at least one letter be from an academic source.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Statement of Purpose: A brief (1-2 page) discussion of an applicant’s preparation, motivation and goals for their proposed course of study.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Writing Sample: A sample of an applicant’s best work (usually a course paper or equivalent) related to their proposed field of study recommended.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Detailed Coursework Description: A list of advanced college courses taken in Greek and/or Latin along with the authors and works read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Proof of English Proficiency: Official TOEFL/IELTS score reports accepted.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Financial Assistance

#### DEPARTMENT FUNDING

Limited scholarship aid is available, chiefly in the form of tuition scholarships. One teaching assistantship, which carries a stipend in addition to a tuition scholarship, is usually reserved for a second-year student.

#### 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 OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS

The Office of 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.
Department of Classical Studies
Stokes Hall 260S
140 Commonwealth Avenue
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467
617-552-3661
E-Mail: hoffrnaga@bc.edu
bc.edu/classics