

## 5 Things to Know

### 1. What is Classics?

Classics is the study of the ancient and medieval world in all its complexity from its languages and literature to its philosophy and history. It stands at the crossroads between western and eastern thought and examines the fundamental ideas, beliefs, and institutions formed when Greek & Middle Eastern cultures met thousands of years ago. It is one of the most inclusive and interdisciplinary subjects there is, as it spans the disciplines of history, literature, philosophy, art and archaeology.

### 2. Why study Classics at Dalhousie?

We are a large enough department to provide a full range of programs but small enough to do so in an intimate environment in which students can thrive. We have an active student society, *Res Publica* as well as a student journal *Pseudo-Dionysus*. Every year we hold our own Pythian Games that feature competitions in poetry, declamation, and re-enactments from ancient drama and history. There are also many opportunities for students to socialize outside of the classroom with lectures and events organized by the Department and *Res Publica*.

### 3. What courses are offered?

We offer a full range of courses in Ancient History, Literature, and Philosophy as well as classes in Ancient Greek, Latin, Hebrew, and Arabic. Some of our classes are: *Gods, Heroes & Monsters: Ancient Mythology*; *Roots of Greek Civilization*; *Death, Sex and Gold in the Ancient Roman World*; *Gods, Beasts, and the Political Animal: Plato, Aristotle and their Legacy*.

### 4. What kind of jobs do people with a degree in Classics have?

Our students have gone on to careers in **medicine, law, journalism, film, performing arts, education, and politics.**

### 5. Where to start?

Register for one of our introductory classes such as CLAS 1011: Ancient Greece & Rome or CLAS 1103: Gods, Heroes & Monsters: Ancient Mythology.

**Have a question?** Email: [claswww@dal.ca](mailto:claswww@dal.ca)

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