

CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

WHY STUDY CLASSICAL LANGUAGES *at* STONYHURST?

ENTRY INTO TOP UNIVERSITIES

Successful applications to Russell Group and Ivy League universities, for a wide range of subjects.



MORE THAN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

We will help you to develop and share your individual gifts and talents, learn from others and reach your full potential, preparing you for a successful future, wherever it may take you.

WHAT TYPE OF CAREER CAN I GO INTO?

Latin and Greek are both extremely highly regarded subjects, which combine well with all other academic subjects.

The study of classical subjects does not commit you to any particular degree subject or career.

Universities and employers look on Classical Languages very favourably, and past students can be found working in finance, law, medicine, marketing, PR, media, performing arts, sports – in fact, everywhere!

SPECIALISTS IN CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Specialist subject teachers dedicated to the study of Classical Languages and Literature.

WHAT DO PEOPLE SAY?

MI5 needs people with good intellectual skills, the ability to spot connections, the ability to absorb and assess a variety of material. Natural ground for a classicist.

Jonathan Evans, Head of MI5

Aside from basic literacy and numeracy, of all the subjects taught to me at school, only two have been of unquestionable value to me every single day of my working life. One is the study of Statistics and Probability: a basic understanding of which is essential to making any decision. The other is the study of Latin (and Greek) which leaves its students with an increasingly rare skill – and hence a competitive advantage: the ability to express even complicated thoughts in the confident belief that what you have written is both clear in its meaning and correct in its grammatical construction.

Rory Sutherland,
Senior Advertising Director



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Latin and Greek both develop critical and analytical skills valued by universities and employers alike. Understanding of these languages aids understanding of all linguistic structures; Latin vocabulary is at the root of most European languages, and scientific and technical terms are often Latin or Greek derivatives.

These 'ancient' languages have provided common ground for scientists and thinkers of all nationalities, without bias to a particular national tongue – a lingua franca!

Equally importantly, study at this level offers direct access to the literature, culture and thought of Greece and Rome: two of the most influential civilisations in western history.

In both languages, you will learn how to:

- ✓ develop a sensitive and analytical approach to language, including an awareness of the relationship with the languages of today
- ✓ appreciate different cultures
- ✓ read and appreciate original literature in its cultural context
- ✓ communicate clearly and effectively

Latin and Greek can be studied together or with any other subject combination; indeed, pupils who are inclined towards Sciences often find that a Classical Language sits well in a programme of study.

Latin and Greek are such striking choices of subject that an applicant to university immediately stands out as an individual not afraid to move away from the safest subject choices.

WHAT DO I NEED?

- ✓ An appetite for problem-solving and a willingness to persist
- ✓ An interest in language and literature
- ✓ Intellectual curiosity and an ability to think independently
- ✓ Grade 7 or above at GCSE, or equivalent



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WHAT COURSES ARE ON OFFER?

A LEVEL LATIN & GREEK OCR

There are two elements, continuing from GCSE work:

- ✓ Language – you will continue to read passages of original Latin/Greek
- ✓ Literature – you will read selections from prose and verse authors

Assessment

At the end of the course there are four examinations: Translation into English (1 hour and 45 minutes, 33%), Comprehension (1 hour and 15 minutes, 17%), and Prepared Literature (Translation, Comprehension, and Discussion of Style, Themes and Plot; 2 x 2 hour papers, 25% each).

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE LATIN AND GREEK

As at A Level, both Language and Literature are studied.

External assessment comprises one language paper and one paper on pre-prepared literature.

The IB additionally has an internally assessed component: you will research any topic about the Greek or Roman world and produce a dossier of annotated evidence. At Higher Line, there is an additional composition task, based on research and completed in class.

Our IB Diploma Programme is designed to produce highly-educated all-rounders who embrace social responsibility, intercultural awareness, and a duty to local and global communities to make an increasingly complex world a better place.

