Greek and Roman Studies

Program-specific competencies

Competencies are the skills, knowledge and attributes gained through every work, educational, volunteer and life experience. UVic students in the Greek and Roman Studies program develop the following program-specific competencies.

Ancient Greek language and literature

Demonstrates an understanding of the ancient Greek language and literature in ancient Greek

- Understands vocabulary and grammar of ancient Greek
- Reads and analyzes texts in ancient Greek
- Translates texts from ancient Greek to English verbally and in writing
- Demonstrates knowledge of major authors in the ancient Greek literary tradition including Euripides, Herodotus, Plato, Homer, Sophocles and Xenophon
- Demonstrates knowledge of major genres of ancient Greek literature including oratory, poetry, drama, comedy, tragedy and epic poetry

Latin language and literature

Demonstrates an understanding of the Latin language and literature in Latin

- Knows the history and development of major trends in anthropological theory
- Applies ethnographic methods used in the field with an emphasis on the relationship between field methods and theory in anthropology, field experiences and techniques, and qualitative data analysis
- Formulates researchable propositions, research design and data analysis

Literary interpretation

Interpret literature and non-literary texts in the context of the literary tradition

- Understands major critical approaches to the interpretation of literary and non-literary texts
- Analyzes and interprets the use and effects of literary and rhetorical strategies in both literary and non-literary texts
- Demonstrates awareness of literary genres, styles, movements and traditions
- Integrates methods and approaches from a variety of disciplines to enhance understanding of literary and non-literary texts

Historical awareness

Demonstrates awareness of historical events in Ancient Greece and Rome

- Understands the civilizations of Greece and Rome through the evidence of literature, history and archeology
- Describes the wide impact of Classical cultural in the contemporary world
- Describes past events or issues in historical terms
Historical awareness cont.

- Critically evaluates historical information, documents and artifacts
- Develops an understanding of the relationships among historical events and issues producers

Historical method

*Employs a systematic method of enquiry in order to understand and interpret events and issues in Ancient Greece and Rome*

- Understands and applies major critical approaches to the interpretation of the history of Ancient Greece and Rome
- Understands past events or issues in their historical and historiographic context
- Understands how the study of history involves interpretation of the past based on current perspectives
- Re-evaluates existing understandings of the past as new information and new interpretations of old information arise

Political and military perspective

*Understands and interprets historical events and issues in Ancient Greece and Rome in their political and military contexts*

- Understands the political and military influences involved in the rise, maintenance and decline of the empires of Ancient Greece and Rome
- Understands the ancient Greek views of democracy and democratic practices and their impact on modern democratic theory
- Recognizes how differing political and military perspectives of the past and the present influence the interpretation of events and issues
- Applies a knowledge of different political systems, different economic systems and different legal systems to understand historical events and issues

Social and cultural perspective

*Understands and interprets material culture from Ancient Greece and Rome in their social and cultural contexts*

- Understands the role of Ancient Greece and Rome as the foundations of Western culture
- Recognizes key aspects of architecture and material remains and how they changed over time
- Analyzes the roles that gender, race, class, religion and ethnicity played in Ancient Greece and Rome
- Analyzes the roles science and technology played in Ancient Greece and Rome and how that influenced modern sciences

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