Hello!

Welcome to Carleton! We’re excited that you’ve expressed an interest in Classics, and we wanted to share some information about our department. We’re a lively and collegial set of faculty and students, studying the languages, history, archaeology and literature of the ancient Mediterranean world, as well as the connections between ancient and modern thought and culture. Since Classics is a fundamentally interdisciplinary enterprise, our courses span a wide range of areas. We have a rich set of course offerings in Greek and Roman history, culture, literature, art and archaeology.

We also offer classes in the languages: Greek and Latin are both great ways to satisfy Carleton’s language requirement. Our sequences start from the beginning, in case you haven’t had the chance to take these languages before (most students haven’t), but we also offer advanced classes where we read authors like Homer, Plato, Vergil or Tacitus in the original. We have great colleagues in other departments who offer related courses in late antique or medieval history, ancient political thought, philosophy and religion. Unlike many colleges our size, Carleton also offers an interdisciplinary program in archaeology.

Our department suite in the Language and Dining Center houses faculty offices and features a gathering space with a small library, where students study and socialize. Our small classes foster close relationships both among our students and between students and faculty. Once a week students and faculty get together for “Classics Table” downstairs in the dining hall, to talk about the latest classics-related movies, archaeological finds, or just life in general.

Our majors and minors frequently do off-campus studies programs in Rome or Athens, or occasionally at one of the universities in the U.K. like Oxford or St. Andrews. They also participate in faculty’s summer fieldwork and research, and have presented their findings both with us and on their own at regional and national conferences.

Whether you’re a high school Latin enthusiast, a Greek myth fan, or a classics-curious student who wonders where names like Albus and Severus come from, we’d love the chance to chat more about Classics at Carleton. If you’d like to exchange emails with one of the faculty or with current students please just let me know; give me a call at 507-222-4230 or send me an email at chardy@carleton.edu.

I’m very much looking forward to working with you!

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