

M.A. Degree in Classics

Comprehensive Oral Examination

CLAS 896: Directed Reading in Classics

The purpose of this course is to provide students with the opportunity to read the departmental list of primary texts in Classics and to develop their own secondary reading lists in general and special fields of emphasis. Students who take this course are preparing for a Comprehensive Oral Examination in fulfillment of their Culminating Experience Requirement.

Since this is a supervised course, students are free to fulfill requirements a-d below in any order they choose, in consultation with the supervising instructor. Students must:

- a. read any primary authors or works on the M.A. Reading List which they have not read previously;
- b. develop, in consultation with the instructor, and read, a list of general secondary material on ancient cultures, literature and history;
- c. identify three areas of special emphasis, one from each of the following categories: author, genre, topic (e.g., Virgil, elegiac poetry, Roman religion, Greek sanctuaries, domestic architecture, gender issues in ancient literature);
- d. develop a reading list for each area of emphasis and write a literature review or commentary (10-12 typed pages) for each of the three areas;
- e. pass the Comprehensive Oral Examination (after completion of requirements a-d).

Students must consult with the supervising instructor regarding the procedures for both establishing an orals committee and consulting with members of that committee prior to the examination.

CLAS 896 is offered on a CR/NC basis only. To receive credit for the course the student must pass the Comprehensive Oral Examination. A student who fails the oral examination will receive an "Incomplete" and will have the following semester to take the oral examination a second time.