

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN ANCIENT LANGUAGES

The Department of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies (CAMS) at Penn State offers a [Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Ancient Languages](#). The certificate is designed for students who have completed their undergraduate degree and are planning to pursue graduate or advanced study in any of the following fields:



REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or a postsecondary degree from an officially recognized degree-granting institution outside the U.S. that is deemed comparable to a four-year bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution. This degree must be in any humanities field that includes at least one year of study in an ancient language. International applicants must take and submit scores for the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or the IELTS (International English Language Testing System), as prescribed by the [Penn State Graduate School](#).

THE POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE

The certificate in Ancient Languages comprises a minimum of four courses (12 credits at the 400-level or above) which may normally be taken over two or more semesters. It is designed to verify proficiency in

at least one ancient language through the successful completion of two or three advanced reading courses, with the option of taking the third course in a second ancient language. The certificate also requires the completion of a writing-intensive course in a subject relevant to the student's interest, in order to strengthen preparation for graduate-level research and writing. A grade of B or better must be earned in each course to satisfy the certificate.

COURSES OFFERED

Advanced reading courses in Greek and in Latin will be offered each fall and spring semester. Courses in Biblical Hebrew, Middle Egyptian (hieroglyphics), Akkadian, and Sumerian will be offered on a rotating basis. Courses in Aramaic, Late Egyptian and Coptic, and Hittite will be offered as justified by demand. Writing-intensive courses are offered each semester on subjects such as: Classical Drama; Ancient Epic; Sacrifice in Ancient Religion; Athens to Jerusalem: Wisdom in the Ancient World; Studies in Classical and Mediterranean Archaeology; Dead Sea Scrolls. Independent study courses for credit may also be arranged, subject to faculty availability. Advanced courses offered at Penn State are listed in the Penn State University Bulletin for [graduate courses in CAMS](#) (including ancient Near Eastern languages); in [Greek](#), in [Latin](#), and in Biblical [Hebrew](#). Specific courses available in an upcoming semester may be viewed on the [Penn State Schedule of Courses](#).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Send a **letter of application** describing your language training and research interests, a ***curriculum vitae***, a **transcript** certifying the completion of a baccalaureate (bachelor's) degree (or, in the case of seniors in their final term, demonstrating enrollment in courses sufficient to earn the bachelor's degree before the start of the certificate program), and **two letters of reference** from instructors familiar with your work to:

Mark Munn, Head, Department of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies
Penn State
Weaver Building
University Park, PA 16802-5500
(814) 863-0052
markmunn@psu.edu

Applications for the fall semester should be received by April 6; however, enrollment is possible on a rolling basis. Qualified applicants will be advised about course availability and will be instructed to complete a [Graduate School Postbaccalaureate/Graduate Certificate application prior to registering](#) for courses.

COSTS

Students pay the regular per credit charge for graduate study at Penn State. The most current tuition schedule can be accessed [here](#).