Classics, M.A.

The University of California Tri-Campus Graduate Program in Classics
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All entering students are admitted into the Ph.D. program. With the exception of those granted advanced standing because they hold the M.A. in Classics from another institution, entering students may be awarded an M.A. along the way.

The requirements for the M.A. are two years (six quarters) of course work, followed by a comprehensive examination or completion of a Master's thesis. A reading knowledge of either German, French, Italian, or an equivalent language, demonstrated by examination or appropriate course work, is also required. M.A. students must successfully complete a minimum of 12 approved, seminar-level courses. The normal course load is three 200-level courses each quarter distributed as follows: nine quarters of CLASSIC 220; three quarters of CLASSIC 200A, CLASSIC 200B, CLASSIC 200C; a fourth quarter may be substituted for a CLASSIC 220. Up to one quarter of CLASSIC 290 for research and writing of the Master's thesis may be substituted for a CLASSIC 220. If remedial work is required in Greek or Latin, with the Graduate Advisor’s approval, one enhanced upper-division Greek or Latin course (enrolled as a CLASSIC 280) may be substituted for a CLASSIC 220. With the Graduate Advisor’s approval, M.A. students may substitute one external graduate seminar in a relevant area outside of Classics (at any of the three participating campuses) for a CLASSIC 220. At the end of a student’s M.A. studies, a positive vote of the program faculty is necessary for continuation in the Ph.D. program. The expected time for completion of the M.A. is two years.