

Classical Civilisation

Examination Board: OCR

A Level in Classical Civilisation: H408

What will I learn?

Classical Civilisation is the study of the literature, politics and art of the ancient world set in an understanding of its historical context. During the course you will:

- Develop your own personal response to the material, including visual stimuli
- Develop an understanding of key themes such as heroism, honour, fame and family
- Be able to analyse material in detail and in breadth
- Develop an understanding of ancient societies, both Greek and Roman.

Who is the course suited to?

Anyone with an interest in learning more about the lives and values of the people of the ancient world, focussing on the legends of its heroes. No language study is required.

What is the structure of the course?

Three units are studied at A Level. In *The World of the Hero*, students undertake a close study of Homer's epic Greek poem, *The Odyssey* and Vergil's Roman saga, *The Aeneid*. A number of Greek plays are examined for the Greek Theatre component including *The Frogs* by Aristophanes, *The Bacchae* by Euripides and *Oedipus Rex* by Sophocles. Finally, *Love and Relationships* examines the politics, poetry and passions of love in the ancient world.

Assessment

A Level : Three Examinations (no coursework)

- *The World of the Hero: The Odyssey by Homer & The Aeneid by Virgil* (H408/11) 2 hours 20 min (40%).
- *Culture and the Arts: Greek Theatre* (H408/21) 1 hour 45 min (30%).
- *Beliefs and Ideas: Love and Relationships* (H408/32) 1 hour 45 mins (30%).

Reasons to consider doing Classical Civilisation at A Level:

- It is a subject of great breadth, working particularly well with A Levels such as History, English and Art, but can add a different dimension to any combination.
 - Your personal response and opinions are of great importance and you will always have the opportunity to have your say.
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