Designated Emphasis in Classics and Classical Receptions
Degree Requirements
Approved by Graduate Council: May 20, 2009

A. Admissions Criteria

Any student admitted to a participating doctoral program is eligible for admission, provided that:

a) The candidate has begun the study of either Latin or Greek; and
b) The candidate intends to complete a dissertation in which the topic relates to, and incorporates, some aspect of Classics, Classical scholarship, or Classical reception.

B. Curriculum:

1. Required courses:

- Three upper division courses in either Latin or Greek – 12 units
- CLA 200A – 4 units
- CLA 200B – 4 units
- One (1) additional course to be selected in consultation with the student’s DE advisor. This course may be another course in Classics or a course in another department which emphasizes the connection of Classics and Classical receptions with the student’s field of study. – 4 units

TOTAL REQUIRED UNITS: 24

2. Elective courses

Students may add courses in Classics or a related field, but we do not anticipate that many students will have schedules that allow this option.

3. Qualifying Examination

The student’s Qualifying Examination Committee must include at least one member of the DE faculty. The DE member of the Qualifying Exam Committee shall be recommended by the Executive Committee of the DE. The Chair of the DE and the student’s Ph.D. program Graduate Adviser must co-sign the Qualifying Examination Committee form, which is submitted to Graduate Studies for approval by the Dean of Graduate Studies.

The Qualifying Examination will assess the student’s depth and breadth of knowledge within the area of the DE, as well as the Ph.D. program area. Satisfactory performance on the Qualifying Examination for the Ph.D. will be judged independently from performance on the DE. Thus, an allowable outcome of the Qualifying Examination is that the student’s performance may be “passing” for the Ph.D. but “not passing” for the DE. In the event that a student passes the PhD qualifying exam, but receives a “not pass” for the DE, the Executive Committee of the DE will define a plan for remediation. The plan may include, but is not limited to
re-examination by the DE Executive Committee, coursework, teaching, or preparation of a paper. If the student is re-examined, the remediation outcome will be assessed as “pass” or “fail.” If the student receives a “fail,” a recommendation will be made to the Dean of the Office of Graduate Studies for disqualification from the DE.

4. Dissertation Requirements

The student’s Dissertation Committee shall be selected in accordance with the regulations of the Ph.D. program, but must include at least one member of the DE faculty. The DE member may be the Dissertation Committee Chair. The dissertation topic will be relevant to the area of the DE.

5. Degree Conferral Process:

The Designated Emphasis will be awarded solely in conjunction with the Ph.D. and will be signified by the degree designation “Ph.D. in X with Emphasis in Classics and Classical Receptions,” where X is the Ph.D. program.

C. Student Advising

The DE will appoint a faculty adviser for each student admitted. This adviser may be different from the adviser appointed by the student’s department, and if so will serve the candidate only in matters relating to the DE. The student’s DE adviser and / or the DE chair will meet with the student each quarter to assess progress, consult, and offer advice. At least once a year the DE adviser will review the programs of all students in the DE.

D. Impact on Time to Degree

If students come to graduate study with some training in Latin or Greek, or if they begin language training in their first year of graduate study, the DE should not significantly prolong their time to degree. We have created the DE for students who need facility in Latin or Greek and who therefore would be studying the languages intensively even if the DE did not exist. The revised DE gives these students advice and training in the languages from the beginning of their graduate careers and will ideally streamline their studies. The required courses offer the essential tools for dissertation research. We have planned CLA 200B to facilitate the writing of one chapter of the dissertation under the direction of DE faculty.