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1 Quality research experiences

Develop your research among leading specialists including, where relevant, experts from other institutions such as the British Library, the British Museum or other higher education institutions.

2 World-class resources

Enjoy access to one of the world's leading research libraries, developed in close collaboration with the Societies for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies and Roman Studies.

3 An enriching scholarly environment

Join our lively programme of events, conferences and seminars throughout the academic year, as well as those organised by the School of Advanced Study.

4 An intellectual hub

Study in Bloomsbury, the intellectual heart of London, where you will have easy access to world-class libraries and facilities, including Senate House Library, the British Library and British Museum.

5 Join the World Class

Graduates of our programmes are awarded a University of London degree, an internationally recognised mark of quality.

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The Institute of Classical Studies

The Institute of Classical Studies (ICS) is a national and international research centre for the study of the languages, literature, history, art, archaeology and philosophy of the ancient Greek and Roman worlds.

Founded in 1953, it is nationally funded to develop researchers and to promote and facilitate research in classical studies and related disciplines throughout the UK and abroad.

The ICS is home to the Combined Classics Library, maintained in association with the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies and the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies. This world-class classical research library holds more than 160,000 books and periodicals, the majority accessible on open-shelf, and is available to advanced students and scholars from universities across the UK and throughout the world. A series of Visiting Fellowship opportunities (both stipendiary and non-stipendiary) supports international researchers' access to the Library and the ICS research community.

The ICS runs an extensive events programme throughout the academic year, comprising seminars, guest lectures and conferences with distinguished speakers drawn from throughout the UK and internationally. It also publishes a twice-yearly journal, *Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies (BICS)*, as well as the *BICS Supplements*, a series of scholarly monographs.

It provides valuable research training for postgraduate and early career researchers in classics and related disciplines, as well as development and networking opportunities for mid-career and senior researchers. The ICS awards small grants for academic conferences and public engagement, runs seminars and a summer school in Digital Classics, and acts as host and facilitator to several longstanding collaborative research initiatives and projects.

A rich research environment and community

The Institute offers a world-class research environment for researchers from the UK and across the world and has a number of Fellowship schemes open to visiting scholars who augment its community and activities.

The School of Advanced Study



The School of Advanced Study, University of London, is a unique institution in UK higher education.

Comprising eight internationally renowned research institutes and a variety of central academic initiatives, it is located within the Bloomsbury precinct of the University in the intellectual heart of London.

Founded in 1994, the School of Advanced Study is the only institution in the UK that is nationally funded to promote and facilitate research in the humanities. It performs a vital role as a driving force for knowledge sharing across the humanities in the UK and beyond, and receives special funding

for this purpose from Research England. The School works in collaboration with other organisations, notably the Arts and Humanities Research Council, the British Academy, and other UK universities, independent research organisations, learned societies and government agencies.

The eight institutes of the School, many of which have long and distinguished histories of their own, are dedicated to serving the research communities of their disciplines, both nationally and internationally. Together they complement the work of others by offering a broad research base and providing a range of services that far exceed the capacity of any one individual university to

support, inspire and advance research activity. The School also enhances the dissemination of that research beyond what an individual or their institution could achieve alone.

Underpinning the School's national role is the research and scholarship undertaken by its academic staff. The process of undertaking challenging research in order to extend the boundaries of knowledge across disciplines and in collaboration with researchers from around the world is critical to the School's function as an innovative space for advanced study and its commitment to the highest standards of scholarship.

Why study with us?

A scholarly community

The Institute of Classical Studies, with its world-class library, provides an important academic focus for postgraduates from universities in the UK and abroad, who are studying all aspects of the ancient world. It hosts the London Postgraduate Work-In-Progress Seminar, which connects postgraduate researchers in classical studies from all the London universities and beyond, and is institutional home of the postgraduate journal, *New Classicists*. ICS also serves as the meeting place of the main Classics organisations in the UK.

As part of the postgraduate community of the School of Advanced Study, University of London, you will additionally benefit from a collaborative, interdisciplinary research environment. You'll learn from leading specialists in your field; hone your research skills in our highly regarded training programmes; expand your knowledge through an extensive calendar of events, conferences and seminars and become part of a worldwide network of humanities scholars.

World-class resources

The Institute is home to one of the world's leading classical research libraries, maintained in partnership with the Societies for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies and Roman Studies.

With over 160,000 volumes on site, the Combined Library serves all areas of research in classical studies. It houses a primary collection of reference material and a complementary secondary collection of books and a slide collection. While admission to the Library is open to academic researchers, teachers and research students from all universities in the UK and abroad, borrowing rights are restricted to members of the Hellenic and Roman Societies (reduced-rate student memberships are available).

Specialised training and lectures

As an ICS research student you will have ready access to the Institute's broad range of research seminars and guest lectures. These provide an excellent opportunity to hear and discuss papers by leading scholars from the UK and abroad, as well as to meet others interested in a particular field of study.

The Institute and the School also run a programme of researcher training on various classical and humanities research. The regular series of Postgraduate Work-in-Progress seminars attracts participants from throughout the UK and internationally; student-organised conferences and workshops also play an important role in the Institute's events programme.

Be at the heart of a global city

The Institute is located in the heart of Bloomsbury in central London. Our location ensures that you will be able to enjoy everything the city has to offer, from the world-class resources of neighbouring institutions, such as the British Museum and the British Library (both within easy walking distance), to shops, restaurants, parks, clubs and theatres.

London is regularly named the best university city in the world for its welcoming attitude, diversity and vibrant, student-friendly culture.



MPhil/PhD in Classics



About the degree

Undertaking doctoral research allows you to develop in-depth knowledge, while making a meaningful contribution to your chosen field.

This degree presents the opportunity to gain expertise in your area of interest while also honing a range of transferable skills. On completing this course, you'll be well prepared for specialist career paths both within

academia and beyond. Graduates are awarded a University of London degree.

The Institute of Classical Studies provides first-class PhD supervision and guidance from academics who are leaders in their field. It is also possible to arrange co-supervision with experts in the Member Institutions of the University of London, and, on occasion, with experts from institutions outside the University of London, such as the British Library or the British Museum.

For further information and details of the research expertise offered by ICS supervisors visit: sas.ac.uk/graduate-study/our-courses/mphilphd-programmes/studying-phd-institute-classical-studies

Programme structure

The degree can be taken full time over three years (or a maximum of four) or part time over five years (or a maximum of six), with entry in January or October. You will initially be registered for our MPhil and will then be upgraded to our PhD programme.

The PhD is awarded by submission of a written thesis of up to 100,000 words. There is no formal coursework, however you are encouraged to participate in the regular seminars held at the Institute during the academic year.

After submission of the thesis, you will attend an oral examination conducted by an internal examiner, from the University of London, and an external examiner, normally from another British university.

Entry requirements

Applicants to our PhD programme are usually required to hold a master's degree. However, we will consider applications from candidates who do not meet the formal academic requirements but who offer alternative qualifications and/or relevant experience.

English is the language of instruction and you will be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of proficiency.

For more information on entry requirements, visit: bit.ly/SAS_entry-reqs

Applications

Before submitting an application, you are advised to contact a member of the academic staff who has interests in your proposed field of study to discuss your proposed topic and receive guidance on the development of your application proposal.

All applications are made online to the School of Advanced Study (not directly to the Institute). For more information visit: bit.ly/SAS_how-to-apply

Institutes will aim to make decisions on applications within 28 working days, although where an interview takes place, this may not be possible.



Further information



Fees

Please note, all fees are subject to annual uplift. For up-to-date fees and funding opportunities, please visit sas.ac.uk/funding

Funding opportunities

Our students fund their studies in a variety of ways including scholarships, bursaries and fellowships.

The School of Advanced Study is a member of the AHRC-funded London Arts and Humanities Partnership. This doctoral consortium awards approximately 90 fully funded studentships each year to postgraduate students wishing to pursue doctoral

research in arts and humanities across its eight partner institutions.

The School also offers a range of bursaries and studentships for applicants on our programmes, including, but not limited to, Institute- and course-specific scholarships. For further information visit: bit.ly/SAS_fees-funding

Students from some countries, including the UK and the USA, may be eligible to fund their programmes through government loans.

The University of London reserves the right to alter or withdraw courses and amend other details without prior notice. For up-to-date fees and funding opportunities, please visit: bit.ly/SAS_fees-funding

Accommodation

Full-time students, and part-time students with disabilities, may apply for accommodation in one of the University of London's award-winning intercollegiate Halls of Residence. Our Registry office will send you housing information after you have been offered a place.

To learn more about accommodation options, please visit: halls.london.ac.uk/our-accommodation



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