

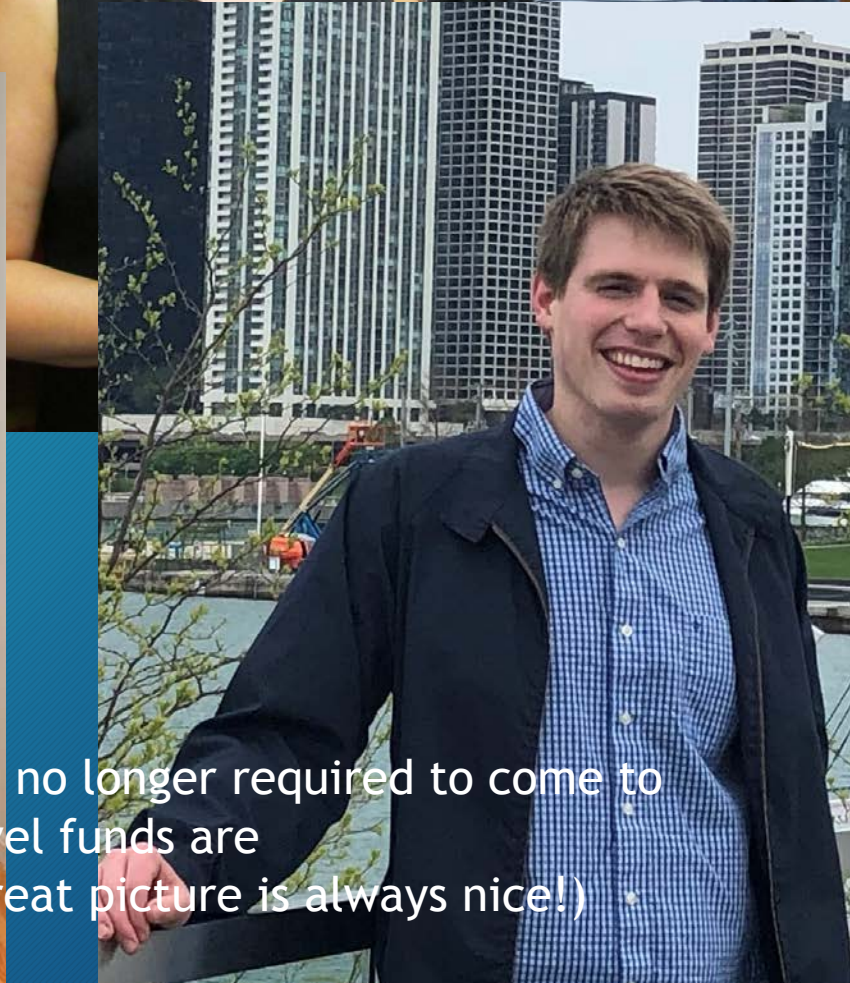
UF Classics Distance Graduate Program

Open House Sept. 13, 2024

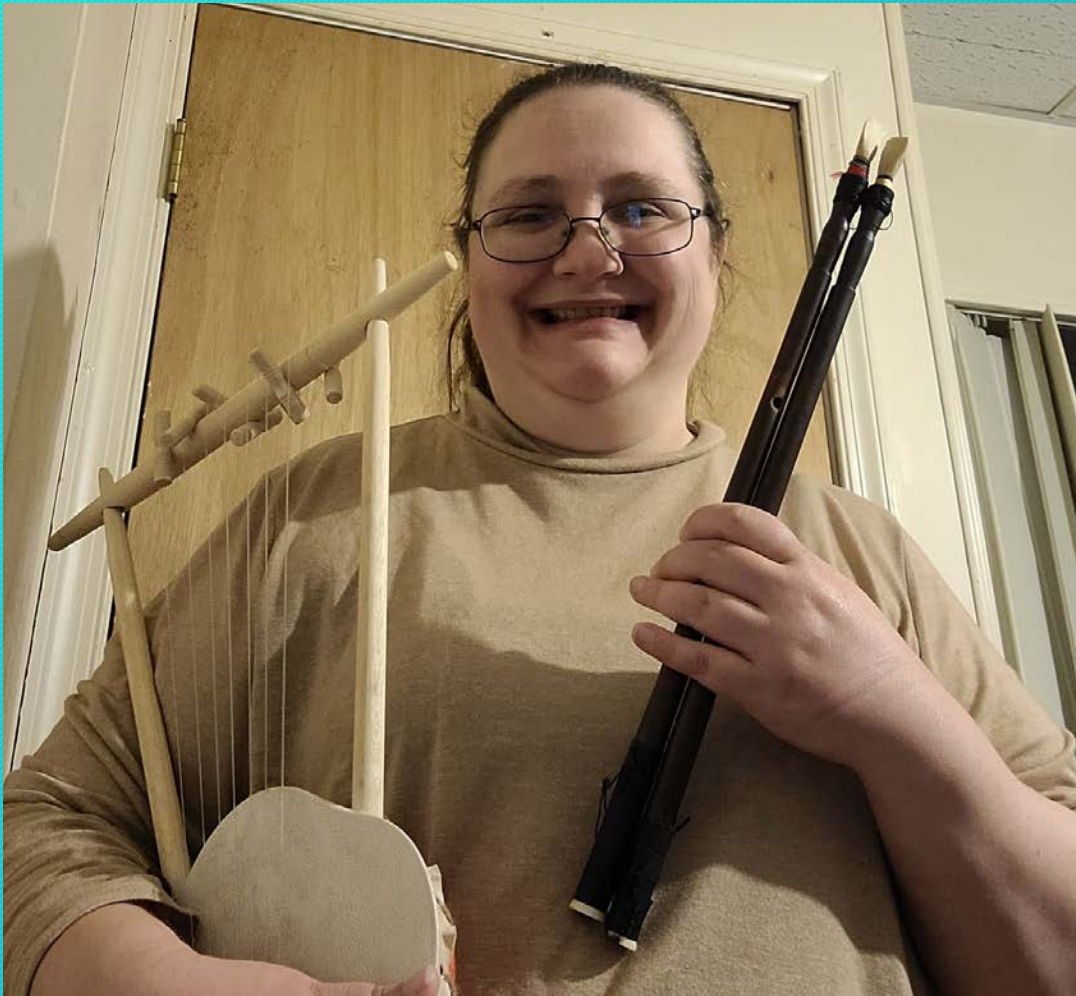
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Some of our Distance Program PhD's
It's nice but not required to come to the graduation ceremony in Gainesville!
Travel funds are available to students who want to attend.



A few of our Master's graduates! (It is no longer required to come to campus for the oral defense, but travel funds are available for those who do.) And a great picture is always nice!



Speaking of travel funds!

Our department, along with the Center for Greek Studies, is very generous in making awards for conference travel (for students who are presenting a paper) or research travel. Dr. April Spratley, whose dissertation was entitled “A Symphony of Genres: Musical Instruments, Intertextuality, and Genre in Ovid,” received funds to attend a workshop in Italy on ancient musical instruments. She is holding a couple of the instruments she created.

What is the program like?

- We are the first and oldest Classics distance graduate program out there!
- Classes are held weekly **LIVE** online in Zoom in the Fall and Spring semesters. (No canned correspondence courses!)
- The **Summer Latin Institute** is held in-person on campus in July. The Master's program requires two SLI's, the Ph.D. program three. (**\$750** travel scholarships available)
- UF no longer requires **in-person attendance** for 'final' or 'exit' exams (the oral exam for Master's students; the prospectus defense and dissertation defense for Ph.D. students). [These oral exams can now be held entirely or partially in Zoom.]
- **Students move at their own pace**, taking one or two seminars (or even three) per semester until exam prep time. About 2-3 years for Master's is average, 6-7 for Ph.D.

Pre-requisites for application?

- Current employment as teacher or other (e.g. librarian) at an accredited K-12 school or institution of higher education (doesn't have to be maintained throughout enrollment!)
- 2-3 years of college-level Latin at accredited institution of higher education
- Degree in Classics (or related field): Bachelor's for Master's applicants; Master's for Ph.D. applicants
- [What counts as a 'related field'? That is determined on a case-by-case basis, based on the Classics courses a student has taken, and the student's involvement in the field. For example, secondary education, with an emphasis on teaching Latin/Greek, should count.]
- What's **NOT** required any more? **GRE scores!**

Application deadlines

- Online Q & A with current students: **Jan. 8**
- Online Q & A with faculty: **Jan. 22** (Faculty meeting REQUIRED for Ph.D. applicants, recommended for everyone)
- Take sight Latin translation exam, under supervision of a proctor: **Fri.-Sat., Feb. 7-8** (pass/fail). Translate one prose and one poetry passage from standard authors, with a few parsing questions. **Show sample exams now!**
 - Proctor should be work colleague or supervisor; I'll need their name and email address to send them your exam, along with the day you'd like to take it, by **Jan. 31**.
 - You can either take the exam on a computer or ask your proctor to print it for you.
- UF receipt of application materials: **Friday, March 7, 2025** (allow lots of time for transcripts to arrive!)
 - We'll try to get a decision to you by April 5 (seeing that Spring Break intervenes).

Application materials

- Follow instructions for UF Graduate Application (do NOT try to apply for ‘online and distance learning programs’): <https://admissions.ufl.edu/apply/graduate/>
- Mark beginning term as **SUMMER B 2024**
- Letters of recommendation: 2-3 for Master’s applicants, 3 for Ph.D. applicants (letters from colleagues or supervisors are OK)
 - You do not have to send me separate copies

Writing Sample

- Statement of Purpose serves as writing sample for Master’s applicants
- Ph.D. applicants should submit a research paper or thesis chapter
- Transcripts from undergrad/grad institutions
 - These can take a while to process, so request them early! You can also send an unofficial transcript to expedite things in the meantime.

FAQ's

- **Will this degree prepare me for a university-level Classics job?**
 - No - since our program does not require Ancient Greek. It is intended for the intellectual enrichment of high-school Latin teachers (primarily) who do not want to leave their homes/jobs to attend grad school.
- **Is Ancient Greek offered?**
 - The answer is 'yes', more and more often! Several on-campus Greek courses have offered a hybrid option for distance students. Dr. Kapparis taught Greek Prose Composition in the Spring, and Dr. Nichols is currently teaching a Greek literature survey course.
- **How much will the program cost?**
 - Tuition has been frozen for several years at about \$544 per credit hour (which is well below the cost of out-of-state tuition). The Master's degree (M.L.) requires 30 credit hours; the Ph.D. 60 credit hours, on top of 30 credits granted for the Master's degree (for a total of 90 credit hours). A seminar is 3 credit hours.
- **Is Financial Aid available?**
 - We offer only \$750 travel scholarships to help offset the cost of required travel to Gainesville. Students can apply to UF for financial aid, but that requires a student to take two courses per semester in the Fall and Spring.

Summer Latin Institute

- **REQUIRED** for all new students - this is where you start the program.
- Held on-campus in July for 10 intensive days.
- Students really look forward to this as a chance to interact with their fellow students, who are other Latin teachers around the country, and meet faculty. I will hold F2F advising sessions too during this time.
- Optional research paper usually offered; highly recommended (so you can knock out 6 credits in the summer!)
- Plus, dinner at legendary Satchel's Pizza!
- **SLI 2025**: July 7-17 (topic and instructor TBA).
- SLI 2024: Dr. Victoria Pagàn taught Roman Historians (Sallust), July 8 -July 18.





Future, current, and recent seminars

- Spring 2025:
 - Slavery in the Greek and Roman World, Dr. Yates, Monday nights 7:00-9:30 pm
 - Late Latin Literature, Dr. Nichols
- Fall 2024:
 - Latin Prose Composition, Dr. Yates, Tuesday nights 7:00-9:30 pm Eastern (Zoom)
 - Catullus, Dr. Iff-Noel, Wednesday nights 7:00-9:30 pm
 - The Greek Tradition, Dr. Nichols, Thursday nights 7:00-9:30 pm
- Spring 2024:
 - Petronius, Dr. Yates, Tuesday nights 7:00-9:30 p.m. Eastern (Zoom)
 - Roman Historians: Suetonius, Dr. Nichols, Wed. nights 7-9:30, hybrid
 - Greek Prose Composition, Dr. Kapparis, Thurs. nights 7-9:30 hybrid
- Fall 2023:
 - Athenian Law and Society, Dr. Giannadaki, Mon. nights 7:00-9:30, hybrid
 - Juvenal, Dr. Yates, Tues. nights 7:00-9:30 (Zoom)
 - The Augustan Age, Dr. Eaverly, Wed. nights 7-9:30, hybrid

Program Requirements

- **Master's (M.L.)**

- The M.L. (Master of Latin) program does not require a thesis, but M.L. graduates can still apply to the Ph.D. program (with a significant writing sample).
- 30 credits total required; recommended breakdown is about 24 credits total of seminars before taking Independent Studies for exam prep.
- Latin Prose Composition required (offered every other year)
- Two (or more) Summer Latin Institutes
- Latin Reading List Exam (translate 3 of 4 passages at sight); at your location, supervised by proctor
- Roman History, Literature, and Culture Exam (3 of 5 essays); written part at your location, oral exam at UF or via Zoom

Program Requirements

- Ph.D. (Latin and Roman Studies)
 - Latin Prose Composition required (offered every other year)
 - offered Fall 2024!
 - 90 credits total required (incl. 30 transferred from Master's degree). Recommended breakdown is about 63 credits total of seminars before taking Independent Studies for exam prep and dissertation.
 - Three (or more) Summer Latin Institutes
 - Latin Reading List Exam (translate 4 of 6 passages at sight); at your location, supervised by proctor
 - History of Latin Literature Exam (3 of 5 essays); at your location
 - Special Topic Paper: 'pre-dissertation' prep
 - Foreign Language Reading Exams: German, plus either Italian or French
 - Dissertation Prospectus and Defense: at UF or via Zoom

Questions?

- Your turn!
- Please contact me at vyates@ufl.edu if you think of anything else to ask.
- Keep in touch for the 2025 info sessions - tell your friends about the **December 4 Open House!** (You're welcome to attend too!)