Classical Studies

Department Overview

The [Classical Studies program](#) covers a wide variety of approaches to the worlds of Greece and Rome. Exploring history, literature, philosophy, archaeology, mythology, and the arts (including architecture, sculpture and painting) will help students understand these same features in other cultures and times. Studying Ancient Greek and Latin languages is key to appreciating the voices of the Classical past and building a solid foundation for learning other languages.

Self-Study

Classical Studies launched its program review in academic year 2023/24 with a Self-Study. Jennifer Knapp, the Coordinator, was the primary Self-Study writer. Additional support was provided by:

- Tess MacMillan (Division Chair, Humanities)
- Darren Bernaerdt (Dean, Faculty of Arts)
- Sunita Wiebe (Director, Office of Academic Quality Assurance)
- Pennie Poon (Manager, Office of Academic Quality Assurance)
- Roshni Riar (Department Assistant, Office of Academic Quality Assurance)
- Integrated Planning and Accountability analysts

Data sources for the Self-Study included:

- Integrated Planning and Accountability-compiled student administrative data (*e.g.,* headcounts, retention, satisfaction)
- Student survey
- Alumni survey
- Faculty survey

The Self-Study was completed in September 2023.

External Review

Classical Studies' External Review took place on October 13, 2023. The External Review Team consisted of:

- Dr. Alexander Grammatikos, Instructor, Langara (External Review Chair)
- Dr. David Mirhady, Professor and Chair, Global Humanities, Simon Fraser University
- Dr. Kevin Fisher, Associate Professor of Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology, University of British Columbia

Action Plan Goals

In response to the Self-Study and External Review, Classical Studies created an Action Plan with these goals:

- Goal 1: Program Development
- Goal 2: Course Development
- Goal 3: Improve and Promote Applied Learning Opportunities
- Goal 4: Strengthen Student Support
- Goal 5: Increased Visibility and Promotion of Program and Courses

Examples of Post-Review Successes
Forthcoming.