CLASSICS AND ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES

Degree Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-titles/).

To qualify for a dual-title degree, students must satisfy the requirements of the primary graduate program in which they are enrolled. In addition, they must satisfy the degree requirements for the dual-title in CAMS, listed below.

This dual-title degree will require CAMS-related course work, normally including additional course work in ancient languages, additional components to the comprehensive examinations, and the completion of a CAMS-related doctoral dissertation. A CAMS graduate supervisory committee, chaired by a CAMS faculty member closely related to the student’s field of interest, will supervise the graduate study of each student accepted into this dual-title program until all CAMS-related coursework is completed. Students will be expected to attend and participate actively in the CAMS regularly scheduled colloquia.

Course work

• 15 credits of CAMS-related coursework at the 400 or 500 level or above.
• 3 of these credits will come from CAMS 592.
• At least 3 credits will come from CAMS 593.

The remainder may come from CAMS courses or courses relevant to the student’s research interests, as approved by the student’s doctoral adviser and the CAMS program director of graduate studies. Unless exempted by the student’s Ph.D. committee, at least 6 of these credits should be in an ancient language. No more than 6 credits can come from 400-level courses.

Qualifying Examination

Students must meet the Ph.D. qualifying exam requirements specified by the cooperating department. In addition, the student will be required to present a portfolio of work in CAMS to their committee. Such a portfolio would include a statement of the student’s interdisciplinary research interests, a program plan, and samples of writing that indicate the student’s work in CAMS.

The qualifying examination committee for the dual-title Ph.D. degree must include at least one Graduate Faculty member from the CAMS program. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs’ Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. If the chair of the Ph.D. committee is not also a member of the Graduate Faculty in CAMS, the member of the committee representing CAMS must be appointed as co-chair. The CAMS representative on the student’s Ph.D. committee will develop questions for and participate in the evaluation of the comprehensive examination.

English Competency Requirements

The student will fulfill the English Competency requirements specified by the participating program.

Modern Language Reading Proficiency Requirements

Students will be expected to acquire and demonstrate reading proficiency in those modern foreign languages (e.g., but not exclusively French, German, Italian) appropriate to their research interests, as identified in consultation with the student’s Ph.D. committee.

Dissertation

Students in the dual-title program are required to write and orally defend a dissertation on a topic that is approved in advance by their Ph.D. committee and reflects their original research and education in both their primary graduate program and CAMS. Upon completion of the doctoral dissertation, the candidate must pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense) to earn the Ph.D. degree. The dissertation must be accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Graduate School.

Ph.D. committee Composition

In addition to the general Graduate Council requirements for Ph.D. committees (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-600/phd-dissertation-committee-formation/), the Ph.D. committee of a CAMS dual-title Ph.D. student must include at least one member of the CAMS Graduate Faculty. Faculty members who