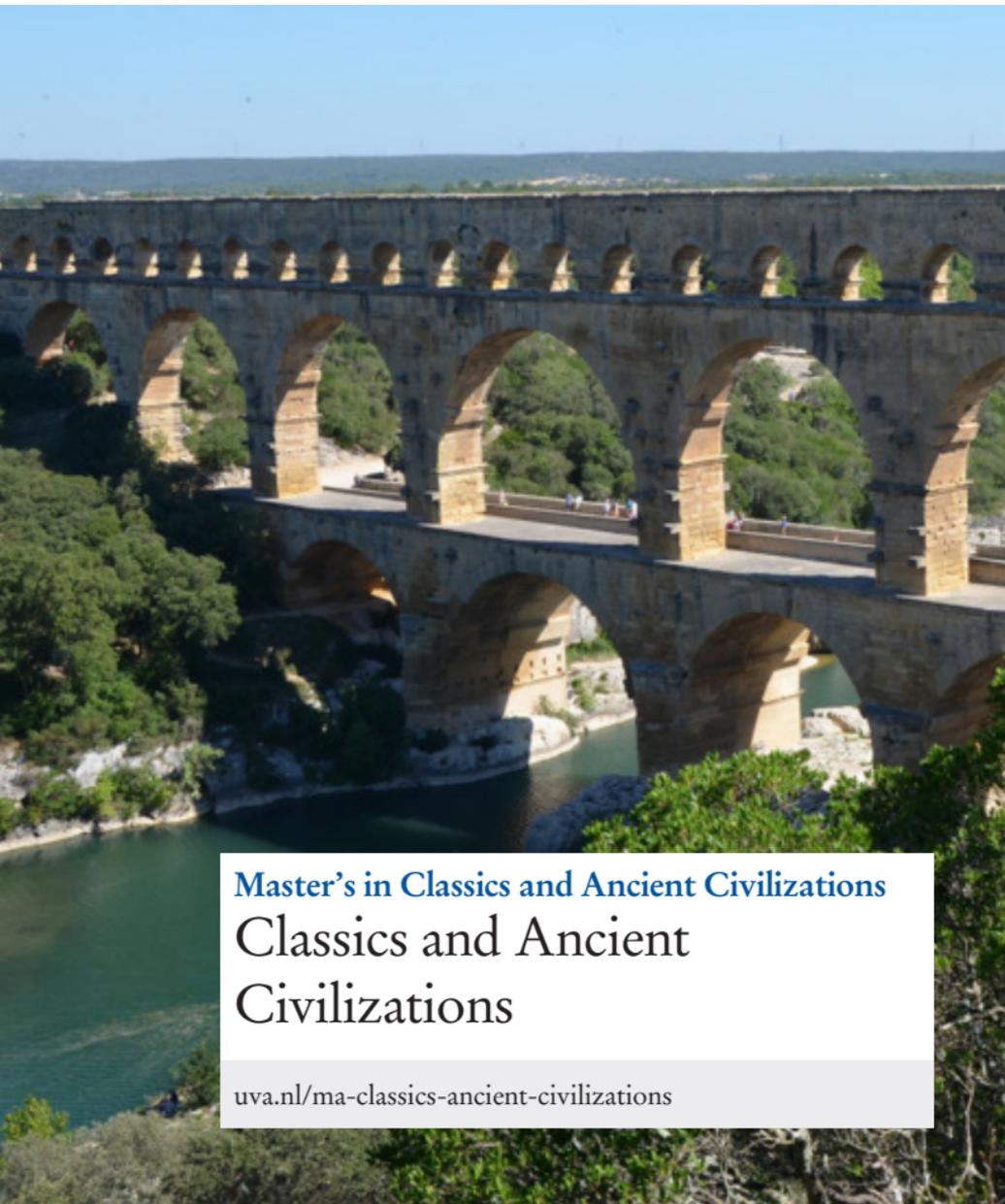




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**Master's in Classics and Ancient Civilizations**  
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'The Amsterdam Centre for Ancient Studies and Archaeology (ACASA) as a unique centre of expertise for the ancient world, is the perfect place to find answers to questions like why classical antiquity is important to us today.'

The Master's in Classics and Ancient Civilizations offers you the opportunity to become an expert in the literature and societies of the Ancient Mediterranean. Our two specialisations give you a world-class, interdisciplinary education.

- By choosing the track **Classics** you will dive into the literature and linguistics of classical languages. You will receive excellent training in Greek and Latin language and literature from Homer to Late Antiquity, including linguistics, intertextuality, narratology, and reception.
- If you choose the track **Ancient Studies**, you will become an expert into the cultures and religions of Ancient Greece, Rome or the Near East. You will gain an in-depth understanding of the social, cultural and religious worlds of these parts of the World.

This Master's is offered jointly by the UvA and VU, combining their expertise in Archaeology, Ancient History and Classics in the Amsterdam Centre for Ancient Studies and Archaeology (ACASA).

## Career prospects

Alumni from the programme have started careers in: teaching in secondary education; research in academia, commercial research; and arts management. The broad cultural sector also offers great opportunities, including: museums, archives, journalism, publishing, cultural tourism. You can also continue in academia and pursue a PhD programme at a Dutch university or a university abroad.

After having completed the track Classics, Dutch-speaking students can register for the one-year Teacher Training Programme. This will allow them to become a fully qualified secondary schools teacher in the Netherlands. Alternatively, you can follow a two-year Educational Master's programme at the VU, which combines the one year track Classics (in English) with a one year educational track (in Dutch) which will allow you to become a fully qualified secondary school teacher in the Netherlands.

## Spotlight on a course

### Story vs. History: Alexander the Great (6 ECTS)

Throughout antiquity barbarians are either described as uncivilised and slavishly subjected to tyrants, or upheld as examples of moral uprightness and martial virtue, both usually for ideological and propagandistic purposes. But there are plenty of ancient sources that demonstrate that these stereotypical concepts were felt to be one-sided or more complicated than assumed. In this course we seek to confront the 'barbarian' as portrayed in ancient rhetoric with the more complicated messages that can be derived from other sources.

## Entry requirements

The Master's programme in Classics and Ancient Civilizations is open for application to students with a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university:

- For the specialisation Classics, you must have a Bachelor's degree in Classics from an accredited university;
- For the specialisation Ancient Studies, you must have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university and must have taken academic courses equivalent to at least one full-time semester of academic studies (30 ECTS) in Classics, Ancient Studies, Archaeology or History (with demonstrable relationship to Ancient Studies).

For more information, please check:

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## Key data

### Degree

Master of Arts in  
Classics and Ancient  
Civilizations

### Duration

1 year / 60 ECTS

### Mode

Full-time / Part-time

### Start

1 September

### Language of instruction

English

### CROHO

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