

Joint PhD Program in Social Thought and Classics

The joint PhD program in Social Thought and Classics (STC) enables students to combine their study of an issue or text from the ancient Greek and Roman world with a broadly interdisciplinary approach and a professional mastery of philological skills.

Students who aspire to the joint degree initially apply and are admitted to either the Department of Classics or the Committee on Social Thought. They apply to the second department after matriculation at the University, upon having completed a body of coursework that substantiates the application. Admission by the second department constitutes admission to joint degree status, but the student's original department will remain their sole department for the purposes of registration, financial aid, and fellowships.

Candidates for the joint degree will have two faculty advisors. One advisor will hold a primary appointment in the Committee on Social Thought and the other will hold a primary appointment in the Department of Classics.

To complete the joint PhD, students will need to fulfill both the [degree requirements](#) for the PhD Program in Classics and the [degree requirements](#) for the PhD in Social Thought.

Students will have to fulfill the teaching requirements of the primary department in which they matriculate.

They must also be aware of the following:

- STC students must offer a majority of non-classical texts on the Social Thought Fundamentals Exam, which must be completed prior the third week of the Spring Term of the student's third year. This requirement ensures that the combination of Classics and Social Thought is genuine and

rigorous. The faculty advisors will help students to select courses on non-classical subjects to prepare for the exam.

- The Social Thought requirement of a high pass in a foreign language exam will be automatically met by the Classics degree requirements.
- A dissertation proposal must be approved by both the Department of Classics and the Committee on Social Thought. Please follow each program’s requirements for the proposal.
- The dissertation committee must include at least one professor from each department.
- The committee chair should be a member of the student’s primary department (only by request and with sufficient grounds can the chair be from the second department).

Because students can access joint degree status through either department, the typical roadmap for degree completion can vary. (Note that there is some flexibility in the timeline. For instance, it may be possible to complete the coursework requirement in Year 3. Likewise, a student may finish the ST Fundamentals or the Classics Special Field Exam in year 4 if needed. Such special allowances must be agreed by the Director of Graduate Studies in both programs.)

A candidate for the joint degree who matriculates in the Department of Classics and joins Social Thought in Year 2 might progress through the program in the following manner:

Year 1	Take the following courses (9 total): Survey of Greek or Latin literature (3) Two-quarter Seminar in Classics (2) Four electives (incl. in Social Thought) (4) Pass translation exam in language of survey (autumn of Year 2) Submit research paper from the Seminar to the Classics Department Demonstrate competence in French or German (high pass)
Year 2	Take the following courses (9 total): Survey of other classical language (3) Two quarter Seminar in Classics (2) Ancient languages Pedagogy (1) Four electives (incl. in Social Thought) (3) Pass translation exam in language of survey (autumn of Year 3) Submit research paper from the Seminar to the Classics Department
Year 3	Begin to fulfill teaching requirements Pass the Classics Comprehensive and Special Field Exam Demonstrate competence in remaining modern language (high pass) Pass the Social Thought Fundamentals Exam

	Enroll in the Social Thought Prospectus Workshop (under advisement)
Year 4	Attend the Classics Department Prospectus Workshop Assemble dissertation committee and submit dissertation proposal
Years 5-6: Candidacy	Research, write, and defend dissertation

A candidate for the joint degree who matriculates in Social Thought and joins Classics in Year 2 might progress through the program in the following manner:

Year 1	Take the following courses (9 total): Survey of Greek or Latin literature (3) Two-quarter Seminar in Classics (2) Four additional courses (4) Pass translation exam in language of survey (autumn of Year 2) Demonstrate competence in French or German
Year 2	Take the following courses (9 total): Survey of remaining classical language (3) Second two-quarter Seminar in Classics (2) <i>or</i> two upper level Classics courses in its place (one of them requiring a paper) Four electives (4) Pass translation exam in language of survey (autumn of Year 3) Submit research paper from the Seminar in Classics
Year 3	Pass the Comprehensive and Special Field Exams in Classics Begin to fulfill teaching requirements Demonstrate competence in remaining modern language Pass the Social Thought Fundamentals Exam Enroll in the Social Thought Prospectus Workshop
Year 4	Assemble dissertation committee and submit dissertation proposal Attend the Classics Department Prospectus workshop
Years 5-7: Candidacy	Research, write, and defend dissertation