

# Classics and Ancient History MRes

## COURSE DETAILS

- Full-time: 12 months
- Part-time: 24 months

## KEY DATES

- Apply by: [29 August 2025](#)
  - Starts: 22 September 2025
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## Course overview

Combine research skills training in classics and ancient history with tailored theoretical and methodological approaches aligned to your proposed research project. Under expert supervision, you'll produce a major piece of independent research that makes an original contribution to knowledge and offers ideal preparation for PhD study.

## INTRODUCTION

This MRes provides a personalised and focused introduction to postgraduate research. It will enable you to develop into an independent researcher and produce an original research project, supported by an expert in classics and ancient history.

The programme provides intensive preparation for doctoral research and your future career. We'll guide you through the research process, equipping you with transferable skills, including critical thinking, project management, written and verbal communication, and problem solving.

Training in research methodologies will be tailored to classics and ancient history and your specific research proposal. You'll co-design a bespoke reading list and individual assessment tasks in preparation for a substantial piece of research.

You'll discover how to develop a research proposal, identify relevant evidence and sources, plan and undertake the research, and analyse and present your findings. The programme will also engage you in current historiographical and theoretical debates.

You'll be supported by academic experts in the Department of Archaeology, Classic and Egyptology. Our team of MRes supervisors are actively engaged in research, ranging from early prehistory to late antiquity. Their specialisms include the Ancient near east, Graeco-Roman civilisation, and early technologies.

## **WHAT YOU'LL LEARN**

- Methodological approaches appropriate to specific research topics
  - How to design a robust research proposal
  - How to identify relevant evidence and sources
  - How to plan and conduct a major piece of original, independent research
  - How to collect, interpret and analyse data and present your findings
  - Project management and problem-solving skills
  - Ethical issues in research
  - Ability to engage with current historiographical and theoretical debates
  - How to prepare a bibliography.
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# Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

## SEMESTER ONE

Students take 60 credits of required modules in semester one.

Please note, work towards the dissertation runs across the length of the programme.

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## COMPULSORY MODULES

### RESEARCH SKILLS FOR ACE M-LEVEL STUDENTS (ALGY601)

**Credits: 30 / Semester: semester 1**

This module will provide students with a set of skills that is necessary for the development, structuring and presentation of their dissertation topic (which can be later applied to PhD research) alongside transferable skills (clarity of written expression, critical faculty, advanced level ability to structure and present arguments in a range of media, and project management) applicable to academic and non-academic work environments; The module also aims to develop your abilities to engage with current historiographical and theoretical debates appropriate to MA level in an informed, analytical and critical manner.

### RESEARCH PROJECT DEVELOPMENT BY DIRECTED STUDY (HLAC503)

**Credits: 30 / Semester: semester 1**

In light of the knowledge acquired in your subject / discipline-specific theory module you will be encouraged to consider the appropriate theoretical and methodological approach for your specific research project. Under the guidance of a supervisor with expertise in your research area, you will be guided individually to create and carry through a programme of focused reading which will allow you to develop your knowledge of current approaches to research in your field. Assessment tasks comprise the building blocks necessary for successful completion of your particular project, for example a feasibility study, bibliography or preliminary literature review.

*Any optional modules listed above are illustrative only and may vary from year to year. Modules may be subject to minimum student numbers being achieved and staff availability. This means that the availability of specific optional modules cannot be guaranteed.*

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## SEMESTER TWO

The Dissertation will be taken over semester two and the summer vacation period.

Please note, work towards the dissertation runs across the length of the programme.

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## **COMPULSORY MODULES**

### **HLC RESEARCH MASTERS DISSERTATION (HLAC501)**

**Credits: 120 / Semester: whole session**

With expert academic advice, guidance and support throughout the academic year, you will produce an original and extended piece of research which will be a contribution to knowledge in your chosen research field. A major piece of independent study, your dissertation project will require you to identify relevant evidence and sources, and interpret and analyse that data in accordance with research best practice and a firm understanding of disciplinary conventions. The dissertation will provide a firm basis for further academic research or for a career within a research environment.

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## **FINAL PROJECT**

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## **COMPULSORY MODULES**

### **HLC RESEARCH MASTERS DISSERTATION (HLAC501)**

**Credits: 120 / Semester: whole session**

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## **HOW YOU'LL LEARN**

The programme involves a combination of seminars, one-to-one tutorials, skills development sessions and independent study.

The course structure enables a student-centred approach with focused supervision and support.

## **HOW YOU'RE ASSESSED**

You'll be assessed through written work assigned by your tutors. There'll be opportunities to co-design some of these assessments so they're tailored to your intended research.

Assessments might include written essays, presentations and skills development exercises, such as bibliographies and scientific reports.

The main piece of assessed work will be your dissertation.

## **LIVERPOOL HALLMARKS**

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

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# **Careers and employability**

The programme will immerse you in research and practical analytical techniques and develop a wide range of transferable skills.

You'll graduate ready for further study at postgraduate level, including MPhil or PhD research, and be prepared for a range of specialised careers. The MRes also meets the training requirements of the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and Natural Environment Research Council (NERC). Potential employers, both nationally and internationally, will appreciate the breadth of view, analytical skills and intellectual rigour that comes from studying civilisations and periods so different from our own.

**Career support from day one to graduation and beyond**

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## **Career planning**

[Our Careers Studio and career coaches can provide tailored support for your future plans.](#)

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**From education to employment**

Employability in your curriculum for a successful transition



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### [Networking events](#)

[Make meaningful connections with like-minded professionals](#)

### **YOUR FUTURE**

Many MRes graduates continue their studies and progress to doctoral research, studying an MPhil or PhD, or gain employment in research or policy-based environments.

You'll have demonstrable expertise that's well suited to a career in lecturing, museum work and the heritage industry.

**88%** OF ARCHAEOLOGY, CLASSICS AND EGYPTOLOGY STUDENTS GO ON TO WORK OR FURTHER STUDY WITHIN 15 MONTHS OF GRADUATION.

*Graduate Outcomes, 2018-19.*



# Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

## TUITION FEES

<b>UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)</b>	
Full-time place, per year	£4,800
Part-time place, per year	£2,400

<b>International fees</b>	
Full-time place, per year	£24,600
Part-time place, per year	£12,300

*Fees stated for UK students are for the academic year 2024/25 and are subject to change for 2025/26. Fees stated for international students are for the academic year 2025/26. Some MRes courses incur additional bench fees. You will be notified of any fee which applies to you in your offer letter.*

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support.

- You can [pay your tuition fees in instalments](#).
- All or part of your tuition fees can be [funded by external sponsorship](#).
- International applicants who accept an offer of a place will need to [pay a tuition fee deposit](#).

If you're a UK national, or have settled status in the UK, you may be eligible to apply for a Postgraduate Loan worth up to £12,167 to help with course fees and living costs. [Learn more about fees and funding](#).

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## ADDITIONAL COSTS

Please note, this programme may have additional costs associated with it depending on your choice of a lab or computational/fieldwork-based project.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

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## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES**

We offer a range of scholarships and bursaries that could help pay your tuition and living expenses.

We've set the country or region your qualifications are from as United Kingdom. [Change it here](#)

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### **POSTGRADUATE GLOBAL ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP – ACHIEVEMENT**

◦ [International students](#)

[If you're an international student joining a master's course with us, you could be eligible to receive a tuition fee discount of £2,500, based on your prior academic achievement, choice of course, and you not having studied with us before.](#)

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### **POSTGRADUATE GLOBAL ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP – COUNTRY**

◦ [International students](#)

◦ [Antigua and Barbuda](#)

◦ [Australia](#)

◦ [Bangladesh](#)

◦ [Barbados](#)

◦ [Belize](#)

◦ [Brunei](#)

◦ [Canada](#)

◦ [China](#)

◦ [Cyprus](#)

◦ [Dominica](#)

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◦ [Malaysia](#)

◦ [Mauritius](#)

◦ [Mexico](#)

◦ [New Zealand](#)

◦ [Nigeria](#)

◦ [Pakistan](#)

◦ [Saint Kitts and Nevis](#)

◦ [Saint Lucia](#)

◦ [Saint Vincent and The Grenadines](#)

- [Singapore](#)
- [South Africa](#)
- [South Korea](#)
- [Sri Lanka](#)
- [Tanzania](#)
- [Thailand](#)
- [Trinidad and Tobago](#)
- [Turkey](#)
- [Uganda](#)
- [Vietnam](#)

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## **GRADUATE LOYALTY ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

- [Home and international students](#)

If you're a University of Liverpool graduate starting this master's degree with us, you could be eligible to receive a loyalty discount of up to £2,500 off your master's tuition fees.

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## **CHILEAN NATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (ANID) SCHOLARSHIP**

- [International students](#)
- [Chile](#)

If you're a Chilean student joining a master's degree, you could be eligible to apply for a 20% discount on your tuition fees with a Chilean National Agency for Research and Development (ANID) Scholarship. Scholarship.

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## **CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS**

- [International students](#)
- [Albania](#)
- [Algeria](#)
- [Anguilla](#)
- [Antigua and Barbuda](#)
- [Argentina](#)
- [Australia](#)
- [Azerbaijan](#)
- [Bangladesh](#)
- [Barbados](#)
- [Belize](#)
- [Bolivia](#)
- [Brazil](#)
- [British Virgin Islands](#)
- [Brunei](#)
- [Canada](#)

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- [Chile](#)
- [China](#)
- [Columbia](#)
- [Costa Rica](#)
- [Cuba](#)
- [Dominica](#)
- [Ecuador](#)
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- [Venezuela](#)
- [Vietnam](#)
- [Zimbabwe](#)

[If you're an international student from an eligible country, joining a one-year master's course, you could be eligible to apply for a Chevening Scholarship. If your application is successful, you could expect to have your master's fees paid, up to a maximum of £18,000, and receive additional help with living costs.](#)

### **CONSEJO NACIONAL DE CIENCIA Y TECNOLOGIA (CONACYT) AWARD**

- [International students](#)
- [Mexico](#)

[If you're a Mexican student joining a master's degree, you could be eligible to apply for a 30% discount on your tuition fees with a CONACyT Award.](#)

### **FUND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (FIDERH) AWARD**

- [International students](#)
- [Mexico](#)

[If you're a Mexican student joining a master's degree and you're in receipt of a FIDERH graduate loan, you could be eligible to benefit from a 20% discount on your tuition fees with a FIDERH Award.](#)

### **FUNED AWARD**

- [International students](#)
- [Mexico](#)

[If you're a Mexican student joining a master's degree and you're in receipt of a FUNED loan, you can apply to be considered for a 20% tuition fee discount. A total of up to 50 awards will be available to master's and PhD students per academic year.](#)

### **HONG KONG GRADUATE ASSOCIATION & TUNG FOUNDATION POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

- [International students](#)
- [China](#)
- [Hong Kong](#)

[If you're a master's student from Hong Kong or the People's Republic of China who can demonstrate academic excellence, you may be eligible to apply for a scholarship worth up to £10,000 in partnership with the Tung Foundation.](#)

## **HRH PRINCESS SIRINDHORN UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL SCHOLARSHIP (THAILAND)**

- [International students](#)
- [Thailand](#)

[If you're a student from Thailand joining a one-year master's degree, you might be eligible to apply to have your tuition fees paid in full and receive help with living costs. One award is available and only students who are new to the University will be considered.](#)

## **JOHN LENNON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- [Home students](#)

[If you're a UK student, either born in or with strong family connections to Merseyside, you could be eligible to apply for a fee discount of up to £4,500. You'll need to demonstrate an active interest in global, community and environmental issues to be considered.](#)

## **JUVENTUDES GTO SCHOLARSHIP**

- [International students](#)
- [Mexico](#)

[If you're a resident of the state of Guanajuato in Mexico joining a master's degree, you could be eligible for a 10% discount on your tuition fees with a JuventudEsGto Scholarship.](#)

## **KAPLAN DIGITAL PATHWAYS EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

- [International students](#)

[Completed a Kaplan Digital Pathways Pre-Master's? We're offering a £5,000 fee discount off the first year of master's study for a maximum of two high achieving students joining one of our non-clinical master's courses from an online Kaplan Pre-Master's programme.](#)

## **MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP**

- [International students](#)
- [United States](#)

[If you're a USA student joining an eligible master's with us, you could be eligible to apply for a Marshall Scholarship. If your application is successful, your master's tuition fees will be paid in full. One Marshall Scholarship for master's study is available in each academic year.](#)

## **POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITY BURSARY**



- [Home students](#)

[If you're a UK University of Liverpool graduate joining a master's degree with us, you could be eligible to receive £3,000 off your tuition fees. You must have graduated in the last two years and received a widening access scholarship during your undergraduate studies.](#)

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## **SPORT LIVERPOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME**

- [Home and international students](#)

[Apply to receive tailored training support to enhance your sporting performance. Our athlete support package includes a range of benefits, from bespoke strength and conditioning training to physiotherapy sessions and one-to-one nutritional advice.](#)

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## **TURKISH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

- [International students](#)
- [Turkey](#)

[If you're a Turkish student joining a master's degree, you could be eligible to apply for a 20% discount on your tuition fees with a Turkish Ministry of Education Scholarship.](#)

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## **UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

- [International students](#)

[Completed a Pre-Master's at University of Liverpool International College \(UoLIC\)? We're offering a £5,000 fee discount off the first year of master's study to some of the highest achieving students joining one of our non-clinical master's courses from UoLIC.](#)

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## **UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE IMPACT PROGRESSION SCHOLARSHIPS**

- [International students](#)

[If you're a University of Liverpool International College student awarded a Kaplan Impact Scholarship, we'll also consider you for an Impact Progression Scholarship. If selected, you'll receive a fee discount worth £3,000 off the first year of your master's course.](#)

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## **VICE-CHANCELLOR'S INTERNATIONAL ATTAINMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR MAINLAND CHINA**

- [International students](#)
- [China](#)

[Are you a high-achieving graduate from the People's Republic of China with a degree from a Chinese university? You could be eligible to apply for a £5,000 fee discount if you're joining an eligible master's course. Up to 15 eligible students will receive this scholarship.](#)

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# Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

<b>Your qualification</b>	<b>Requirements</b> <a href="#">About our typical entry requirements</a>
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Postgraduate entry requirements	We accept a 2:2 honours degree from a UK university, or an equivalent academic qualification from a similar non-UK institution. This degree should be in Classics and/or Ancient History, or a closely related subject.
International qualifications	If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet our entry requirements, a Pre-Master's can help you gain a place. This specialist preparation course for postgraduate study is offered on campus at the <a href="#">University of Liverpool International College</a> , in partnership with Kaplan International Pathways. Although there's no direct Pre-Master's route to this MRes, completing a Pre-Master's pathway can guarantee you a place on many other postgraduate courses at The University of Liverpool.

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