Recommended Timeline for the PhD in Classics

Links to information on requirements for the degree, descriptions of exams, reading lists, and the dissertation process can be found here: [http://www.gc.cuny.edu/Page-Elements/Academics-Research-Centers-Initiatives/Doctoral-Programs/Classics/Degrees](http://www.gc.cuny.edu/Page-Elements/Academics-Research-Centers-Initiatives/Doctoral-Programs/Classics/Degrees).

Please note, students are encouraged to study abroad and to take advantage of opportunities for specialist training such as those offered by the American Numismatic Society and the American Society of Papyrologists.

Before matriculation: review the reading lists for the first exam and begin working through them.

**Yr. 1:**
Courses: Greek (and/or Latin) Rhetoric and Stylistics (CLAS 70100 and 70200); Proseminar in Classical Studies (CLAS 80100), if available; a pedagogy course (CLAS 73500) or a pedagogy workshop offered by the Provost’s Office; other courses chosen with attention to the distribution requirements
Exams: Take one part of the First Exam.
Professional development: join the NYCC and/or CAAS; attend a professional meeting
Ethics training: Responsible Conduct of Research (a required workshop provided by the Provost’s Office)

**Yr. 2:**
Courses: the other Rhetoric and Stylistics (CLAS 70100 or 70200), if not taken in year 1; pedagogy course (CLAS 73500) or pedagogy workshop offered by the Provost’s Office if not taken in year 1; other courses chosen with attention to the distribution requirements
Exams: Take the second part of the First Exam; one modern language exam
Professional development: attend a professional meeting (NYCC, CAAS, SCS formerly the APA)
Review transcript with EO before registering for year 3; transfer graduate credits from another university after First Exam has been passed

**Yr. 3:**
Courses: either Latin or Greek poetry seminar (CLAS 85200 or 85300) if offered; other courses chosen with attention to distribution requirements
Exams: second modern language translation; one part of the Second Exam
Degrees: en route MA, if requirements have been met
Professional development: teach an undergraduate course each semester; submit an abstract to a graduate student conference or CAAS

**Yr. 4:**
Courses: all remaining credits chosen with attention to distribution requirements
Exams: parts two and three of the Second Exam
Degree: M.Phil. and advancement to candidacy if requirements have been met
Dissertation: committee is formed, proposal is approved by committee, and work is begun
Professional development: teach an undergraduate course each semester; give a paper at a professional conference; attend the SCS (formerly the APA), if possible; consult advisors about post-PhD employment opportunities

**Final year:**
Complete and successfully defend dissertation
Degree: PhD after dissertation has been deposited
Professional development: submit a publication to a refereed journal or an abstract for a conference
Join and attend the SCS (formerly the APA)