

CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

Exam board: OCR

Assessment methods: All written papers

Length of exams: 1 x 2hr 20min paper (40%) and 2 x 1hr 45min papers (30% each)

Breakdown of units

The study of Classical Civilisation at RIC covers both literary and historical study. The literary study focuses on two works by the greatest epic poets of the ancient world, Homer's *Odyssey* and Virgil's *Aeneid*. The historical study focuses on the history of ancient Rome from 81-31 BC, and how the Roman Republic was destroyed by numerous civil wars, giving rise to the first Roman Emperor.

Many of the best universities in Europe offer degrees in Classical Studies, and all universities recognise the diverse skills which this A Level equips students with (Analysis, Writing, Research and Comparison).

Two-Year A Level (Classical Civilisation H008, H408):

This course will allow the student to study various elements of classical culture, history, and art. The student will study four units in total.

Component Group 1 - The World of the Hero

- H408/11 Homer's *Odyssey*.
- H408/11 Virgil's *Aeneid*.

This Component Group is assessed by a one 2 hour 20 minute exam and contributes to 40% of the final A Level grade.

Component Group 2 – Culture and the Arts

- H408/22 Imperial Image.

Component Group 3 – Beliefs and Ideas

- H408/33 Politics of the Late Republic.

Component Groups 2 and 3 are each assessed by a 1 hour 45 minute exam, and contribute to 30% of the final A Level grade.

Overlap with other subjects

Classical Civilisation strongly compliments the study of History, Politics, English Literature, Philosophy and Art History. The critical and evaluative skills developed by students in this subject will enhance their ability to analyse a text or scenario, identify relevant and implicit information, and then utilise that knowledge to produce eloquent and convincing arguments. The ability to write in a clear and informed manner is encouraged throughout this subject, as is increased reading speed with high levels of retention: these are the most important skills required for successful university level study.

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