

## Materials and Methods (190:509 & 190:502)



Fall semester: W 11:15 – 12:15\*, RAB-003 DC

Spring semester: T: 12:30-1:30

\*sessions will sometimes meet at 4:15 pm; exact schedule will be emailed

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### Course Information

#### *Description*

This two-semester course is designed to introduce all first and second year graduate students to research resources and major subfields in Classics, the Department's faculty, and topics in professional development. Sessions will be facilitated by different faculty members.

#### *Expectations*

It is expected that every first or second year student will register for this course; on successful completion of the year, s/he will receive 2 credits.

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### Course Learning Goals

#### *Academic goals*

This course contributes to ensuring that graduate students are prepared to undertake independent and original research; are informed of the various specialist subfields in Classics; are better equipped to choose courses that will broadly educate them in Classics; are aware of faculty members' research interests and specialties.

#### *Professional development goals*

By taking this course, graduate students will be introduced to timelines and strategies for making timely and successful progress through our graduate programs; preparation for and success in the departmental graduate exams; submitting abstracts and presenting at professional conferences; writing a journal article; the process of applying for an academic position.

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### Assessment

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### *Assessment for credit*

Attendance and active participation (by joining in class discussion and asking and answering questions) at every session are required for this course. (If a student is unable to attend any session, s/he must inform the facilitator of that session.) In addition, some faculty may ask students to complete brief assignments.

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## Materials

There are no required textbooks but the following is a recommended introduction to the field of Classics

Schaps, David M. 2010. *Handbook for Classical Research*. New York: Routledge.

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## Schedule

### *Fall semester*

The first session of the semester (9/2/15) will include the standard Orientation followed by sessions led by the department's core faculty, as well as by some of our affiliated graduate faculty. These sessions are designed to introduce you to the research interests of our faculty members as well as many of the different subfields of Classics including (but not limited to!) Latin literature, Greek literature, ancient music, Greek political theory, Greek history, epigraphy, Roman history (including social and legal history), numismatics, archaeology, art history, linguistics, Old Testament, and early Christian history.

### *Spring semester*

Sessions in the second half of the course will include more "practical" workshops on topics such as:

- Graduate student and academic life
- Departmental exams
- Writing a dissertation
- Conferences and presenting papers
- Getting published: the journal article
- Going on the market
- Teaching: languages\*
- Teaching: lectures\*

\* These sessions are for first-year students, who will also attend one language class and one lecture.