



King's College London

*Classical Civilisation Teachers'
Summer School*

22nd to 26th July 2019



Application guidance and frequently asked questions

What will the course cover?

The course aims to provide an introduction to the topics studied during GCSE and A Level Classical Civilisation. Each of the five days will consist of four 90 minute sessions, led by experts from King's College London Department of Classics. Academics will speak for 35 minutes and will then facilitate a curriculum-linked activity allowing teachers to connect scholarship to classroom practice.

Topics covered will include:

- Myth and Religion
- Women in the Ancient World
- Roman city life
- War and warfare
- The world of the hero: *Homer's Iliad*
- The world of the hero: *Odyssey*
- The world of the hero: *Aeneid*
- The World of the Hero: material contexts
- Greek Theatre
- Imperial Image
- Invention of the Barbarian
- Greek art
- Greek religion
- Love and relationships
- Politics of the Late Republic
- Democracy and the Athenians

Why might my school want to introduce/extend provision in Classical Civilisation?

Classical Civilisation can be taught to teachers qualified in any subject. These qualifications allow young people to develop cultural literacy by familiarising them with key figures and events in world history and literature. It gives them that desperately needed overview of long-term human history and chronology by showing the place of Classical Civilisation in our species' development. It trains them to evaluate sources by interrogating the reliability and authority of evidence and propaganda, and critically comparing different sources of competing authority (oracles, epic poets, philosophers, doctors, lawyers, soothsayers, emperors and others) in a complex society. It helps them in articulating arguments through becoming familiar with great ancient speechmaking and persuasive communication. It encourages understanding of competing and intersecting identities: national, European, cosmopolitan, ethnic, political and religious (the list goes on). It hones interdisciplinary skills in thinking about a whole civilisation in the round - politics, society, thought and art. And it makes an outstanding introduction to the world of politics by revealing the original development of ideas about democracy, republics, empire, and citizenship.

What will be expected of me on the course?

1. You will be expected to attend all taught sessions (9am-5pm) from Monday 22nd July to Friday 26th July as well as attending a group dinner (5.30-8pm) on the evening of Wednesday 24th July.
2. You will be expected to contribute to the creation of teaching and learning resources for Classical Civilisation both during the course, and afterwards, which will be hosted on the ACE website.
3. You will be required to complete feedback and evaluation forms to inform future widening participation projects at KCL.

Am I eligible to apply?

The programme is open to all teachers in secondary schools and sixth-form colleges. There are 20 places available on the course. Applications are open to all but please note that greater weight will be given to those from non-fee-paying schools and colleges in the greater London area.

Applicants must include a letter from their headteacher confirming that they have support from their senior leadership team both to take part in the course but also to introduce/extend Classical Civilisation in the school. Please supply contact details for one additional referee who can comment on your professional competency and suitability for this course. The selection panel will contact this additional referee for shortlisted applicants only.

Do I need to demonstrate that I am already an expert in the period of history?

No, not at all. The summer school is designed to be accessible to teachers with only basic knowledge of the Greeks and Romans. If you are selected to participate, we will send you a short reading list in advance so that all teachers start the course with a shared knowledge base. We expect that there will be a range of levels of expertise within the cohort, which will provide opportunities for peer learning.

How do I apply?

1. Please tell us in **no more than 800 words**:
Why you want to join the programme
What you and your school hope to gain from your involvement
How this will fit with your curriculum requirements and what age range you would be considering when teaching Classical Civilisation.
2. Then, in **no more than 600 words**:
Outline a series of lessons or teaching activities you are particularly proud of, reflecting upon how and why this has been a triumph.
3. Please attach an **example of a teaching resource** that you have written or worked on e.g. scheme of work, curriculum map, knowledge organiser, booklet, powerpoint presentation, or something else.
4. Please include a **letter from your headteacher** (on institutional-headed paper) confirming their support of your application and outlining the school's current, and intended, commitment to Classical Civilisation.

What is the deadline?

Please ensure that all of your documents have been sent by email to ace@kcl.ac.uk by **5pm on Friday 26th April 2019**.

Who can I contact if I have further questions?

Please contact ACE Research Fellow Dr Arlene Holmes-Henderson at ace@kcl.ac.uk