

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Department of Classical Studies

Senior Exit Survey 2009

When did you graduate from U of M? What was your concentration/minor?

Graduation Date	Concentration(s)
May, 2009	Classical Civilization; Psychology
May, 2009	Latin
Winter, 2008	Classical Civilizations; Program in the Environment Minor
May, 2009	Classical Languages and Literature
May, 2009	Classical Languages and Literature; Greek
May, 2009	Classical Languages and Literature; Creative Writing
May, 2009	Classical Civilization; Asian Languages and Cultures
May, 2009	Classical Studies; Cultural Anthropology Minor
May, 2009	Modern Greek; English
May, 2009	Classical Archaeology
May, 2009	Classical Civilization; Brain, Behavior, & Cognitive Science

Are you pursuing a graduate degree? If so, where and in what area of study?

Pursuing graduate degree	Area
Yes	Classics (UC Davis)
Yes	Law (University of Michigan)
Yes, in the next year or so.	Classics; <i>see next slide</i>
Not yet	<i>-see next slide-</i>
No	<i>-see next slide-</i>
No	<i>-see next slide-</i>
Graduate Degree in Classics	Anthropology
Not yet	<i>-see next slide-</i>
Not currently	<i>-see next slide-</i>

If you are not pursuing a graduate degree what are your plans for near future?

I obtained a full time job with the Newman LSA Academic Advising Center at the University of Michigan and will continue to work there. I plan to pursue a graduate degree in the next year or so.

Teaching high school.

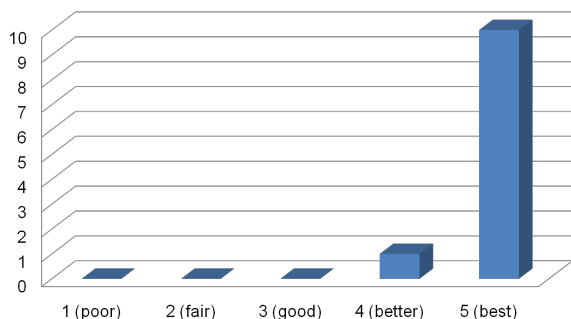
I plan on enrolling in a post-bachelor program in the classics.

Next year I'm teaching English in Bangladesh.

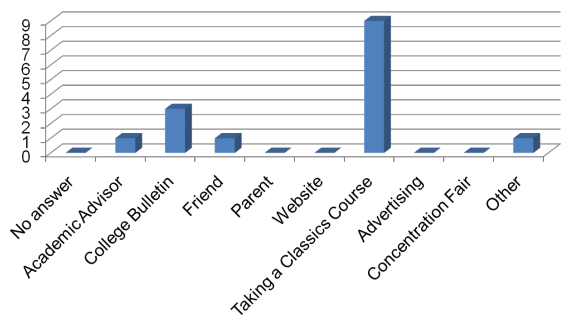
No clue.

I have plans to teach at an international school in Germany for a year then attend a Masters program in Archaeology.

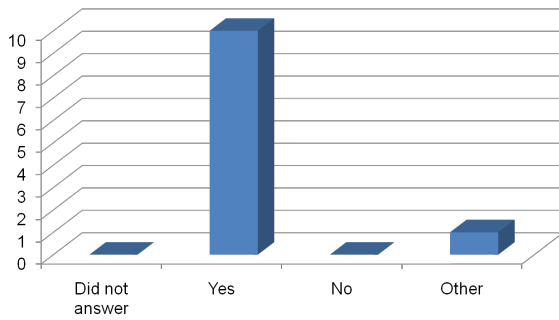
On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rate your overall experience as part of the Department of Classical Studies?



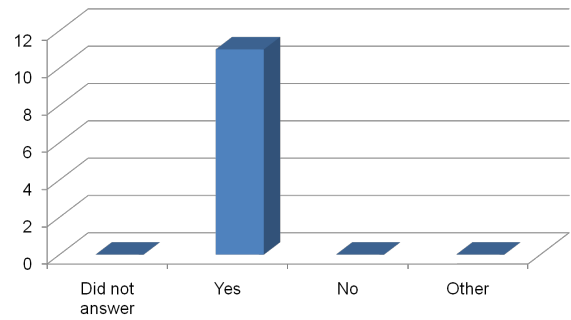
As an undergraduate, how did you learn about our department?



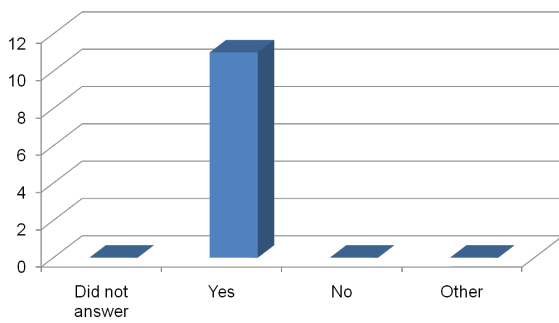
Was information about course offerings, concentrations and minors clearly presented and made available to you?



Did faculty and staff respond to your queries in a prompt and helpful manner?



Were you able to make contact with faculty advisors when you needed to?



Did you participate in a Study Abroad program during your undergraduate career? If so, please name the program and location.

Study Abroad?	Program/location
Yes	Penn State Semester in Athens
No	-
No	-
Yes	Honors-Florence
Yes	Hertford College, Oxford University
Yes	St. Andrews University, Scotland
Yes	Two-week trip to Athens, Greece (post- Modern Greek 385 course)
Yes	College Year Abroad, Athens; U-M's summer program, Dublin
Yes	Tubingen, Germany semester program
No	-

Did you participate in any FACTIO or Eta Sigma Phi (Classics Undergrad Student Associations) activities? If so, what were your favorites?

Participated	Association
No	-
Yes	FACTIO and Eta Sigma Phi – I greatly enjoyed them both
Yes	Neither of them really worked well
No	-
Yes	I participated in both. The activities, however, were both infrequent as the governing bodies of both groups were all but defunct.
No	-
Yes	Both: I was secretary of FACTIO '08 academic year, joined Eta Sigma Phi in '09. Coffee chats were the best. Movie night was fun, too.
No	-
No	-

Do you feel your Classics degree helped prepare you for your current field of study or career?

Yes, although I think you should consider making Greek and Latin requirements for the major.
Absolutely.
Yes I do. The course work fostered an active and engaged mind that can be applied to a number of other careers beyond classical studies.
Yes
Yes. I feel like my classics degree was the perfect foundation for all of my career aspirations.
Certainly.
In terms of writing papers, I would say it did. Mostly, I majored in Classical Civilizations because I really enjoyed the material and wanted to explore it thoroughly.
Absolutely. I feel like I can take on the world. Anything from Law to graduate programs in Classics feels appropriate.
Yes
I believe that the faculty in Classics has prepared me for further study in Archaeology. The department is truly spectacular.
Possibly, it depends on where I go to grad school

What, in your opinion, could the Department do for undergraduate students that it is not currently doing?

Inform them on the importance of getting languages in.
The department does a lot to ensure the students and department members engage which is very nice. The only thing I can think of would be to increase these chances for professors and students to interact outside of the classroom.
More Professor Fortson!
Have more classes.
Allow its tenure track faculty more time to produce written work so that the intense pressure of publication not adversely affect their teaching duties. Such pressure has on more than one occasion consumed a professor to such a point that the course he or she was teaching became a disorganized wreck and practically a waste of my time.
I missed out on interacting with other Classics students, so I think the Department can better advertise the Classical Studies Student Groups and help create a better network between students. The professors are, however, excellent and have always made me feel at home in the Department.
The amount of classes offered are very small. I know that the faculty itself is small but having only 3 upper levels per semester to choose from is discouraging.
It's great in my opinion.

Are you interested in participating in alumni activities with the Classics Department?

YES!
Possibly.
Yes! Yay Classics!
Yes
Yes!

Yes.
Perhaps, depending on what the activities are.

Yes
Yes
Sure

Would you consider returning to U-M to speak with undergraduates about your experiences as a Classics student?

YES
Possibly.
Certainly, though I would not be the model classics student as I was only a Classics Civ major without a classical language. However, I would be more than willing to come back to help the department.
Sure
Absolutely!

Gladly.
I will not be in the country for the next year, but, perhaps afterward if it is still needed.
Yes!
Yes, but as a Modern Greek Concentrator
Yes
Sure