

Thinking of Teaching?

A question you will run up against sooner or later, and probably already have, “What will you do with your –insert major here– degree?” Of course you should not worry overmuch, your Classics degree provides you the foundation to go in many directions. However, after preparation one must take action. If teaching is calling your name, a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) is possibly your next step. According to The American Classical League (ACL) there is a Latin teacher shortage in the US.

Some Useful Resources for MAT:

1. The American Classical League was founded in 1919 for the purpose of fostering the study of classical languages in the United States and Canada.
<http://aclclassics.org/>
2. University of Massachusetts, Amherst offers The Master of Arts in Teaching Latin and Classical Humanities, the equivalent of an M.A. degree in Classics with supplementary graduate-level work in Education. The program leads to a middle- and high-school (grades 5-12) teaching certificate in Latin and Classical Humanities valid in 30 states.
Web site: <http://www.umass.edu/classics/grad.htm>
3. Mount Holyoke College: offers a Master of Arts in Teaching program that allows aspiring middle and secondary school teachers to earn a master’s degree and initial licensure in Latin in eleven months. Details of the program can be found on their website. Contact Prof. Lenore Reilly Carlisle with questions about the program at lcarlisl@mtholyoke.edu or (413) 538-2189.
4. More schools offer programs that might be right for you. Talk to your Classics advisor, who can help you locate them.

Is Translation in your Future?

Translators interpret written text and should be able to write well in the target language. Both interpreting and translation require a deep knowledge of more than one tongue. Translating differs from interpreting in that translators deal with written text while interpreters translate orally. A graduate program in Arabic (or other language) translation may be a path to consider.

Some resources for graduate programs in translation:

1. MA in Arabic-English Translation and Interpreting at Durham University
2. Centre for Translation Studies programs at SOAS University of London
3. Graduate Certificate in Translation at SUNY Binghamton
4. MA or PhD programs at The Center for Translation Studies at The University of Texas at Dallas

5. General language studies certificates in Arabic and Classical languages at NYU
6. On-line graduate program in translation that leads to a Master of Arts in Language, Literature, and Translation at UW Milwaukee
7. More schools offer programs in translation that might be right for you. Talk to your Classics advisor, who can help you locate them.