

COURSE INFORMATION

SPECIALIST CLASSICAL STUDIES	SCLS	2026	SOCIAL SCIENCE
HE AHA TE WHAKAMAARAMATANGA O TEENEI MARAU? - WHAT IS THIS COURSE ABOUT?			
<p>“The unexamined life is not worth living.” — Socrates</p> <p>Classical Studies explores the powerful stories, ideas, and events of ancient Greece and Rome — civilisations that laid the foundations for the modern world. In this course, you’ll investigate the dramatic fall of the Roman Republic, the Spartacus Revolt and the legendary last stand of the 300 Spartans at the Battle of Thermopylae.</p> <p>You’ll examine leadership, power, warfare, art, and philosophy, and discover how the ancient world still shapes our thinking today. If you enjoy big ideas, epic histories, and understanding how people lived and thought in the past, Classical Studies will challenge and inspire you.</p>			
HE AHA TAAKU E AKO AI? - WHAT TYPES OF LEARNING ACTIVITIES WILL I DO?			
<p>In this course, you’ll explore the ancient world through a range of interactive and thought-provoking learning activities. You’ll analyse primary sources like ancient texts, inscriptions, artworks, and architecture to uncover what they tell us about people’s beliefs, values, and daily lives. You’ll read and respond to speeches by Roman politicians, study Greek philosophers’ ideas, and interpret visual sources such as pottery, sculpture, and battlefield maps.</p> <p>You’ll also take part in group discussions, debates, and role plays to bring historical events and perspectives to life. Creative tasks might include reimagining Spartan training routines, or writing from the perspective of an ancient eyewitness. You'll also develop your research and critical thinking skills by investigating big questions — like what led to the fall of the Roman Republic, or how the Greeks remembered the Battle of Thermopylae.</p>			
EOTC OPPORTUNITIES & COMMUNITY CONNECTION	PATHWAYS	COURSE REQUIREMENTS (IF APPLICABLE)	
Our EOTC will include a trip to local potter Meadow and Wild to demonstrate your learning and how the Greeks used pottery to tell their stories.	<p>PREFERRED PRIOR LEARNING: Completion of EXHUM would be an advantage but not compulsory.</p> <p>LEADS ON TO (FURTHER STUDY): Mastery Classical Studies</p>	No specialised course requirements	

ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES

STANDARD(S)													
ESTIMATED DUE DATE	STANDARD & VERSION		NCEA SUBJECT	LEVEL	STANDARD TITLE	CREDIT TOTAL	LIT	NUM	UER	UEW	I/E	ASSESSMENT MODE	FURTHER ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITY
Term 2 Week 1	91204	2	CLASSICAL STUDIES	2	Demonstrate understanding of the relationship between aspects of the classical world and aspects of other cultures	6	NO	NO	Y	NO	I	Paragraph answer	N
Term 3 Week 5	91202	3		2	Demonstrate understanding of a significant event in the classical world	4	NO	NO	Y	NO	I	Paragraph answer	N
COURSE ENDORSEMENT NOT AVAILABLE					SUBJECT CREDIT TOTAL	10							

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What happens if I am struggling to meet a deadline?**
 - If you have a legitimate reason, you can apply for an extension. More information and the extension form can be found [here](#).
- **Can I use AI in my assignments?**
 - Usually not for assessed work, but on occasion yes, depending on what stage of the assignment you are at. Using AI can often result in a [breach of NCEA rules](#). Please read [the Authenticity section](#) on Te Hinaki carefully and ask your teacher for guidance before you use AI.
- **Can I get a resubmission on assessments?**
 - Resubmissions may be offered if, in the opinion of the teacher assessing it, you are close to the Achieved grade boundary. More information about this can be found [here](#).
 - If you think there has been a mistake with how your assignment has been graded, there is an appeals process you can follow. Go [here](#) for more information.
- **What’s the difference between a RESUBMISSION and a FURTHER ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITY?**
 - A **resubmission** may be offered by your teacher after an assessment has been marked if, at the teacher’s discretion, your work was given NOT ACHIEVED but is close to the ACHIEVED boundary. A resubmission will allow you to do extra work for a short period of time (usually about an hour), without any further teaching, to bring the grade from a NOT ACHIEVED to an ACHIEVED. No higher grade than this is possible for a resubmission.
 - A **further assessment opportunity** is a brand new assessment task for a Standard that is offered to students after further teaching has occurred. This is offered to all students in the course, although not everyone is obliged to take it up. The higher of the two grades will be reported to NZQA. Because further assessment opportunities require extra teaching time and extra time to complete the assessment it is often not feasible for further assessment opportunities to be offered.