

9. Year 12 Subjects 2011 (Humanities)

VCE Classical Studies Units 3&4

Unit 3 & 4 Classical Worlds

Units 3 and 4 have two identical areas of study and outcomes. Students study selected works from the Classical Works lists for each unit. These units enable student classicists to engage with the intellectual and material culture of classical Greece and/or Rome. Students work with translations rather than the Ancient Greek or Latin. Analysis of individual works enables students to engage with ideas that are explored by particular writers and artists. Students evaluate the techniques used to present these concepts. They evaluate the relationship between the work and its socio-historical context. Through comparison of classical works, students consider ways in which different writers and artists dealt with the same concept. Such analysis reveals the changing nature of the classical world.

Areas of Study (Units 3 & 4):

The areas of study are:

- Individual study - Students analyse the ways in which classical artists and writers use techniques to express ideas. Through this type of close analysis students develop an understanding of ways in which knowledge is produced in Classical Studies.
- Comparative study - Comparison of classical works enables students to understand the socio-historical contexts in which they were produced. Events such as the Peloponnesian War exerted a profound influence on Greece. These changes are reflected in classical works. Exploring classical works from different periods highlights the ways in which ideas and societies change over the course of time.

Assessment:

- Outcome 1 - Students should be able to analyse the ideas and techniques of a classical work and discuss the relationship of the work to its socio-historical context.
- Outcome 2 - Students should be able to compare the ideas and techniques in two classical works and discuss the relationships of these works to their socio-historical contexts.

Assessment Break-Down (Units 3 & 4):

- For Outcome 1 - This task is based on a selected work from List 1. Students will complete:
 - A written analysis of a section of a classical work; or
 - Structured questions.
- For Outcome 2 - This task requires comparison of works selected from List 2. Students will complete:
 - An essay comparing two classical works; or
 - A research response.

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Graded Assessment

- Unit 3 School-Assessed Coursework: 25%
- Unit 4 School-Assessed Coursework: 25%
- Units 3 and 4 End-of-year Examination: 50%

Other Information

- Classical Studies does NOT have a mid-year Exam, but a Practice Exam is held during the third week of the July term break. Other practice exams are also held during Semester Two. It is important that students take every opportunity to ready themselves for the final examination.

Entry – Units 3 and 4

There are no entry requirements for students to get into Unit 3 Classical Studies. However, it is preferable if students complete one or both of Unit 1 and 2 Classical Studies (or another Humanities course, or have a strong background in Greek culture and heritage) prior to attempting to complete the Unit 3 and 4 progression. Students must complete Unit 3 before completing Unit 4.