RECOMMENDED READING LIST (IN TRANSLATION) FOR INCOMING MA STUDENTS
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N.B.: This recommended reading list is not meant to be prescriptive, nor would incoming students be expected to have read all the texts given here. Its primary function is to provide an impetus to further study in the summer before and throughout the undertaking of an MA in Classics, Ancient Philosophy, or Greece, Rome, and the Near East. It gives some basic guidance in terms of the sorts of ancient texts the knowledge of which could aid in successful completion of an MA in one of our degree programmes.

Prospective students are encouraged to have a look at the list as a whole and inquire into whether some of the texts given here might correspond to their own subject-interests; they are also encouraged to undertake exploration of some of the texts, especially with regard to how these texts might aid in the development of a dissertation project. In order to familiarise themselves with the broader issues involved in learning about these texts, students are also encouraged to look at basic reference works, which could support their learning about the more specific subject interests. A good starting point would be:

*The Oxford Handbook of Hellenic Studies*
Edited by George Boys-Stones, Barbara Graziosi, and Phiroze Vasunia (Oxford University Press, 2009)

*The Oxford Handbook of Roman Studies*
Edited by Alessandro Barchiesi and Walter Scheidel (Oxford University Press, 2010).

Students are encouraged to email the Director of the Taught MA Programmes, Dr Phillip Horky (Phillip.Horky@Durham.ac.uk), if they would like some suggestions on what texts might be more appropriate for a given subject-interest.

**Greek**

**Poetry**

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*Pythian Odes (Selection)*  
*Olympian Odes (Selection)*

Sappho  
Lyrics

Solon  
Lyrics

Theocritus  
*Idylls (Selection)*

**Prose**

Aeschines  
*Against Timarchus*

Andocides  
*On the Mysteries*

Aristotle  
*Athenian Constitution*  
*Nicomachean Ethics Book 1*  
*Poetics*

Demosthenes  
*On the Crown*

Heraclitus  
Fragments (Selection)

Herodotus  
*Histories*

Longus  
*Daphnis and Chloe*

Lysias  
*On the Murder of Eratosthenes*

Lucian  
*Symposium*  
*True History*

Plato  
*Apology*  
*Ion*  
*Phaedrus*  
*Republic*  
*Symposium*

Plutarch  
*Life of Alexander*  
*Life of Tiberius Gracchus*

Polybius  
*Histories Book 6*

Sophists  
All fragments (in Dillon and Gergel’s *Greek Sophists*, Penguin, 2003)

Thucydides  
*History of the Peloponnesian War*

Xenophon  
*Anabasis*  
*Symposium*
## Drama

Aeschylus
- *Agamemnon*
- *Persians*
- *Prometheus Bound*

Aristophanes
- *Clouds*
- *Frogs*
- *Lysistrata*

Sophocles
- *Antigone*
- *Ajax*
- *Oedipus the King*

Euripides
- *Bacchae*
- *Helen*
- *Medea*

Menander
- *Dyskolos*
- *Samia*

## Latin

### Poetry

Catullus
- *Carmina* (Selection)

Ennius
- Fragments (Selection)

Horace
- *Odes* Books 1 and 4
- *Satires*

Juvenal
- *Satires* 1-9

Livius Andronicus
- Fragments (Selection)

Lucan
- *Pharsalia* Books 1, 6, 7

Lucretius
- *On the Nature of Things* Books 1, 5, 6

Martial
- *Epigrams* (Selection)

Ovid
- *Amores* (Books 1 and 2)
- *Fasti* (Selection)
- *Metamorphoses*
- *Tristia and Epistulae ex Ponto* (Selections)

Propertius
- *Elegies* Books 1 and 4

Statius
- *Silvae* (Selection)

Tibullus
- *Elegies* (Selection)
Vergil

Aeneid
Eclogues
Georgics

Prose

Apuleius
Golden Ass

Augustus
Res Gestae

Caesar
Civil War
Gallic War

Cicero
On the Orator
Against Catiline
In Defense of Caelius
On Duties
Philippics

Livy
History of Rome from its Foundations Books 1-2

Petronius
Dinner at Trimalchio’s from Satyricon

Pliny the Elder
Natural History Preface in Book 1, Book 7, one Book from 8-11, Book 29

Pliny the Younger
Letters (at least one book)

Quintilian
Institutio Oratoria Book 10

Tacitus
Agricola
Histories Book 1

Sallust
Catilinarian Conspiracy
Jugurthine War

Seneca
Moral Epistles (Selection)
On the Happy Life

Suetonius
Life of Augustus
Life of Nero

Vitruvius
On Architecture Book 1

Drama

Plautus
Amphitruo
Braggart Soldier
Brothers Menæchmi

Seneca
Phaedra
Medea
Terence

Eunuch

Adelphoe