Classics Graduate Studies Application Tips

1. Do not send any materials directly to the department. Everything must be uploaded at the Graduate College Admissions site. Do not use Interfolio or other third-party dossier services.

2. Try to keep your writing sample within the suggested 5-10 pages and double-spaced. If you don’t have anything short enough, submit a longer document with a note of explanation.

3. A statement of purpose is to set forth your reasons for and commitment to graduate study. This also is your opportunity to explain anything unusual in your record, or to explain why your record doesn’t necessarily represent your ability to do advanced work. Be specific and focus on the positive. One page only!

4. Don’t assume that just because you asked, all your letters of reference have been submitted. Do not use Interfolio or other third-party dossier services to collect letters of reference. Referees must be listed on your online application and they must upload the letters themselves. Check your online application for updates on documents received.

5. Submit your application materials as soon as you are able. We apply for first-come-first-served scholarships for which we must compete with other departments, so we may submit the first one that meets the criteria.

6. A week or so after you have submitted your materials, log into your online application account to make sure that everything has been received and your application is complete. If something is missing that was to be submitted by someone other than you, check to see that it has been submitted.

7. When the admission process is complete and you have been offered a spot, it is polite and very much appreciated if you let us know whether or not you will be accepting our offer, as soon as you know the answer. We may have more students waiting to take the spot that you are giving up, and we also want to know for sure that you are coming, even if you are not getting funding.