Program: Classics M.A., Ph.D. Program
Rating: High Quality

Classics, which also offers a master's degree in Greek and Latin, is a relatively small graduate program (current enrollment - 16 PhD, 2 MA) with a growing national reputation. It has a very small, but high quality applicant pool. Selectivity from this pool is modest, but the program has good gender diversity, but less so with under-represented students. Placement of its graduates is very good. Following the doctoral student cohort who entered between 1996-2000 through May 2009 graduation, the program's completion rate was 43% with a median TTD of 8.5 yrs both of which need improvement. However, Classics has made strides to address issues pertinent to its graduate program, e.g., closer mentoring, which seems to be paying off in improved completion and time to degree. Further improvements appear to be dependent somewhat on enhanced graduate funding that extends beyond TAships and Graduate College fellowship opportunities. In many regards Classics is a reasonable model for small humanities programs. The self awareness aspect of the TF narrative is good, although the action plan is somewhat diffuse. Despite its strengths, Classics seems to be somewhat isolated amongst its humanities colleagues. Further improvements may be garnered through enhanced collaboration with similar programs.