Admissions to the Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies: Hebrew Bible, Ph.D. have been suspended as of spring 2019 and will be discontinued as of fall 2022. If you have any questions, please contact the department.

Applicants for graduate study may enter the program with either a B.A. or M.A. (M.A., M.Div., Th.M.) degree. For the Classics option, candidates are expected to have covered at least the equivalent of an undergraduate major in Classics, which consists of at least three years of both Greek and Latin. For the option in Hebrew Bible program, candidates are expected to have taken at least two years of Biblical Hebrew and one year of Greek. Candidates whose preparation falls short of the minimum requirements may be admitted with deficiencies at the discretion of the department, but will be required to do additional work within the first year of the program.

Applications are evaluated on the basis of previous academic record, Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores, letters of recommendation, the writing sample and a personal statement.

All applicants to the program must apply on-line (https://apply.grad.wisc.edu/Account/Login/?ReturnUrl=%2f) by January 5. ONLY select the M.A. application if you plan on a terminal M.A. at UW–Madison; all other applicants select the Ph.D. application even if you have not yet received an M.A. Please note: the $75 application fee must be paid at the time of application (international students will be charged an additional $6 for processing).

As part of the online application process, you will be asked supplemental questions regarding your level of language preparation and expected to upload the information listed below:

1. Writing sample of scholarly work no more than 25 pages (optional).
2. Transcripts or academic records from each institution attended. You may upload unofficial copies for department review. International academic records must be in the original language accompanied by an official English translation. Please note: official transcripts will only be requested by the Graduate School upon department recommendation for admission. Further information will be provided upon admission.
3. Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (http://www.gre.org/) score report sent from the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Use institution code 1846 to route your results to the UW Grad School. Once results are received, they will populate in your online application.
4. TOEFL or MELAB (https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/) for all international applicants.
5. Statement of purpose (citing your reasons for graduate study).
6. Curriculum vitae listing language experience, awards, honors, etc.
7. Three letters of reference. You must submit your requests to all three of your references as part of the online application.