

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS
READING LISTS

MA in Classics: Works in Translation

Be thoughtful in choosing translations. As a rule of thumb, newer translations are more helpful than older ones, although some older ones remain excellent. Readily available series that are generally reliable are Hackett, Oxford World Classics, and Penguin Classics, although you should consider them on a case-by-case basis. The Loeb Classical Library and Aris & Phillips Commentaries series have the advantage of facing-page original text, although you should be wary of many of the older Loeb translations. You are encouraged to consult with faculty members about recommendations for specific, texts, authors, and genres. All works listed are to be read in their entirety, unless otherwise indicated.

Greek

Homer	<i>Iliad, Odyssey</i>
Homeric Hymns	<i>Demeter</i>
Hesiod	<i>Theogony</i>
Aeschylus	<i>Oresteia</i>
Sophocles	<i>Antigone</i>
Euripides	<i>Hippolytus, Medea</i>
Aristophanes	<i>Clouds, Lysistrata</i>
Herodotus	Books 1, 7, and 8
Thucydides	Books 1, 2
Plato	<i>Symposium, Apology, Republic 1, 2, and 10</i>
Apollonius	<i>Argonautica</i> Book 3
Plutarch	<i>Lives of Alcibiades and Coriolanus</i> (including the comparison); <i>Life of Alexander</i>
Chariton	<i>Chaereas and Callirhoe</i>

Latin

Lucretius	<i>De Rerum Natura</i> Book 1
Catullus	All
Cicero	<i>In Catilinam</i> 1-4; <i>Pro Caelio</i>
Caesar	<i>Gallic War</i>
Sallust	<i>Conspiracy of Catiline</i>
Vergil	<i>Aeneid</i>
Horace	<i>Satires</i> Book 1; <i>Odes</i> Books 1 and 3
Tibullus	Book 1
Propertius	Book 1
Ovid	<i>Amores</i> Book 1; <i>Metamorphoses</i> Books 1, 6, and 10
Livy	Book 1
Augustus	<i>Res Gestae</i>

Seneca	<i>Apocolocyntosis</i>
Petronius	<i>Satyricon</i>
Tacitus	<i>Annals</i> Book 1
Suetonius	<i>Caesar, Augustus, Nero</i>
Apuleius	<i>Metamorphoses</i>