



La Basilica di Santa Maria in Trastevere, Rome, Italy

Cost:

1. A Social History of Ancient Greece from 750-300 BC	\$140 / 115*
2. Architecture from Pagan Rome to Christianity	\$140 / 115*
3. Beginning to Philosophise with the Ancient Greeks	\$160 / 135*
4. How to Argue Like Socrates	\$160 / 135*
5. All sessions	\$550 / 450*

** Concessions available to University of Melbourne alumni, staff and students, other full-time students, retirees, pensioners and health care card holders.*

Schedule:

	4 Jan	5 Jan	6 Jan	7 Jan	8 Jan
10.00am–11.00am	A Social History of Ancient Greece				
11.30am–12.30pm	Architecture from Pagan Rome to Christianity				
1.30pm–3.00pm	Beginning to Philosophise with the Ancient Greeks				
3.30pm–5.00pm	How to Argue Like Socrates				

Venue:

Old Arts Building, The University of Melbourne, Parkville

<http://maps.unimelb.edu.au/parkville/building/149>

Registrations:

<http://alumni.online.unimelb.edu.au/2016css>

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School of Historical and Philosophical Studies



Temple of Hera, Paestum, Italy

CLASSICS SUMMER SCHOOL 2016
 Monday 4 – Friday 8 January

The 2016 Classics Summer School is a chance for anyone to learn a little more about the ancient world over the summer break. This course offers five days of classes covering the social history of ancient Greece, architecture, philosophy and a practical workshop to develop your argumentation skills in the style of Socrates.

Presenter Dr Christopher Gribbin, Honorary Fellow, School of Historical and Philosophical Studies, The University of Melbourne, has taught at the Summer School since 2002.

1. A Social History of Ancient Greece from 750-300 BC

10.00am–11.00am daily

Greek culture is often considered the foundation of Western civilisation. This course looks at what it was like, what made it special and how it developed. We'll try to understand the amazing transformations of the ancient Greek world between 750 and 300 BC. As well as exploring the big historical events, the course explores how people lived their lives and how the changes of the period were expressed in the contemporary literature.

Session 1: The Miraculous Birth of Greek Society

Session 2: Tyrants and Spartans

Session 3: Athens – Democracy, Empire and Defeat

Session 4: Daily Life – Men, Women, Power and the Home

Session 5: The Effects of Alexander's Conquests

2. Architecture from Pagan Rome to Christianity

11.30am–12.30pm daily

The triumph of Christianity in the fourth century AD led to a bold new type of architecture, as the church became the focus for grandeur and innovation. This course explores the development of church architecture out of traditional Roman architecture, understanding the new styles in their historic and social context. This course starts with the first grand Christian buildings under the Emperor Constantine and then follows the transformation into Byzantine architecture in the east (including the spectacular Hagia Sophia) and the Romanesque in the west.

Session 1: Roman Architecture before Constantine

Session 2: Constantine and the Birth of Christian Architecture

Session 3: Christian Architecture in the East – Hagia Sophia and Byzantine Architecture

Session 4: Piety in Stone and Paint – Byzantine Decoration and Icons

Session 5: Christian Architecture in the West – the Romanesque



3. Beginning to Philosophise with the Ancient Greeks

1.30pm–3.00pm daily

This course considers some of the essential ideas of philosophy through an exploration of the birth of philosophy in Greece and the first 300 years of its development. Thinkers include Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. Designed for people who want to explore ancient Greek philosophy or philosophy in general and who want to understand what insights these ancient thinkers have to offer us today.

Session 1: The First Philosophers – the Milesians, Heraclitus, Zeno, the Mystics and the Sophists

Session 2: Socrates and the Question No-one Can Answer

Session 3: Plato, Skeptics and Cynics

Session 4: THE Philosopher – Aristotle

Session 5: The Epicureans and Stoics on How to Live a Good Life

4. How to Argue Like Socrates

3.30pm–5.00pm daily

How to Argue Like Socrates is a practical course that develops your ability to argue effectively. Based on the techniques of Socrates, one of the greatest arguers of all time, this course mixes theory and practice. We'll look at passages from Plato's dialogues to understand what questions to ask and what mistakes people often make, but we'll also put the principles into practice with in-class dialogues. Socratic method is a powerful tool for learning about other people and yourself and for getting at the reasons for disagreements. It even forms the basis for some modern teaching practices. Course materials will be provided. Just bring along your curiosity and a willingness to argue.

Session 1: The Theory Behind Socratic Argument

Session 2: Definition – Why It's Important and How to Get It Right

Session 3: How to Find Contradictions

Session 4: Being Constructive – Using Socratic Argument to Persuade People

Session 5: Bringing It All Together

