

**Annual Key Assessment Findings and Curricular Improvements
Department of English
Comprehensive Exams for the M.A. in English
AY 2010-2011**

Key Assessment Findings

**GRADUATE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION RESULTS
Department of English
AY 2010-11**

	Fail		Pass		High Pass		Pass w/Honors		TOTAL
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Master's program	2	0.00%	7	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	9

The table above reflects the results of the 2010-11 M.A. comprehensive exams in English. 9 students took the exam. 7 were awarded a "Pass" and 2 a "fail." After reviewing the results of the M.A. exam, the Department of English has concluded that student achievement has, on the whole, met departmental expectations.

**Table of Results
Student Learning Assessment Rubric
Department of English
MA Comprehensive Exams**

Trait	Level						Mean	SD	Total N
	Exceeding Expectations (3pts)		Meeting Expectations (2pts)		Below Expectations (1pt)				
	N	%	N	%	N	%			
1) Knowledge of Literary History	4	44%	3	33%	2	22%	2.22	0.83	9
2) Knowledge of Literary Criticism and Theory	3	33%	4	44%	2	22%	2.11	0.78	9
3) Ability to Analyze Literary Texts Closely	4	44%	4	44%	1	11%	2.33	0.71	9
4) Ability to Write a Coherent and Well Documented Essay	5	56%	4	44%	0	0%	2.56	0.53	9

Curricular Improvements

In order to improve the exam, the department has decided eliminate the section of the exam devoted to literary theory, and add an additional section devoted to literary history.