

**Annual Key Assessment Findings and Curricular Improvements  
Department of English  
Comprehensive Exams for the Ph.D. in English  
AY 2010-11**

**Key Assessment Findings**

**GRADUATE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION RESULTS  
Department of English  
AY2010-2011**

	Fail		Pass		High Pass		Pass w/Honors		TOTAL
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Doctoral program	2	0.00%	2	100.00%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	5

The table above reflects the results of the 2010-11 Ph.D. comprehensive exams in English. 2 students took the exam in the fall. 1 student passed all three sections of the exam. 1 student passed 2 sections and failed 1 section. 3 students took the exam in the spring. 1 student passed all three sections of the exam and 1 student passed the section the student had failed in the fall. 1 student passed 2 sections of the exam and failed 1 section. After reviewing the results of the comprehensive 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  
PhD Comprehensive Exams**

Trait	Level						Mean	SD	Total N
	Exceeding Expectations (3pts)		Meeting Expectations (2pts)		Below Expectations (1pt)				
	N	%	N	%	N	%			
<b>1) Knowledge of Literary History</b>	1	20%	3	60%	1	20%	2.00	0.71	5
<b>2) Knowledge of Literary Criticism and Theory</b>	0	0%	4	100%	0	0%	2.00	0.00	4

<b>3) Ability to Analyze Literary Texts Closely</b>	2	50%	2	50%	0	0%	2.50	0.58	4
<b>4) Ability to Write a Coherent and Well Documented Essay</b>	2	50%	2	50%	0	0%	2.50	0.58	4
<b>5) Special field</b>	1	25%	2	50%	1	25%	2.00	0.82	4

### **Curricular Improvements**

The department narrowed the breadth of literary history section of the exam in order to avoid too much duplication of the M.A. exam, and altered the special field section in a manner to help students better prepare for the dissertation.