

**Annual Key Assessment Findings and Curricular Improvements
Department of English
Undergraduate B.A. Senior Comprehensive Exams in English
AY 2010-11**

Key Assessment Findings

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

	Fail		Pass		High Pass		TOTAL
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Major	1	0%	21	89.47%	2	10.52%	24

The table above reflects the results of the 2011 comprehensive exam for senior English majors. Of the 24 students who took the exam, two were awarded a “High Pass,” and 21 earned a “Pass,” and 1 failed. After reviewing the results of the 2011 senior 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
Senior 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	5	21%	18	75%	1	4%	2.17	0.48	24
2) Knowledge of Literary Terms	5	21%	18	75%	1	4%	2.17	0.48	24
3) Ability to Analyze Literary Texts Closely	3	13%	19	79%	2	8%	2.04	0.46	24

4) Ability to Write a Coherent and Well Documented Essay	5	21%	18	75%	1	4%	2.17	0.48	24
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Curricular Improvements

In order to provide further guidance and assist students in preparing for the exam, the department held a spring meeting for all junior majors planning to take the January 2012 comprehensive exam. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Gibbons, the Director of Undergraduate Studies in English. It took place in April, 2011. In addition, Dr. Gibbons offered a scansion workshop in December 2011 to help students prepare for the exam. The English Department also voted to change the date of the exam to early October to avoid conflicts with other academic work.