

Annual Key Assessment Findings and Curricular Improvements
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Key Assessment Findings

Graduate Assessment

Students graduating with an MA in Spanish take a two-day written comprehensive exam in which they are examined on both material covered in their coursework and readings from the Spanish MA reading list that students are given when beginning the program. PhD candidates take a three-day examination, half of which is devoted to their area of specialization. PhD students are responsible for a much more extensive reading list in the particular area of their specialization. Exams are read and evaluated by all members of the section and discussed in detail.

Only one student took and passed graduate comprehensive exams in Spanish in AY 2010-2011; in order to preserve confidentiality, data is not cited or analyzed in this report. Aggregated data will be presented in the five-year report. Since our graduate program is undergoing a major revision, which started with the revision of the graduate reading lists during the AY 2009-2010, we have limited admission to our program during the last two years. This explains why only one graduate student took the comprehensive examinations during AY 2010-2011.