

**Annual Key Assessment Findings and Curricular Improvements
Department of English
Comprehensive Exams for the M.A. in English
AY 2011-2012**

Key Assessment Findings

**GRADUATE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION RESULTS
Department of English
AY 2011-12**

	Fail		Pass		High Pass		Pass w/Honors		TOTAL
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Master's program	0	0.00%	5	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	5

The table above reflects the results of the 2011-12 M.A. comprehensive exams in English. 5 students took the exam. 5 were awarded a "Pass." 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	2	40%	1	20%	2	40%	2.00	1.0	5
2) Knowledge of Literary Criticism and Theory	1	20%	2	40%	2	40%	1.8	0.84	5
3) Ability to Analyze Literary Texts Closely	1	20%	2	40%	2	40%	1.8	0.84	5
4) Ability to Write a Coherent and Well Documented Essay	2	40%	3	60%	0	0%	2.44	0.55	5

Curricular Improvements

In order to improve the exam, the department has eliminated the section of the exam devoted to literary theory, and added an additional section devoted to literary history.