

**Annual Key Assessment Findings and Curricular Improvements
Department of English
Comprehensive Exams for the Ph.D. in English
AY 2011-12**

Key Assessment Findings

**GRADUATE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION RESULTS
Department of English
AY2011-2012**

	Fail		Pass		High Pass		Pass w/Honors		TOTAL
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Doctoral program	3	37.50%	5	62.50%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	8

The table above reflects the results of the 2011-12 Ph.D. comprehensive exams in English. 5 students took the exam in the fall. 3 students passed all three sections of the exam. 1 student passed 1 section and failed 2 sections. 1 student failed all three sections. 3 students took the exam in the spring. 2 students passed all three sections of the exam and 1 student passed 2 sections and failed 1. 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	%			
1) Knowledge of Literary History	2	25%	4	50%	2	25%	2.00	0.76	8
2) Knowledge of Literary Criticism and Theory	3	38%	3	38%	2	25%	2.13	0.83	8
3) Ability to Analyze Literary Texts Closely	3	38%	3	38%	2	25%	2.13	0.83	8

4) Ability to Write a Coherent and Well Documented Essay	4	50%	3	38%	1	13%	2.38	0.74	8
5) Special field	3	38%	3	38%	2	25%	2.13	0.83	8

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.