

**Annual Key Assessment Findings and Curricular Improvements
Department of English
Undergraduate B.A. Senior Comprehensive Exams in English
AY 2011-12**

Key Assessment Findings

UNDERGRADUATE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION RESULTS

Department of English

AY2011-2012

	Fail		Pass		High Pass		TOTAL
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Major	0	0%	16	100 %	0	0 %	16

The table above reflects the results of the 2011 comprehensive exam for senior English majors. All of the 16 students who took the exam earned a “Pass.” 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	2	13%	14	88%	0	0%	2.13	0.34	16
2) Knowledge of Literary Terms	4	25%	12	75%	0	0%	2.25	0.45	16
3) Ability to Analyze Literary Texts Closely	2	13%	14	88%	0	0%	2.13	0.34	16

4) Ability to Write a Coherent and Well Documented Essay	1	6%	15	94%	0	0%	2.06	0.25	16
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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.