

**Annual Key Assessment Findings and Curricular Improvements  
Department of History  
Undergraduate Program  
AY 2011-2012**

**Key Assessment Findings**

Each senior thesis is graded by both the director of the relevant senior seminar and an additional faculty member. In the academic year of 2011-12, 39 out of the 41 students passed the senior thesis and 2 failed with grades below “C+” (Table 1).

Table 1: Senior Thesis Results (AY 2011-12)

Grade	Pass						Fail				Total
	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	D	F	W	
	8	7	7	11	4	2	2	0	0	0	41
Major	Total: 39						Total: 2				100%

**Curricular Improvements**

The department continues to roll out new 200-level “gateway” courses, now offering three such courses in the fall semester, in medieval, modern European, and American history, with eight sections; and two courses in the spring semester, with four sections. We intend to increase the number of courses and sections in the coming year, and expand the course offerings to include Latin American history.