

Annual Key Assessment Findings and Curricular Improvements
Department of Modern Languages and Literatures/A&S
MA and PhD Programs in Spanish
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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.

In AY 2011-2012, two students took the graduate comprehensive MA exam in Spanish; one student passed and one student failed the exam, resulting in a 50:50 pass:fail ratio. One student took and passed the graduate comprehensive PhD exam in Spanish.

In to preserve confidentiality, data is not cited or analyzed in this 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 three years.

Curricular Improvements

We are currently in the process of reviewing and redesigning the structure and content of our MA and PhD comprehensive exams and hope to be able to implement the new format starting in the fall 2013. A detailed description of the new assessment model will follow once it has been approved by the faculty of Modern Languages and Literatures.