

## ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY FORM

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OUTCOMES/MEASURES USED	RESULTS
<p><i>Outcome Two</i> -- Measures Used</p> <p>Students completing the Master's program in English will be able to write about literary and/or rhetorical texts with cogency, persuasiveness, and demonstration of knowledge of previous and current scholarship on the texts.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Measurement 2A</u></b></p> <p>80% of graduate students in English will earn a grade of B or better in courses.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Measurement 2B</u></b></p> <p>Before they complete the program, 10% of graduate students in English will deliver papers on literary and/or rhetorical texts at professional conferences.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Measurement 2C</u></b></p> <p>Faculty review of portfolios from 50% of graduating students will indicate that 90% write about texts with cogency, persuasiveness, and demonstration of knowledge of scholarship.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Measurement 2D</u></b></p> <p>50% of students taking the Diagnostic Examinations (Literature or Writing) will score "Above Average" or "Superior."</p>	<p>All twelve of this year's graduating students (100%) had GPAs above 3.0. Sixteen had GPAs of 3.519 or higher. The graduating students' average GPA was 3.763.</p> <p>16.7% of the graduating student presented papers at professional conferences.</p> <p>100% of the portfolios reviewed showed the ability to write about texts with cogency, persuasiveness, and knowledge of scholarship.</p> <p>75% of the graduating students received scores of "Above Average" or "Superior" on their diagnostic examinations.</p>

**Brief analysis:**

This year's graduates did not continue the recent trend of M.A. students presenting papers at scholarly conferences: only 16.7% as opposed to more than 50% in each of the past two years. Considering the University's priority for upgrading student research, higher goals and more sustained efforts would seem to be required in this area.