Provide an example of the program’s most interesting or important assessment finding that demonstrates the program’s success associated with a program learning outcome.

As indicated by the assessment data from English 6820, Studies in Modern Critical Theory and Practice, a course required of all MAs, the program continues to have all students meeting or exceeding expectations for learning about the materials and methods of literary research. The department is pleased with how students are consistently gaining competency both understanding and using the fundamental tools of literary scholarship.

Describe an assessment result that indicates an opportunity for improvement and identify the specific actions the program will take to improve student learning.

We feel that helping the students to approach the MA exam, with a better sense of how their outside reading can complement and give perspective on their coursework, will improve their breadth of knowledge and their ability to draw on it to develop arguments. To this end we are continuing to take steps to make the process of administering the exam, and helping the students prepare for it, more systematic and more transparent. A specific step the department is taking to this end is the revision of the MA exam reading list.