

Academic Assessment Report
Department of Philosophy, Fulbright College, University of Arkansas
Master's Degree
May, 2016

Master's students are assessed mainly on the basis of their Master's thesis, to be completed by the end of the second year. Advisors provide prose reports of their assessments of theses.

The Committee finds the following:

Master's theses vary widely in length, breadth, depth and overall quality. On the whole, students display a good grasp of their subject matter. There is room for improvement in focusing on specific positions and arguments.

Advisors should encourage students to have "models" in mind – a Master's thesis should have the scope of a long and substantial journal article. In addition, students should be encouraged to submit work periodically and in small chunks to get feedback and direction.

The Departmental Academic Assessment Plan is being implemented and results pertaining to the Master's Degree will be reported by the end of May 2018. In particular we shall seek to include results from reports of dissertations in progress.

Academic Assessment Report
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Doctoral Degree
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Doctoral students are assessed mainly on the basis of their dissertations. Advisors provide prose reports of their assessments of dissertations. The Department has no new data to report. The Departmental Academic Assessment Plan is being implemented and results pertaining to the Doctoral Degree will be reported by the end of May 2018. In particular we shall seek to include results from reports of dissertations in progress.