



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

**Unit Assessment Report  
Comparative Literature Department  
May 21, 2021**

To: Austin Hocker  
From: Leah Middlebrook, COLT Dept. Head  
Re: AY 2020-21 Assessment Report

Dear Austin:

As requested, a brief report on our Assessment projects for AY 2020-21:

**Undergraduate Program**

The Departmental Learning Goals and Assessment Plan for COLT describe a regular, rotating schedule of assessment and renewal. However, this year, in response to pandemic-related guidelines from the UO Academic Council and the ongoing outreach and education efforts of TEP, I decided to spend some time examining our departmental [grading guidelines](#), which were drafted in the late aughts, I think. Pedagogy has changed since that time, as have the skills, practices and expectations of UO Undergraduate students. I have looked at the current guidelines with our Director of Pedagogy and am drafting a new document. In consultation with the DOP, I will present the new guidelines to faculty at our June faculty meeting for discussion and approval. By the close of year (June 14, 2021), our department will be posting revised guidelines that align more closely with best practices for inclusive teaching and constructive, formative assessment.

**Graduate Program**

This year, our department introduced our new PhD exam model. We have been working with exam committees and with students to evaluate the new exam and surrounding procedures. We will be discussing the new exam structure at our June faculty meeting.

Best,

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