Department of English

The University of Mississippi M.F.A. Assessment

Rubric for Scoring Reading List for Written M.F.A. Examination: Place a score of 10-1 (Excellent to Poor) for each of the two categories and then total results.

Date Candidate		Please return to MFA Program Coordinator	
Excellent	Good	Poor	Score 10-1
Breadth of Knowledge 10-9 The reading list covers the richness of the canon and all major historical periods. The reading list is diverse in terms of geography, gender, and race. Includes work in translation. Challenging range in terms of various texts, authors, and techniques.	Breadth of Knowledge 8-6 The reading list covers much of the richness of the canon and most major historical periods. The reading list is fairly diverse in terms of geography, gender, and race. Includes work in translation. Fairly challenging range in terms of various texts, authors, and techniques.	The reading list does not cover the richness of the canon and all major historical periods. The reading list lacks diversity in terms of geography, gender, and race. Does not include work in translation. Does not challenge in terms of various texts, authors, and techniques.	Breadth of Knowledge
Depth of Knowledge (Individual Focus) 10-9 The reading list displays a deep and detailed interest in one area (historical period, geographical location, or group of authors). The exam writer displays in-depth knowledge of this area of specialty, and its influence on the exam writer's body of work is considerable.	Depth of Knowledge (Individual Focus) 8-6 The reading list displays a fairly deep and detailed interest in one area (historical period, geographical location, or group of authors). The exam writer displays adequate knowledge of this area of specialty, and its influence on the exam writer's body of work is traceable.	Depth of Knowledge (Individual Focus) 5-1 The reading list displays an insufficient interest in one area (historical period, geographical location, or group of authors). The exam writer fails to display knowledge of this area of specialty, and its influence on the exam writer's body of work is negligible.	Depth of Knowledge (Individual Focus)
Total:			

Scoring results: Excellent 20-18; Good 17-12; Poor 11-2