

**Literature Field Test  
Results**

**Data Narrative  
Academic Year 2013-2014**

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- I. In spring of 2014, 5 graduating seniors, Literature and Literature- English Education majors, were assessed by ETS using a standardized Major Field Test, Literature in English.
- II. The demographics of the tested group are as follows:
- a. **Male:** 60%                      **Female:** 40%
  - b.     **White:** 80%                **Other:** 20%
  - c.     **Transfer students:**  
      Yes: 80%    No: 20%
  - d.     **English as best language**  
      Yes: 80%    No: 20%
  - e.     **Undergraduate GPA**  
      3.5-4.0: 60%            3.00-3.49: 20%            2.50-2.99: 20%
  - f.     **Major Field GPA:**  
      3.5-4.0: 60%            3.00-3.49: 40%
  - g.     **Education Planned:**  
      20%    plan to pursue an MA  
      60%    plan to pursue a Ph.D  
      20%    Undecided
- III. The assessment was divided into four categories, with each category further divided into subcategories as noted in Section VII.
- a. Literature 1900 and Earlier
  - b. Literature 1901 and Later
  - c. Literary Analysis
  - d. Literary History and Identification

- IV. The **total test scores**, noting percentiles for students are as follows:

<b>Percentile Score on Entire Exam</b>	<b>Number of Students in Percentile</b>
95-99%	1
90-94%	1
85-89%	1
80-84%	1
75-79%	1

- V. The **raw scores**, based on a possible score of 200, for the total exam are noted below. The **scaled score mean** for the total test is **174**. In **2013**, PLNU's scaled score was **153**. The scaled score mean of all schools tested 2005-2010 was **154.7%**.

Scaled Score
191
182
172
168
158

- VI. The scaled score mean for each of the **past five years** for each class of **literature majors** is listed in the table below.

Year	Scaled Score
2014	174
2013	153
2012	170
2011	174
2010	164

- VII. The percentiles for each of the test subcategories are noted below.
- a. **Literature 1900 and earlier:** The *mean score* in this subcategory is **71%**. In **2013**, it was **51%**. The scaled score mean of all schools tested 2005-2010 was **54.3%**.

Percentile Score	Number of Students in Rank
85-89%	1
70-74%	2
65-69%	1
55-59%	1

- b. **Literature 1901 and later:** The *mean score* in this subcategory is **77%**. In **2013**, the mean was **57%**. The scaled score mean of all schools tested 2005-2010 was **54.5%**.

Percentile Score	Number of Students in Rank
95-99%	1
90-94%	1
70-74%	1
65-69%	1
60-64%	1

- c. **Literary Analysis:** The *mean score* in this subcategory is **69%**. In **2013**, it was **47%**. The scaled score mean of all schools tested 2005-2010 was **54.6%**.

Percentile Score	Number of Students in Rank
90-94%	1
75-79%	1
65-69%	1
55-59%	1
50-54%	1

d. **Literary History and Identification**

The *mean score* in this subcategory is **74%**. In **2013**, it was **63%**. The **scaled score mean of all schools tested 2005-2010 was 53.9%**.

Percentile Score	Number of Students in Rank
85-89%	1
80-84%	1
70-74%	2
55-59%	1

VIII. Each subcategory was formed from the eight original subcategories. Noted below, by year, are the PLNU students' **mean percent correct** within each of these categories. The other score noted is the **national mean percent correct** for the years 2005-2010:

Subcategory	PLNU 2014	PLNU 2013	PLNU 2012	PLNU 2011	PLNU 2010	PLNU 2009	National 2005-2010
British Literature pre-1660	70	47	66	66	60	65	50.8
British Literature 1660-1900	56	43	52	68	60	63	46.2
American Literature to 1900	63	47	61	74	66	70	59.9
British and American Literature 1901-1945	71	52	58	66	57	64	52.1
Literature in English since 1945	70	55	75	75	62	74	61.7
Literary History	66	57	63	63	53	55	45.6
Identification	56	47	54	63	55	60	47.1
Literary Theory	64	42	58	69	64	62	48.4

IX. Scores are noted below by graduating Lit-English Education Majors and Literature Majors, 2013-14

Literature Majors	Total Score	Subscore 1 <i>Lit. Pre 1900</i>	Subscore 2 <i>Lit 1901 later</i>	Subscore 3 <i>Lit Analysis</i>	Subscore 4 <i>Lit Hist/ID</i>
1	158	58	61	54	56
2	182	73	97	76	81
Lit-English Education Majors	Total Score	Subscore 1 <i>Lit. Pre 1900</i>	Subscore 2 <i>Lit 1901 later</i>	Subscore 3 <i>Lit Analysis</i>	Subscore 4 <i>Lit Hist/ID</i>
3	168	65	71	59	74
4	172	74	66	66	71
5	191	88	92	91	86

X. **Criteria of Success**

The performance target we established for our literature majors was a score of **five points above the National Mean of all schools tested 2005-2010** in each subcategory of the field test. PLNU graduating literature majors met or exceeded this benchmark in all but one of the subcategories in the major field test assessment for the 2013-2014 academic year. The only unmet subcategory was *American Literature to 1900*.

Subcategory	National Mean (2005-2010)	Literature Program Performance Target	PLNU 2014 Scores	Success Rate
British Literature pre-1660	50.8	56	70	met +14.2
British Literature 1660-1900	46.2	51	56	met +4.8
American Literature to 1900	59.9	65	63	<i>not met -0.10</i>
British and American Literature 1901-1945	52.1	57	71	met +13.9
Literature in English since 1945	61.7	67	70	met +3.3
Literary History	45.6	51	66	met +15.4
Identification	47.1	52	56	met +3.9
Literary Theory	48.4	53	64	met +10.6