

Department of English and Modern Languages Discipline-Specific Guidelines

Modern Languages Division

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Nature of the Discipline(s) in the Department of English and Modern Languages in the Realm of Teaching

Discipline specific notes, additions, or deletions accompanying the Faculty Guide "Basic Expectations of Teaching"

No discipline specific notations.

Discipline specific notes, additions, or deletions accompanying the Faculty Guide "Teaching Effectiveness" Communicative competence is a critical element of teaching modern languages.

Nature of the Discipline(s) in the Department of English and Modern Languages in the Realm of Research and Scholarship

Elements critical to scholarship which may be unfamiliar to faculty in other disciplines

Scholarship in Modern Languages tends to be solitary, rather than collaborative. There are three main areas of scholarship: literature, linguistics, and applied linguistics. Literary scholarship is a discipline in the humanities that involves the study of any of the literary genres (essay, narrative, poetry, theater). Scholarly production can result in books, chapters in books, articles, and conference presentations. Linguistics is a social science that studies the nature and use of language. Scholarly research in linguistics manifests itself in publications of studies based on speech or textual data. Applied linguistics is a specialized field of linguistics that deals with language acquisition theories and their application to pedagogy. Research in the field investigates and theorizes how people acquire language non-natively; e.g., in the classroom.

Meaning of Peer Review and circumstances where peer review is not necessary for the work product to be considered for scholarship.

Peer review is a critical element of the scholarly activities of faculty working in modern languages, and is often a core element of manuscript publication or conference presentation.

What does and does not qualify as meaningful creative work

No discipline specific notations.

Can "Paid" work be considered scholarship

No discipline specific notations.

How 21st century forms of disseminating work product into the intellectual marketplace figure into accepted norms of scholarship

No discipline specific notations.

Departmental assessment of scholarship quality

Publications of peer-reviewed books, authored or edited publications of peer-reviewed articles, invitations to speak at national or international conferences, a national or international research grant, or a prestigious award such as the Fulbright Award, are particularly valued within the discipline.

While international or national conference presentations and moderating or facilitating such panel discussions are especially prized, regional or state conferences also are solid examples of research and



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scholarship.

Publications of review essays or book reviews are also a recognized and common form of scholarship.

Non-peer reviewed publications carry comparatively less weight in the scholarly community.

Departmental assessment of scholarship quantity

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Nature of the Discipline(s) in the Department of English and Modern Languages in the Realm of Service

Need, value, and expectation of departmental service

One example of important departmental service in Modern languages is the administration and evaluation of hundreds of placement exams.

Need, value, and expectation of university service

Modern Language faculty often assist international students as formal or informal advisers. University committee work is an expectation.

Importance of service to the profession

No discipline specific notations.

Importance of service to the community

As examples of community service, Modern Language faculty routinely engage in outreach programs to local schools, libraries, health centers, and other community organizations.

Departmental assessment of service quality

No discipline specific notations.

Departmental assessment of service quantity

No discipline specific notations.