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Preliminary note: The organization of this report conforms to the sections identified in the Graduate School's "Guidelines" (October, 2003 revision). Section and subsection headings and numberings are the same as in the Guidelines, although heading rubrics are sometimes abbreviated. It is important to recognize that as is likely to be the case for all departments in the humanities, we are an aggregate of individual teachers and scholars committed to independent thinking and respectful of our differing opinions. The upshot of this is that for many parts of this report there may not be a perfect consensus or unanimity of opinion among our faculty. We accept this as inevitable and do not see it as in any way an impediment to our constructive and cooperative efforts to work toward a common excellence. Ultimately, the chairman of the department is responsible for the wording of all parts of the narrative. *Festina lente.*

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