

Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics

Departmental Goals with Outcomes

At the completion of the program and depending upon the level of course work completed in individual areas, the student will be able to:

(1) Use the tools of critical analysis, whether linguistic, cultural, or literary

- (a) Linguistic: Identify elements, categories, and relations in selected or naturally occurring sets of linguistic evidence
- (b) Literary: Identify genre, literary devices, movement and period
- (c) Cultural: Identify social structures, cultural practices and products in their historical context

(2) Demonstrate knowledge of how languages operate

- (a) Identify and analyze differences between languages
- (b) Make generalizations about language based on recognition of its systematic nature
- (c) Recognize that languages vary across time, space, and social groups

(3) Communicate in one or more languages

- (a) Communicate appropriately in accordance with their highest level of coursework

(4) Extrapolate how to acquire a subsequent language

- (a) Recognize and assess their own individual language learning strategies.
- (b) Predict their own language learning difficulties and construct strategies to overcome them.

(5) Locate, organize, evaluate, and meaningfully apply information about culture(s)

- (a) Demonstrate understanding of the constructed nature of culture and
- (b) reflectively compare cultures and civilizations, reflect on cultural differences, values and beliefs, and
- (c) analyze literary and cultural texts in relation to perspectives of the target culture(s).