

## Annual Report on Program Learning Outcomes Assessment

**Program:** *BA in Italian & Linguistics*

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### 1. List the learning outcomes for the program:

- *Students graduating with a major in Italian & Linguistics are expected to attain:*
- *1. An understanding of the fundamental questions that drive modern linguistic research concerning formal structure, universals, acquisition, historical change, variation, and social dimensions of use.*
- *2. Foundational knowledge in the core areas of linguistic theory, including phonetics, syntax, and semantics.*
- *3. The ability to identify and describe with precision the empirical patterns found in sets of language data, and to construct well-reasoned linguistic analyses by formulating, testing, and refining hypotheses about these patterns.*
- *4. Proficiency in the Italian language at an advanced level, with respect to reading, writing, speaking, and understanding of spoken Italian.*
- *5. Critical and analytical engagement with Italian cultural and literary traditions, practices, genres, and great works.*
- *6. Systematic exposure to the earliest forms of written Italian from the 12th through the 17th century: Umbrian, Sicilian, Tuscan, and the emergence of literary Italian.*