

Annual Report on Program Learning Outcomes Assessment

Program: *BA in Linguistics*

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1. List the learning outcomes for the program:

- *Students graduating with a major in 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. The ability to critically evaluate popular beliefs regarding the nature and use of language, and to provide informed contributions to contemporary debates about language.*
- *5. Experience in conducting the kind of research that is carried out in Linguistics, through projects, experiments, or field research; experience in presenting their own research and/or reviewing the literature through written papers and oral presentations.*
- *6. Proficiency at or above the intermediate level in at least two non-native languages, as evidenced by the successful completion of courses at or above the third semester level.*