

Student Learning Outcomes

GERMAN

LANGUAGE

Students will demonstrate an ability to operate in German, i.e, communicate orally and in writing, demonstrate an awareness of appropriateness of communication with respect to situation and register, and be able to write a cogent essay according to appropriate disciplinary standards.

Assessment: Oral presentations in a sampling of upper-division courses will be filmed or a faculty committee will witness and review live presentations every 3 years. Speaking ability will be assessed according to a departmental rubric for oral proficiency. Written assignments from German 103 and a sampling of other upper-division linguistics, literature, and cultures courses will be reviewed every 3 years and evaluated with respect to a departmental rubric for a writing proficiency standard.

CULTURE

Students will demonstrate knowledge of cultural concepts and artifacts within a historical context, be able to draw comparisons to other cultures, and demonstrate an awareness of cultural issues.

Assessment: Final exams or papers from a sampling of upper-division culture courses will be reviewed every 3 years and assessed for cultural competence in accordance with a departmental rubric.

LITERATURE

Students will demonstrate: analytic, interpretive, and critical thinking skills; knowledge of research protocols (e.g., proper citation); understanding of the specificity of the literary object as well as its historical cultural context; and a general familiarity with literary history.

Assessment: Papers and assignments from a sampling of other upper-division literature courses will be reviewed every 3 years to assess subject competence in accordance with a departmental rubric.

LINGUISTICS

Students will demonstrate an ability to objectively analyze language as a phenomenon as well as an ability to deal with language data using social science methodology.

Assessment: Final work from a sampling of upper-division linguistics courses will be reviewed every 3 years and assessed for competence in the subject area in accordance with a departmental rubric.