Graduate Program Learning Outcomes

1. Similarities and differences across languages (M.A. and Ph.D.)

Languages vary in their grammars, lexicons, sound systems, and practices of language use. Students will demonstrate understanding of phonetic, phonological, morphological, syntactic, and semantic similarities and differences among the world's languages.

2. Theoretical foundations (M.A. and Ph.D.)

Students will demonstrate that they understand central questions that have formed the basis for various approaches to the description and modeling of human languages, as well as current issues specific to the core subfields within linguistics.

3. Research (M.A. and Ph.D.)

Students will be able to articulate hypotheses about linguistic phenomena, identify and assemble relevant data, and analyze and assess the results.

4. Methodologies (M.A. and Ph.D.)

Linguistic research involves data from a variety of sources, including gathering of acceptability or semantic judgments, lab experiments, field research, corpus studies, interviews, and use of secondary sources such as reference works. Students will be exposed to several of these methodologies and master at least one of them.

5. Ethical issues (Ph.D.)

Students will demonstrate understanding and respect of the ethical norms involved in linguistic research.

6. Professional communication skills

    A. M.A. and Ph.D.: Students will attain the skills necessary to prepare written presentations on linguistic topics.

    *B. Ph.*D: Students will acquire the professional skills needed to communicate the results of their research at academic conferences and other forums, and write up their results in preparation for submission to proceedings and journals.