Students must demonstrate:

- the ability to apply critical thinking skills through the analysis of linguistic data in the linguistic subfields of phonetics, phonology, and syntax.

- the ability to apply critical thinking skills through the analysis of linguistic data in at least one linguistic subfield other than those listed in (1); these fields may be, but are not limited to morphology, semantics, mathematical linguistics, and language change.

- understanding of advanced theoretical concepts and/or analytical techniques in at least one subfield of linguistics from (1) or (2).

- competence in at least one area of laboratory, experimental, or field research in linguistics.