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.