Graduates in Portuguese achieve core competencies in written and oral communication, critical thinking, and information literacy and will be able to:

- demonstrate oral, aural, and written mastery of the Portuguese language.
- demonstrate, within the context of specialized topics in Portuguese and Luso-Brazilian studies, specific skills and expertise acquired in earlier coursework, including research, analysis, and writing.
- identify and analyze appropriate primary sources.
- acquire a working knowledge of scholarly discourse relative to a specialized topic.
- conceive and execute research projects that identify and engage with a specialized topic.
- engage with a community of scholars, presenting one’s own work to peers and helping to further the work of those peers through discussion and critique.