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

- demonstrate a technical mastery of the Spanish language: its pronunciation (phonetics and phonology), its history (historical linguistics), and its structure (syntax).

- demonstrate, within the context of a specialized topic, how to do basic spoken language research in Spanish linguistics, mainly Latin American Spanish and Chicano Spanish or Los Angeles vernacular.

- identify and analyze appropriate primary linguistic sources, mainly within the Generative framework.

- acquire a working knowledge of scholarly discourse relative to a specialized Spanish linguistics topic (phonology, syntax and historical linguistics).

- conceive and execute a research project that identifies and engages with a specialized topic in Spanish linguistics as a result of the practical part of the Phonetics and Phonology class and the Syntax class.