**Learning Goals for the English Major**

**READING**: Students will be able to describe, explicate, analyze, comprehend, and explain literary, media, and/or rhetorical works.

**WRITING**: Students will be able to write logical and compelling essays that demonstrate fluency in close reading, clarity in analysis and argumentation, and sophistication in critical thinking, reflecting broad knowledge of a range of literary and cultural topics and methods. (NB: By “sophistication,” we mean nuance, complexity, and reflexivity.)

**RESEARCH**: Students will be able to search for, identify, and evaluate pertinent primary and secondary sources in both print and digital formats; identify, define, and use field-appropriate research methods as well as theoretical and interpretive frames; and integrate, with appropriate citation, sources, methods, and theories into original arguments.

**CONTENT KNOWLEDGE**: Students will be able to demonstrate familiarity with literary and cultural production from a range of communities and cultures; to make connections among diverse historical eras, genres, styles, forms, theories, and techniques; and to situate works within their historical and cultural contexts.