### STATEMENT OF MISSION:
The Department of Language and Letters offers courses in art, composition, drama, French, literature, Spanish, and speech. The outcomes of the Department of Language and Letters are to enable students to appreciate the ability of the spoken and written language to express ideas and emotions, read easily and fluently, write clearly and cogently, comprehend the scope of written expression in its historical and/or cultural contexts, appreciate individual works in terms of style and substance, synthesize ideas drawn from diverse cultures separated by time and space, create original responses to texts in a variety of written and oral forms, appreciate the variety of forms of communication.

### OBJECTIVES
- Appreciate the ability of spoken and written language to express ideas and emotions
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### ASSESSMENT TOOLS AND PROCESSES
- **Senior Project:** a capstone course to serve as a stepping stone to the student’s next step out of college. With a faculty advisor of his or her choosing, the student will design, implement, and execute a Senior Project that can take one of the following forms: a lengthy research paper, internship with accompanying performance, creative writing, etc. as approved by English Faculty by Enrollment Verification. If not submitted and/or approved, the student will be dropped from Senior Project until the next semester. The student presents final, revised 1. 1. Senior Project in a Round Table for final deliberation and grading by English Faculty. 2. Also, each student must present a Portfolio of his or her writing throughout his or her matriculation to be kept in

### BENCHMARK RESULTS AND ANALYSES
- A letter grade of “C” or better in Senior Project course from 100% of the English majors. A GPA of 2.5 or better in all English coursework.
- 100% success for future completion. Senior Projects were successfully completed, presented, and earned A’s for their work in Fall 2013. All three were multi-media presentations. Two were literary research papers, and one was a political research paper.

### ACTIONS
- Senior Thesis Advisors continue to work with Seniors to develop and present a greater variety of topics for Senior Thesis with a Multimedia component for some Graduates so that they do as much work as the Graduates doing the regular Senior Thesis. Also, Course Substitution sheets were filled out to allow graduates to take courses in other fields for English credit that would aid them in their future plans. All Graduating Seniors have been informed that they need to submit to Chair Ross their Portfolios and to consult with either their Senior Project Advisor or Advisor for review and discussion. The Department revised its Mission Statement and Course Descriptions to align more with the PSC Mission Statement. The Department also designed the Emphasis Areas for Majors who wish to pursue Law; Professional, Technical, or Creative Writing; Teaching; Public Office; Fine Arts; or, the Seminary. Undergraduate Internships for our Majors include: Heifer International, Disney World, JAG, LA Public Relations Firm, local Radio and Television Stations, local Law Firms, local Non Profits, Local, State, and National Government Internships, PreLaw US Programs in AR and IL, and United Methodist Missionary Summer.
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departmental records. 3. A GPA of 2.5 or better in English Courses is required to declare Major in English and must be maintained. 4. Lastly, the Humanities’ Senator from the SGA will be brought into discussion and asked to assist in Assessment.

Programs Abroad. Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships for our Majors include: Full Rides to University of Pennsylvania, Bowen Law School, and University of Missouri Columbia; three US Seminaries; UALR Professional and Technical Writing MA Program; and, National Journalism Scholarships for Undergraduate Study. Undergraduate and Graduate Fellowships for our Majors include: Fulbright Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, Arkansas Teaching Fellows, and PLUS Fellowships. Graduate School Degrees attained and being sought include: MA Programs in Russian Studies, Journalism, and Communication; MS in Computer Science; and, MA/MAT/MMed in Programs in English and Applied Communication Studies. Graduate Schools attended by our Majors include: University of London, UK; U of Pennsylvania; U of Illinois; Webster U; Vanderbilt; American U Washington, DC; UN Las Vegas; U Missouri, Columbia; UALR; UCA; U of Georgia/Oxford U, UK; Perkins’ Theological; Interdenominational Theological Center; U of Ohio; Bowling Green; and Clinton School of Public Service.