

- These objectives were up-dated in the fall of 2016. Outcome data and data based decision report are based on previous on the previous objectives and plan.

## **Philosophy Student Learning Objectives:**

1. Students will be able to write and speak clearly about challenging philosophical texts, demonstrating an ability to grasp the central claim of a text, and showing awareness of different interpretations. (interpretation)
2. Students will be able to provide fair assessments of arguments, with thoughtful consideration of objections and counterexamples. (reasoning)
3. Students will be able to demonstrate thoughtful engagement with different approaches or perspectives on moral questions, both orally and in writing. (ethics)
4. Students will demonstrate in their essays knowledge of ideas and theories from influential historical philosophers, and will be able to bring those ideas and theories to bear on philosophical questions. (history)
5. Students will be able to raise thoughtful and interesting questions and objections that further and enrich philosophical discussions, both orally and in writing. (creativity)
6. Students will be successful in gaining admission to graduate programs and professional schools.