Here are the Student Learning Outcomes of the Undergraduate English major at Northridge:

1. You will gain the ability to read critically.
2. You will gain the ability to write effectively.
3. You will gain a broad knowledge of and ability to engage with relevant theories.
4. You will gain a broad knowledge of literary and cultural history with an emphasis on British and American literature and culture.
5. You will gain knowledge of the cultural diversity of literatures.

Here are the SLOs for the Composition Program:

1. Students will develop competence in writing an academic essay—that is, a thesis driven text that is characterized by reason, logic, and analytic thinking;
2. Students will understand that writing in an academic context means becoming knowledgeable about the subject, indicating awareness of the ideas of others, basing claims on logic and credible evidence, and using language in such a way as to appear truthful and fair;
3. Students will view writing as a recursive process—which includes invention, drafting, and revision;
4. Students will gain facility in various contexts for writing, including timed writing, and develop rhetorical strategies appropriate to audience and purpose;
5. Students will develop critical reading strategies and apply them to both print and visual texts. In this context, students will become aware of different texts, including those that reflect multicultural images and voices;
6. Students will develop fluency and style by practicing sentence variety, increasing vocabulary, and using the conventions of edited American English;
7. Students will develop proficiency in research and documentation techniques;
8. Students will understand how to use writing and reading as a means of participating in democracy and social change.