1. Articulates research questions reflecting an interdisciplinary perspective on development research, theory and practice.

2. Formulates ideas and/or techniques beyond the current boundaries of knowledge within development studies.

3. Creates scholarship that makes a substantive contribution to development studies.

4. Demonstrates interdisciplinary breadth within their learning experiences.

5. Communicates complex ideas in a clear and understandable manner, both orally and in written form.

6. Fosters ethical and professional conduct in their research, teaching, and policy work.