1. Formulates and plans original research.
2. Formulates scientific hypotheses, ideas, concepts, designs, and/or techniques beyond the current boundaries of knowledge within geoscience.
3. Creates research and scholarship that makes a substantive contribution.
4. Demonstrates breadth within their learning experiences, gaining a broad awareness of the status of contemporary research beyond the student’s area of specialization.
5. Advances contributions of geoscience to society.
6. Communicates complex ideas in a clear and understandable manner, including the ability to engage and communicate with research professionals in geoscience.
7. Fosters ethical and professional conduct.