1. Articulates, critiques, or elaborates the theories, research methods, and approaches to inquiry and/or schools of practice in the field of study.

2. Articulates sources and assembles evidence pertaining to questions or challenges in the field of study.

3. Assesses and/or applies methodologies and practices in the field of study.

4. Articulates challenges involved in practicing the field of study, elucidates its leading edges, and delineates its current limits with respect to theory, knowledge, and/or practice.

5. Appreciates the implication of the primary field of study in terms of challenges, trends, and developments in a broader scientific context.

6. Demonstrates abilities to apply knowledge through critical thinking, inquiry, and analysis to solve problems, engage in scholarly work, and/or produce creative products.

7. Evaluates, assesses or refines information resources or an information base within the field.

8. Communicates clearly in styles appropriate to the field of study.

9. Recognizes and applies ethical conduct and professional guidelines.