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. Initiates, assembles, arranges and/or reformulates ideas, concepts, designs, and/or techniques in carrying out a project beyond conventional boundaries.

7. Engages diverse cultural, historical or scientific perspectives and articulates how these perspectives contribute to a project, paper or performance.

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

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

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

11. Develops hypothesis, creates research, scholarship or performance that makes a substantive contribution to the field of study.

12. Demonstrates breadth within their learning experiences.

13. Implements methodologies and/or practices to test hypotheses and illustrates the implications of the experimental outcome to the field of study and its relationship to allied fields.

14. Develops new concepts and methodologies and/or identifies new research opportunities.

15. Communicates complex and/or ambiguous ideas clearly.

16. Evaluates the implications of one’s own scholarship/research/performance to broader scientific advancement.

17. Recognizes and applies ethical conduct and professional guidelines.

18. Fosters ethical conduct and professional guidelines.