1. acquire specialized training in archaeological research, which may include: obtaining basic knowledge of and skills in observational methods and recording of information for a variety of lines of archaeological evidence, putting these abilities into practice in the classroom and outside of the classroom, developing research questions and the analytical skills necessary to address them, strengthening archaeological interpretations through critical thinking and reference to empirical evidence, gaining experience in considering a problem, synthesizing information from disparate sources, and evaluating contrasting arguments, being able to distinguish between empirical research and speculation, communicating archaeological findings through written and oral expression.

2. obtain comparative global knowledge of archaeology, material culture, and the evolution of people's relationships with the physical world.

3. become aware of the ethical practice of archaeology and heritage preservation.

4. synthesize information relevant to archaeological research across multiple disciplines.

5. gain an appreciation of cultural diversity through time and space.