1. Skill in visual analysis of single images and comparative analysis of multiple images and objects, evaluating a range of elements such as form, color, light, proportion, viewpoint, material, and narrative structure.

2. Proficiency in interpreting images and objects in ways that take into account the historical contexts in which they were produced and received.

3. Consolidation of knowledge across a range of time and geography to reach an understanding of the ways in which art and its meaning are rooted in culture.

4. Ability to locate and enlist research resources in both print and digital form and assess the strengths and weaknesses of various types of resources.

5. Knowledge and skills to interpret images and objects in ways that consider a variety of theoretical perspectives.

6. Ability to assess and critique scholarly arguments and evaluate the strength of the visual and textual evidence presented.