1. Explain the basic concepts of ecology and evolution and how they underpin and apply to the science of conservation biology.

2. Understand and explain the scientific process as related to conservation biology, including the relevance of theories and how hypotheses are tested.

3. Recognize species within some particular group of organisms and explain key aspects of their ecology, phylogeny, and conservation needs.

4. Apply general ecological principles to assess and address conservation threats to particular species, communities, and ecosystems.

5. Investigate and communicate the connections between the biological and social sciences and humanities as they affect conservation programs and activities.

6. Identify, interpret, and communicate conservation ideas, needs and programs to others.