GRADUATE DEGREE PROFICIENCIES

Research Doctoral Proficiencies
A candidate for a research doctoral degree is expected to demonstrate mastery of knowledge in the chosen discipline(s) and to synthesize and create new knowledge, making an original and substantial contribution to the discipline in a timely fashion.

Proficiencies
1. Make an original and substantive scholarly contribution to the discipline(s).
   - Think independently and collaboratively to develop questions, concepts, and methodologies.
   - Identify new research opportunities within relevant fields.
   - Reflect critically on the scholarship in the discipline(s).
   - Keep abreast of current advances within one’s field and related areas.
   - Recognize and articulate the value of multiple ways of knowing in advancing scholarship.
   - Maintain currency in multicultural issues relevant to the discipline(s) and in frameworks that contest and elaborate dominant paradigms and theories (e.g., critical, post-colonial, indigenous).
   - Demonstrate ability to work with multiple perspectives.
2. Demonstrate advanced research and writing skills.
   - Identify and access appropriate resources and critically analyze and evaluate one’s own findings and those of others.
   - Master application of existing research methodologies, techniques, and technical skills.
   - Demonstrate ability to write about complex ideas and research in a professional and nuanced manner.
3. Demonstrate commitment to participation in the community of scholars.
   - Show commitment to professional development through engagement in professional societies, publication, and other knowledge transfer modes.
   - Show commitment to supporting and promoting learning through teaching, collaborative inquiry, or professional practice.
4. Demonstrate ability to situate scholarship in relation to social and personal transformation.
   - Situate self in relationship to work and multiple perspectives.
   - Build upon internal passion and vision toward external career and action (“inspired vocation”).
5. Demonstrate broad professional skills.
   - Adhere to ethical standards in the discipline and in relation to the communities studied.
   - Listen, give, and receive feedback effectively.
   - Communicate in a style appropriate to the discipline and setting.
   - Appropriately use media for the dissemination of work.