Students completing the capstone should be able to:

• demonstrate, within the context of a specialized topic in development studies specific skills and expertise acquired in earlier coursework, including original research, data analysis, clear and cogent writing, and general knowledge/critique of major issues in development studies.

• identify, analyze, select, and use relevant data from primary and secondary sources.

• acquire a working knowledge and form an opinion about diverse perspectives and discourses pertaining to the study of development.

• design an original research project that identifies, engages, and addresses a focused problem within a specialized sub-topic of development studies.

• actively engage with a community of scholars by expressing their viewpoints through robust and informed discourse.