1) Students completing the Gerontology MA are expected to develop knowledge in the field of aging, including a thorough understanding of normal aging (biological, psychological, and sociocultural), demographics, and diversity in the aging population.

2) Students completing the Gerontology MA are expected to develop an understanding of the body of research literature in the field, and theories and methods used in the field.

3) Students completing the Gerontology MA are expected to develop both a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary understanding of the processes of normal aging of the rapidly growing and diverse population of older adults in N.C., the U.S., and internationally.

4) Students completing the Gerontology MA are expected to demonstrate an understanding of the formal and informal systems of support through which we address the needs of older adults.

5) Students demonstrate an ability to design and carry out an independent research study or applied project and present the results in a professional context.