UB SCHOOL OF LAW CORE COMPETENCIES
as approved by the Faculty on December 12, 2012

JUSTICE, PROFESSIONALISM AND ETHICS
• Ethical responsibilities in the service of justice
• Development of a professional identity
• Development of professional values, including judgment, reflectiveness, and decision-making
• Development of professional interpersonal skills, and cultural sensitivity
• Commitment to public and pro bono service

SUBSTANTIVE KNOWLEDGE
• Knowledge of doctrinal law, including its history, theory, policy, and context
• Principles of the U. S. legal system and legal systems worldwide

CORE LEGAL CONTEXTS
• Statutory law
• Common law
• Constitutional law
• Procedural law
• Administrative law
• International law

FUNDAMENTAL LAWYERING SKILLS
• Critical thinking, including critical analysis of law
• Legal and factual research and conventional legal citation
• Problem solving
• Persuasion and rhetoric
• Litigation Skills
• Transactional Skills
• Legal writing
• Oral advocacy
• ADR
• Client interviewing
• Client counseling