

Jackson College Course Guide for Western Michigan University Essential Studies (WES) Catalog Years Beginning 2020

All students graduating from WMU must meet the requirements of WMU Essential Studies.

Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA): Students whose transcripts have been certified as having fulfilled the requirements of the Michigan Transfer Agreement by Jackson College will have satisfied WES Level 1: Foundations and Level 2: Exploration and Discovery requirements. Students then only need to satisfy WMU Essential Studies requirements of two Level 3: Connections courses (one from Local and National Perspectives and one from Global Perspectives).

Transferring to WMU without having fulfilled the MTA requires completion of one course from each of the 12 categories shown under the three levels below in order to graduate from WMU. Prior to registering for your first semester at WMU, please meet with your WMU academic advisor to determine which levels and categories are still needed to complete your degree at WMU.

Level I – Foundations

Writing (WR) – Choose one

ENG 131 | Writing Experience I

ENG 132 | Writing Experience II

ENG 131A | Writing Experience I

ENG 232 | Technical & Business Writing

Oral and Digital Communication (ODC) – Choose one

COM 231 | Communication Fundamentals

COM 234 | Public Address

COM 231A | Communication Fundamentals

Quantitative Literacy (QL) – Choose one

ACC 231 | Principles of Accounting I

MAT 135 | Finite Mathematics

CIS 101 | Introduction to Computing Systems

MAT 141 | Precalculus

ECN 231 | Macroeconomics

MAT 151 | Calculus I

ECN 232 | Microeconomics

Inquiry and Engagement (IE) – Choose one

ANT 131 | Cultural Anthropology

PHL 231 | Introduction to Philosophy

ART 201 | 3-D Design: Shapes & Space

PHL 232 | Logic

HIS 120 | Ancient History

PHL 236 | Ethics

HIS 131 | Western Civilization to 1555

PSL 141 | American National Government

HIS 132 | Western Civilization 1555 to Present

PLS 262 | International Relations

HIS 231 | Developing U.S. Through Civil War

SOC 231 | Principles of Sociology

HIS 232 | Developing U.S. Through Civil War

SWK 292 | Introduction to Social Work

MUS 131 | Understanding Music

THR 116 | Introduction to Theatre

Level II Exploration and Diversity

Personal Wellness (PW) – Choose one

COM 240 | Interpersonal Communications

HPF 283 | Managing Stress/Holistic Health

World Language and Culture (WLC) – Choose one

FRN 132 | Elementary French II

GER 132 | Elementary German II

PHL 243 | Great World Religions

SPN 132 | Elementary Spanish II

SPN 231 | Intermediate Spanish I

SPN 232 | Intermediate Spanish II

Artistic Theory and Practice (ATP) – Choose one

ART 112 | Art History: Renaissance to Present

ENG 210 | Introduction to Film

ENG 247 | Poetry & Drama

ENG 252 | Shakespeare

ENG 261 | Creative Writing I

ENG 262 | Creative Writing II

MUS 132 | History of American Popular Music

Scientific Literacy with a Lab (LS) – Choose one

BIO 110 | Introductory Biology

BIO 158 | Environmental Science

GEL 109 | Earth Science

GEL 160 | Introduction to Geology

PHY 231 | College Physics I

PHY 251 | Modern University Physics I

Science and Technology (ST) – Choose one

CIS 203 | Introduction to Probability & Statistics

MAT 133 | Introduction to Probability & Statistics

PSY 140 | Introduction to Psychology

PSY 140A | Introduction to Psychology

Societies and Cultures (SC) – Choose one

ART 111 | Art History Pre-Historic to 1400

GEO 132 | World Regions

PSY 236 | Women In A Changing Society

SOC 236 | Women In A Changing Society

Level III Connections**Local and National Perspectives (LNP)**

To be completed at WMU

Global Perspectives (GP)

To be completed at WMU

Diversity and Inclusion

HDF 283 | Managing Stress & Holistic Health

PSY 236 | Women in Changing Society

Planetary Sustainability

BIO 158 | Environmental Science