

WMU Essential Studies Glossary of Terms

WMU Essential Studies	The Western Michigan University general education program
Levels	There are three WMU Essential Studies levels, which divide the program. It is expected that students will progress from one level to the next.
Foundations	Level I-Foundations is the first level in WMU Essential Studies. It is expected that these skills are the base line for beginning students and progressing through the program will build on the skills of the Foundations.
Exploration and Discovery	Level II-Exploration and Discovery is the second level in WMU Essential Studies. It is expected that the majority of general education will be experienced by students at this level.
Connections	Level III-Connections is the third and final level in WMU Essential Studies. It is expected that skills from Level I will be fortified at this level, as well as exposing students to concepts of global and international perspectives.
Course Categories	Course Categories replace the prior General Education Areas and Proficiencies, and are the categories of courses that will be aligned within each Level.
Student Learning Outcomes	Statements of achievement that students will be assessed for success in the course.