

# WAYNE EXPERIENCE

*The Wayne Experience (WE) requirement is currently suspended. While a number of WE courses will continue to be offered, all students are encouraged to discuss the election of a WE course with an advisor before officially registering for the course.*

The Wayne Experience (WE), a course required of all first-year students and selected from a list of specialized one-credit courses, plays an instrumental role in socializing students into the university community. WE provides activities that will increase students' connections with fellow students, academic advising staff, and their instructors. The course will enhance student engagement, success, and retention by implementing high-impact practices within a student's first year in college, and will help to build key skills and habits for successful navigation of the university. These skills and habits include time management, study and test-taking skills, and engaging in on- and off-campus community activities. Transformative educational experience like WE can foster student motivation, engagement, learning, achievement, persistence and degree attainment.

Transfer students: Wayne Experience (WE) will be automatically waived if a student transfers a minimum of 24 credits to WSU. Advanced Placement (AP) tests, International Baccalaureate (IB) tests, CLEP exams, High School Dual Enrollment, and Early/Middle College DO NOT count towards waiving WE.

## Goals

The goals of WE include:

1. *Belonging*: WE will foster a sense of belonging and connection; cultivate the development and expanding of relationships; meet students where they are; and promote their sense of personal purpose at Wayne State University;
2. *Acculturation to the academic community*: WE will promote an understanding of what it means to be a Wayne State student. Acculturation includes grasping the value of general education and linking theory to practice by participating as a member of a diverse and inclusive academic community;
3. *WSU in Detroit*: WE will cultivate an understanding of WSU's role in local cultures and history as well as develop an appreciation of how public service can transform individuals and communities; and
4. *Academic Support and Study Skills*: WE will promote the understanding of and use of the full spectrum of academic support services to collectively empower students to transform themselves into self-directed learners and powerful problem-solvers.

## Learning Outcomes

Specific learning outcomes of WE may vary from offering to offering but draw from the LEAP Essential Learning Outcomes, as adapted through our general education reform process.

After successful completion of this requirement, students will be able to demonstrate their ability to:

- Describe meaningful connections with Wayne State peers, faculty, staff, and campus resources.
- Demonstrate foundational skills necessary for undergraduate-level academic and personal achievement at Wayne State University.
- Relate the value of attending WSU to the student's own academic and personal pursuits.

- Develop self-advocacy to optimize the use of campus resources and academic opportunities.

## Courses

Courses currently approved for Wayne Experience include:

Code	Title	Credits
BE 1060	Building a Foundation for College Success	1
FPC 1020	Building a Foundation for College Success	1
HON 1110	Passport to Success	1
KHS 1010	Wellness at Wayne	1
RSE 1010	Building a Foundation for College Success	1
UGR 1050	Research Methods - BUILD Scholars	1