
12 October 2026

TO: WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee:
Elissa Allen, Samantha Collet, Lisa DeChano-Cook, Dana Hammond,
Kwangmin Lee, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Matilda McLean, Marie Moreno,
Nathan Tabor, Kathryn Wagner
Advisory Members: Jacquelyn Bizzell, Melinda Lockett, Lucy Parrott,
Colleen Stano, Sharon Van Dyken, Destiny Wallace
Ex Officio: WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee
Representative

FROM: Katherine Suender, Chair

WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee

AGENDA

19 October 2026 – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee Meeting
Minutes of 28 September 2026

3. Election of Officers– Suender

- a. Vice Chair

4. Reports of Officers

- a. Chair Report – Suender
- b. Ex Officio Report – TBD

5. Reports of University Representatives

- a. WMU Essential Studies Faculty Director Report – Allen

- b. Curriculum Manager Report– DeChano-Cook

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Curriculum Proposals
 - i. [GEOG - 2050 - Human Geography](#)

7. New Business

- a. Curriculum Proposals
 - i. [ANTH - 2100 - Introduction to Archaeology](#)
 - ii. [GEOS - 3220 - Ocean Systems](#)
 - iii. [NUR - 2200 - Foundations of Nursing Practice](#)
 - iv. [NUR - 2300 - Nursing for Health & Wellness](#)
 - v. [NUR - 3220 - Health Care Ethics](#)
 - vi. [ANTH - 4040 - Early Technologies](#)
 - vii. [JPNS - 2000 - Intermediate Japanese I](#)
 - viii. [JPNS - 2010 - Intermediate Japanese II](#)
 - ix. [GEOS - 1600 - Blue Planet: How Water Shapes Our World](#)
 - x. [ECON - 3090 - The Economics of Gender and Race](#)
 - xi. [FYE - 2100 - First-Year Experience](#)
 - xii. [ARAB - 2000 - Intermediate Arabic I](#)
 - xiii. [SOC - 2600 - Introduction to Criminal Justice Studies](#)
 - xiv. [SOC - 3620 - Criminology](#)
 - xv. [ENGR - 3700 - Engineering Global Practices in Western Countries](#)
 - xvi. [LAT - 2000 - An Introduction to the Study of Latin Literature](#)
 - xvii. [LAT - 2010 - Latin Composition](#)
 - xviii. [PSCI - 3950 - Data in Politics and Policy](#)

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment