Description
This course of study outlines the sequence of learning activities that will help you demonstrate competence in Education Without Boundaries. This Course of Study can take up to three (3) weeks. Following this document sequentially is an important part of your preparation. Completion of this Course of Study and Academic Activity Verification signals a Pass for the EWOB assessment. These steps may be completed more quickly than shown below but must be completed so that Academic Activity Verification can be set by the 20th day of the month.

Introduction
This Course of Study is designed to prepare you to demonstrate competence for the orientation to the WGU process. You must have all EWB activities and the EWB final assessment completed by the 15th day of the month. Research suggests that successful students spend 20 hours or more per week studying. As you begin the EWB orientation process, plan to spend 2 hours or more on each module to develop time management skills that will prepare you for the rigors of your program of study.

If at any time you require additional assistance or have any questions while working on this course of study, please feel free to contact the mentors for this area:

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Competencies Covered:

Competency 101.1.1: Academic Expectations
The student understands academic expectations in the WGU Model.

Competency 101.1.2: Student Resources
The student understands how to utilize WGU student resources.
**Competency 101.2.1: Strategies for Personal Success**
The student utilizes strategies for personal success.

**Competency 101.3.1: Academic Program**
The student understands the scope, sequence and rigor of the WGU academic program.

The Education Without Boundaries assessment process (EWOB) covers the following topics:
- Your EWB community
- WGU resources
- Communications and academic expectations
- WGU Library
- Academic Action Plan (AAP)
- Strategies for student success
- Academic authenticity
- TaskStream

**Required Learning Resources:**

1. The EWB Independent Learning Resource is found at: [EWB Learning Resource](#)
   
   Bookmark this link, so that as modules are reviewed, access is easy. You will enter your WGU portal username and password to begin interaction with the EWB modules. (NOTE: If you change your WGU username and password, it will NOT automatically adjust for access for the Learning Resource content.) Following the assignment links and completing the required activities is mandatory. As you complete each module, you will complete the self-assessment which will demonstrate your competence for that subject area. As you finish the final module, you will demonstrate your competence on the final assessment. You must have check marks on all assignments. Upon completion of all the assignments, the student’s mentor will receive email notification and Academic Activity Verification can be completed.

2. The EWB Program Specific Learning Community is found at: [My WGU Portal](#)

   The EWB Community provides support for new students as they come to WGU. Students interact with the EWB Mentors and collaborate with students through scheduled chats, conference calls, live contact and/or by email. Participation in discussion threads is required to discuss the EWB content and process, and through community interaction students will become acquainted with their program of study. To access the EWB Learning Community, click on the community icon in the portal.
3. Informational Events/Calendar of Events:

A Calendar of Events can be found in the EWB Community “Blogs” section and through email correspondence from the EWB community mentors. Attendance at group chats and/or conference calls gives you an opportunity to learn more about WGU and your program, meet other students in your program and to ask questions that you may have. Please mark these events on your calendar.

WEEK 1

Getting Started

The activities for Week 1 will introduce you to WGU and establish required expectations. These activities must be completed no later than the 7th day of the month.

Background

Students starting at WGU benefit from understanding WGU expectations. Locating resources, developing successful strategies and understanding academic program requirements are important competencies for new students to develop as they begin their studies at WGU. Students are in close contact with their mentors as they navigate the EWB new student experience.

Introduction to your EWB Community: Module 1

The Introduction to your EWB Community Module includes resources from the EWB Independent Learning Resource and the EWB Community. Be sure to utilize these resources and complete the related activities.

- View Module 1 in the EWB Independent Learning Resource
  EWB Learning Resource
  View Module 1, “Introduction to your EWB Community”.

  Pay close attention to the following concepts as you view module 1:

  - What are the benefits of learning communities to WGU learners?
  - How can you utilize the community structure at WGU to assist you personally?

- Set Up Profile
  Set up your profile in the EWB Learning Community as directed in Module 1, Required Activity #1.
- **Download “My Messenger”**
  Download “My Messenger” as directed in Module 1, Required Activity #2. Information about how to do this is found on the “Getting Started” link in your EWB Learning Community.

- **Student Handbook**
  Locate the Student Handbook as directed in Module 1, Required Activity #3.

- **Reply to Discussion Thread**
  Visit the EWB Learning Community and reply to the Introductions Discussion Thread and enter the name of the person you replied to as directed in Module 1, Required Activity #4.

- **Guided Self-Assessment**
  Complete the Guided Self-Assessment in Module 1 of the EWB Learning Resource, Assignment 1.10.

- **Contact with mentor**
  As EWB begins, your Mentor will contact you to schedule an introduction phone call. This will take place within the first few days of the EWB process. It is the student’s responsibility to reply within 24 hours to the mentor’s email or phone message. It is important to reply immediately as you begin communication with your mentor so that schedules can be set accordingly.

**WGU Resources: Module 2**
The WGU Resources Module includes resources from your EWB Independent Learning Resource and the EWB Community. Be sure to utilize these resources and complete the related activities.

- **View Module 2 in the EWB Independent Learning Resource**
  [EBW Learning Resource](#)
  View Module 2, “WGU Resources”.

  Pay close attention to the following concepts as you view module 2:
  - What resources are available for students at WGU?
  - What is the student’s responsibility for locating and understanding the information available to students?

- **Student Handbook**
  Locate specific information in the student Handbook as directed in Module 2, Required Activity #1.
- **Reply to Discussion Thread**
  Visit the EWB Learning Community and find the discussion thread about support. Engage in discussion with other students and enter the name of the person you communicated with as directed in Module 2, Required Activity #2.

- **Guided Self-Assessment**
  Complete the Guided Self-Assessment in Module 2 of the EWB Learning Resource, Assignment 2.07.

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**Communications and Academic Expectations: Module 3**

Your study of Communications and Academic Expectation includes resources from the EWB Independent Learning Resource and the EWB Community. Be sure to utilize this resource and complete the related activities.

- **View Module 3 on the EWB Independent Learning Resource**
  [EWB Learning Resource]
  View Module 3, “Communications and Academic Expectations”.

  Pay close attention to the following concepts as you view Module 3:

  - What are the expectations for student and mentor communication?
  - How can a student demonstrate their responsibility for academic achievement?

- **Student Handbook**
  Look up “communication protocol” in the student Handbook as directed in Module 3, Required Activity #1.

- **E-mail Signature**
  Complete the E-mail Signature and send an email to your EWB Mentors that shows your new signature as directed in Module 3, Required Activity #2. (Helpful hint: Please follow guidelines for information to include in your signature. Having your mentor’s name, your student ID #, your phone number, and your time zone on your signature helps others at WGU assist you.)

- **Reply to Discussion Thread**
  Visit the EWB Learning Community and find the discussion thread about keeping in touch. Engage in discussion with other students.

- **Guided Self-Assessment**
Complete the Guided Self-Assessment in Module 3 of the EWB Learning Resource, Assignment 3.18.

**Library: Module 4**

Your study of the Library includes resources from the EWB Independent Learning Resource and the EWB Community. Be sure to utilize this resource and complete the related activities.

- **View Module 4 in the EWB Independent Learning Resource**
  EWB Learning Resource
  View Module 4, “Library”.

  Pay close attention to the following concepts as you view Module 4:
  
  - What are the resources available for students at the library?
  - What should a student do if they need assistance?

- **Report**
  Report about an article, author, and date as directed in Module 4, Assignment 4.04.

- **Reply to Discussion Thread**
  Visit the EWB Learning Community and find the discussion thread about the WGU Library. Engage in discussion with other students.

- **Guided Self-Assessment**
  Complete the Guided Self-Assessment in Module 4 of the EWB Learning Resource, Assignment 4.06.

**WEEK 2**

**Moving Forward**

The activities for Week 2 will introduce you to your academic program and strategies for success. Activities in this section need to be finished by the 15th of the month.

**Background**

Students will understand their Academic Action Plan and how it directs their program of study. Determining the location of an assessment site and the understanding process of scheduling objective assessments is necessary for all students. Developing strategies for success is crucial as students begin their program at WGU.
**Academic Action Plan: Module 5**

Your study of Academic Action Plan includes resources from you’re the EWB Independent Learning Resource EWB Community. Be sure to utilize this resource and complete the related activities.

- **View Module 5 on the EWB Independent Learning Resource**
  [EWB Learning Resource](#)
  View Module 5, “Academic Action Plan”.

  Pay close attention to the following concepts as you view Module 5:
  
  - What are your options for an assessment site?
  - What is the process required for scheduling an objective assessment?

- **Finding an Assessment Site**
  Locate a possible assessment site and discuss this location with your mentor during your AAP call as directed in Module 5, Required Activity #1.

- **Entering Assessment Site**
  Enter your possible assessment site as directed in Module 5, Required Activity #2.

- **Reply to Discussion Thread**
  Visit the EWB Learning Community and find the discussion thread about assessment sites. Engage in discussion with other students.

- **Guided Self-Assessment**
  Complete the Guided Self-Assessment in Module 5 of the EWB Learning Resource, Assignment 5.16.

- **AAP Meeting with your mentor**
  Schedule and complete your meeting with your mentor to review your AAP.

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**Strategies for Student Success: Module 6**

Your study of Strategies for Student Success includes resources from the EWB Independent Learning Resource and the EWB Community. Be sure to utilize this resource and complete the related activities.
View Module 6 in the EWB Independent Learning Resource

View Module 6, “Strategies for Student Success”.

Pay close attention to the following concepts as you view Module 6:
- What strategies have you identified that are important for you to be a successful student?
- What challenges do you anticipate with managing your study time?

20 Hour Study Schedule
Determine your personal schedule for dedicating at least 20 hours per week to your studies. Submit your schedule to your EWB Mentors’ group email address as directed in Module 6, Assignment 6.06.

Visit Program Community
Visit your WGU Program Community and enter your name as directed in Module 6, Assignment 6.12. Review the Program Orientation PowerPoint Presentation and attend a Question and Answer session or, if offered by your Program Community attend a Program Orientation Webconference. All EWB communities contain various threads that students need to review and interact with concerning their program community.

Reply to Discussion Thread
Visit the EWB Learning Community and find the Time Management discussion thread. Engage in discussion with other students.

Self-Assessment

Academic Authenticity: Module 7
Your study of Academic Authenticity includes resources from the EWB Independent Learning Resource and the EWB Community. Be sure to utilize this resource and complete the related activities.

View Module 7 in the EWB Independent Learning Resource

View Module 7, “Academic Authenticity”.

Pay close attention to the following concepts as you view Module 7:
- What obligations do students have to the WGU Academic Authenticity policy?
• What skills must a student demonstrate to properly cite, quote, or paraphrase material?

☐ Statement of Authenticity
Submit the Statement of Authenticity as directed in Module 7, Required Activity #1.

☐ Reply to Discussion Thread
Visit the EWB Learning Community and find the discussion thread about Academic Authenticity. Engage in discussion with other students. Enter the name of a person you communicated with as directed in Module 7, Required Activity #2.

☐ Guided Self-Assessment
Complete the Guided Self-Assessment in Module 7 of the EWB Learning Resource, Assignment 7.15.

TaskStream: Module 8
Your study of TaskStream includes resources from the EWB Independent Learning Resource and the EWB Community. Be sure to utilize this resource and complete the related activities. (NOTE: By the 10th day of the month, you will have access to your TaskStream account.)

☐ View Module 8 in the EWB Independent Learning Resource
EWB Learning Resource
View Module 8, “TaskStream”.

Pay close attention to the following concepts as you view Module 8:

• What are the proper procedures for utilizing TaskStream?
• What resources should students work with prior to engaging in TaskStream?

☐ Reply to Discussion Thread
Visit the EWB Learning Community, view a discussion thread, and enter a name as directed in Module 8, Assignment 8.05.

☐ Guided Self-Assessment
Complete the Guided Self-Assessment in Module 8 of the EWB Learning Resource, Assignment 8.07.

☐ TaskStream Conference Call
Attend the TaskStream Conference Call to learn how to use your account. Check the Calendar of Events in your EWB community.
WEEK 3

Finishing Up

The following activities for Week 3 will complete the EWB orientation process and document your next steps with your degree program. All activities must be completed, so that the student and the mentor can complete Academic Activity Verification by the 20th of the month.

Background

Students proceed onto their program assessments after all activities have been completed for the EWB process. Academic Activity Verification with the mentor is the signal that this process is complete.

Last Steps to Complete EWB

Your Last Steps in the Modules include resources from the EWB Independent Learning Resource and the EWB Community.

- **Final Assessment**
  Complete the Final Assessment in the EWB Independent Learning Resource. You must pass this with 80% to be complete and have your assignments checked off. Return to modules as needed to refresh your knowledge of the material.

- **Checklist for AAV**
  Complete the checklist for AAV in the EWB Independent Learning Resource. (NOTE: All assignments must show a check to be considered completed.) Upon completion of all required EWB activities, an email will be sent that indicates students may proceed with AAV with their mentor.

- **Final Stop**
  Find the additional discussion thread or Blog in your EWB Community, complete activities as directed, and visit your program community. This is a program specific activity that MUST be completed prior to AAV.

- **Academic Activity Verification (AAV)**
  Completion of Academic Activity Verification (AAV) confirms your intention to continue with your program at WGU. Your mentor will “formally” record your Academic Activity Verification during a telephone call with you. Completion of AAV with your mentor is REQUIRED on or by the 20th day of the month. Students without AAV by the 20th day of the month will be dropped for non-completion.
(NOTE: EWB modules must be completed and AAV entered for financial aid funds to be released. A PASS for EWB will appear by the beginning of the student’s 2nd month at WGU.)

**Conclusion**
CONGRATULATIONS! At the end of the month, your PASS for EWOB will show on your AAP. Thank you for your patience with this. Soon after your EWOB pass shows, your financial aid funds will be released.

You will receive a Student Satisfaction Survey by email around the 10th of next month. This will be entitled “New Student Experience Survey: Please Respond.” Please complete this survey at your earliest convenience.

**Feedback**
If you wish to provide feedback on this course of study, please contact Scarlette Spears Studdard at sstuddard@wgu.edu.