

Core Curriculum and E²LO Initiative Elevator Pitch

The UMass Lowell Core Curriculum weaves seven Essential Learning Outcomes (ELOs) into every student's educational experience. As future leaders of a complex global society, UMass Lowell students will successfully meet the diverse challenges ahead by developing essential intellectual perspectives and approaches. These concepts, learned in the classroom, and activated by applied and experiential learning opportunities outside the classroom, will develop students' intellectual abilities and problem-solving skills, and prepare them to make a difference in the world.

The Enriching Essential Learning Outcomes (E²LO) Initiative creates connections between learning the Essential Learning Outcomes (ELOs) in the classroom and the real-world application of these competencies through intentionally designed Events and Experiences. Students can enrich what they are learning in the classroom and earn prizes simply by participating in designated E²LO Events and Experiences on and around campus.

The Essential Learning Outcomes are:

- **Applied and Integrative Learning (AIL):** Synthesize knowledge and abilities in meaningful practice.
- **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving (CTPS):** Evaluate ideas and evidence rationally to produce and implement solutions.
- **Diversity and Cultural Awareness (DCA):** Be a thoughtful, aware citizen of the global community.
- **Information Literacy (IL):** Find, evaluate, and synthesize information effectively and persuasively.
- **Quantitative Literacy (QL):** Be skilled in the many forms and varieties of numerical analysis.
- **Social Responsibility and Ethics (SRE):** Shape the world to improve life in your community and beyond.
- **Written and Oral Communication (WOC):** Express ideas to professional peers with purpose and clarity.