Westmont Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

Institutional Learning Outcomes are a subset of intended outcomes that support our mission and educational goals and describe in concrete terms what these goals mean. They serve as tools in our mission-driven assessment toolkit identifying what students will be able to demonstrate, produce or represent as a result of what and how they have learned at Westmont.

1. Christian Understanding, Practices, and Affections
2. Global Awareness and Diversity
3. Critical Thinking
4. Quantitative Literacy
5. Written Communication
6. Oral Communication
7. Information Literacy

Graduates of Westmont College will

- demonstrate literacy in biblical and orthodox Christian faith (Christian Understanding)
- demonstrate faithfulness in Christian service (Christian Practices/ Affections)
- be able to analyze global patterns from at least two different perspectives (social, cultural, economical, political, religious, technological or educational) (Global Awareness)
- be able to analyze topics and human experiences using categories such as race, ethnicity, gender, social status and disability (Diversity)
- accurately evaluate the strength of evidence in support of a claim (Critical Thinking)
- write effectively in various contexts (Written Communication)
effectively communicate orally in various contexts (Oral Communication)
be able to identify, evaluate, and integrate sources effectively and ethically in various contexts (Information Literacy)
apply relevant scientific, mathematical and logical methods to analyze and solve problems effectively and be able to utilize the results appropriately when making decisions (Quantitative Literacy)

Westmont General Education Learning Outcomes (GELOs)

The General Education program provides foundational skills and knowledge upon which the major disciplines are built. It is within the General Education curriculum that our students are given their first academic exposure to the contents and structure of a Christian Liberal Arts education. Therefore, the General Education Learning Outcomes (GELOs) target knowledge, skills, attitudes, and habits of mind that our students have and take with them when they successfully complete the program.

1. Philosophical Reflections on Reality, Knowledge, and Value
2. Reading Imaginative Literature
3. Exploring the Physical Sciences
4. Exploring the Life Sciences
5. Performing and Interpreting the Arts
6. Reasoning Abstractly
7. Thinking Historically
8. Understanding Society
9. Modern Languages
10. Physical Education
11. Serving Society/Enacting Justice

The following general education learning outcomes are assessed as part of concurrent institutional learning outcome assessment:

Biblical and Theological Canons -- Christian Understanding, Practices and Affections;
World History in Christian Perspective, Thinking Globally and Cross-Cultural Communication -- Global Awareness and Diversity;
Writing-Intensive Courses -- Written Communication;
Speech-Intensive Courses -- Oral Communication;
Quantitative and Analytical Reasoning -- Quantitative Literacy.