

Every experience is a moving force.

-John Dewey



Critical Component 1-Essential Question

Essential Question should focus the ELO and drive the learning and enjoyment of the experience.

The Essential Question Should:

- Motivate and shift students toward ownership of learning.
- Be approachable from many different entry points.
- Be thoughtful, provoking, and philosophical, and not have a simple (or “Google-able”) answer.
- Provide a baseline for the student to refine his or her own answer throughout the ELO experience.

Helpful Hint: *Take advantage of this opportunity to explore a passion; gain authentic/real life experience; make connections.*

To Do: Work with your counselor and Extended Learning Coordinator to develop your essential question.

Process: Each student needs to develop an Essential Question as part of the Request Form.

Resources: [Designing an EQ.](#)

[Examples,](#)

[Checklist](#)

