

**Michigan Technological University Bachelor of Science Degree Audit**  
**Major Program: Social Science, Concentration: Policy, Law, and Society**  
Program Code: SSS5, Academic Year 2024-2025  
Total credits required for the degree: 120

**Area 1) Core Requirements: 11 credits**

- SS 1001 (1)
- SS 2001 (3)
- SS 2610 (3) or SS 2750 (3)
- SS 3750 (3) or SS 4001 (3)
- SS 4910 (1)

**Area 2) Research Methods: select 6 to 7 credits**

SS2050, SS2720, SS3501, SS3625, SS3961, SS4009, SS4010, SS4020, SS4050 or SS4211, SS4500, SS4700

**Area 3) Internship/Capstone, Thesis, or Coursework: Choose one option for 3 to 6 credits**

**Option A: Internship/Capstone Courses/Independent Study: choose one for 3 credits**

- SS 3090 (1-3, repeatable)
- SS 4000 (3)
- SS 4700 (3)
- SS 4920 (3)
- SS 4921 (3)

**Option B: Research Thesis: 4 credits, take both**

- SS 4630 (1)
- SS 4501 (3)

**Option C: Coursework: 6 credits**

- SS 4040 (3)
- 3 additional 4000-level or above credits, from areas 2, 4, 5 or 6

**Concentration Requirements: 32 to 33 credits**

**Area 4) Policy, Politics, and Law: 14 to 15 credits**

Choose 5 courses not already taken; at least six credits must be at the 3000- level or above.

SS1002, SS2600, SS2610, SS2620, SS2625, SS2635, SS3535, SS3612, SS3621, SS3630, SS3636, SS3640, SS/MGT3650, SS3660, SS3661, SS3665, SS3755, SS3760, SS3800, SS3805, SS3811, SS4101

**Area 5) Sociology and Geography: 9 credits**

Choose 3 courses for 9 credits; at least three credits must be at the 3000- level or above.

SS2050, SS2210, SS2300, SS2400, SS2450, SS2700, SS2750, SS3110, SS3240, SS3280, SS3313, SS3315, SS3750, SS3760, SS3801, SS3815, SS4001, SS4050, SS4200, SS4313, SS4450, SS4700, SS4710

**Area 6) History and Anthropology: 9 credits**

Choose 3 courses not already taken.

SS1500, SS2100, SS2300, SS2500 or SS2501, SS2503, SS2505, SS2510, SS3225, SS3400, SS3501, SS3505, SS3510, SS3520, SS3535, SS3540, SS3542, SS3553, SS3581, SS3910, SS3950, SS3952, SS4001, SS4530, SS4540, SS4550

**Free Electives: 24 to 29 credits**

Any coursework is allowable, excluding co-curricular and coursework below the 1000- level.

## General Education Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM): 15 credits required

The STEM course list can be found on the [General Education](#) page.

### Mathematics: 4 credits minimum

- Any course from the STEM math course list
- SS 2720 is recommended

### Lab/Science: 7 credits minimum

- Lab/Science course, and a science course in two different disciplines from the STEM science course list

### Additional STEM: 4 credits, credits vary based on the number of credits taken in math and science

- Any course from the STEM courses lists

## General Education Core, Humanities, Fine Arts, and Social Science (HASS) Requirements: 24 credits

Courses used to complete Core and HASS requirements may not be used to complete other degree requirements. Students must complete 12 credits of Core coursework and 12 credits of Humanities, Fine Arts, and Social Science (HASS) coursework. Repeatable courses may not be repeated for general education credit. Core and HASS courses can be found on the [General Education](#) page.

### Core: 12 credits

- UN 1015 (3)
- UN 1025 or an upper level modern language (3)
- Critical and Creative Thinking (3)
- Social Responsibility and Ethical Reasoning (3)

### HASS: 12 credits

At least six of the 12 credits must be at the 3000- or 4000- level, not including upper level modern language in place of UN1025

- Communication/Composition (minimum 3 credits)
- Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum 3 credits)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (minimum 3 credits)
- Any course from the General Education Core, HASS, or Restricted HASS course list (0 to 3 credits)

## Co-curricular Activities: 3 credits

Required for graduation, but not included in the GPA calculation or in the overall credits required for the degree. Only courses on the co-curricular course list are eligible. Half (0.5) credit courses may be repeated to a maximum of one time for co-curricular credit. Find eligible courses on the [General Education](#) page.