Michigan Technological University Bachelor of Science Degree Audit
Major Program: Social Science, Concentration: Policy, Law, and Society
Program Code: SSS5, Academic Year 2023-2024
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 credits

SS2050, 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: 5 credits, take both

- SS 4630 (2)
- 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, SS3313, SS3535, SS3612, SS3621, SS3630, SS3636, SS3640, SS/MGT3650, SS3660, SS3661, SS3665, SS3755, SS3760, SS3800, SS3805, SS3811, SS4325

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, SS4450, SS4700, SS4710

Area 6) History and Anthropology: 9 credits

Choose 3 courses not already taken.
SS2100, SS2300, SS2500 or SS2501, SS2503, SS2505, SS2510, SS3225, SS3280, SS3400, SS3501, SS3505, SS3510, SS3520, SS3535, SS3540, SS3542, SS3553, SS3560, SS3570, SS3581, SS3910, SS3950, SS3952, SS4530, SS4540, SS4550

Free Electives: 25 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.