

Michigan Technological University Bachelor of Science Degree Audit

Major Program: Social Science, Concentration: Policy, Law, and Society

Program Code: SSS5, Academic Year 2026-2027

Minimum credits required for the degree: 120

Area 1) Core Requirements: 14 credits

- SS 1001 (1)
- SS 2001 (3)
- SS 2610 (3) or SS 2620 (3)
- SS 2750 (3) or SS 3750 (3)
- SS 4001 (3) or SS 4040 (3)
- SS 4910 (1)

Area 2) Research Methods: select 6 to 7 credits

SS2050, SS2720, SS3501, SS3625, SS4009, SS4010, SS4050 or SS4211, SS4700

Area 3) Internship/Capstone, Thesis, or Coursework: Choose one option for 3 to 9 credits

Option A: Internship/Capstone Courses/Independent Study: choose two for 6 credits

- SS 3090 (1-3, repeatable)
- SS 3626 (3)
- SS 4000 (3)
- SS 4040 (3)
- SS 4625 (3)
- SS 4700 (3)
- SS 4915 (3)
- SS 4920 (3)
- SS 4921 (3)

Option B: Research Thesis: 4 credits, take both

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

Option C: Coursework: 3 credits

- 3 additional 4000-level or above credits, from areas 2, 4, 5 or 6

Concentration Requirements: 29 to 30 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, SS2750, SS3535, SS3612, SS3621, SS3630, SS/MGT3650, SS3660, SS3661, SS3665, SS3750, SS3755, SS3760, SS3800, SS3801, SS3805, SS3811, SS4040, SS4101, SS4625, SS4915

Area 5) Sociology and Geography: 6 credits

Choose 3 courses for 6 credits; at least three credits must be at the 3000- level or above.

SS2050, SS2210, SS2300, SS2400, SS2450, SS2630, SS2700, SS2750, SS3110, SS3240, SS3315, SS3750, SS3760, SS3801, SS3815, SS3918, SS4001, SS4050, SS4200, SS4313, SS4450, SS4700, SS4710

Area 6) History and Anthropology: 9 credits

Choose 3 courses not already taken.

SS1500, SS2100, SS2300, SS2500, SS2501, SS2503, SS2505, SS2510, SS3225, SS3501, SS3505, SS3510, SS3520, SS3535, SS3540, SS3542, SS3553, SS3580, SS3581, SS3910, SS3915, SS3952, SS4001, SS4220, SS4530, SS4540, SS4550, SS4554

Essential Education Requirements

- Students must complete three main components of Essential Education (First-Year Experience, Distribution or Minor Pathway, and Activities for Well-being and Success) with the credit distributions as shown below. A minimum of 37 credits is required to complete these requirements.
- Up to five Essential Education requirements and the Michigan Tech Seminar may be shared (double-counted) with major requirements. Work with your advisor to determine which major requirements may satisfy Essential Education requirements.
- Some courses are on more than one list, but each course can satisfy only one Essential Education requirement.
- Students may choose between an Essential Education minor or the Distribution Pathway. The list of Essential Education minors can be found [here](#).
- Lists of courses for each requirement can be found on the [Essential Education](#) page.

First-Year Experience (16 credits)

- Michigan Tech Seminar (1)
- Math (3)
- Natural and Physical Science (3)
- STEM (3)
- Composition (3)
- Foundations of the Human World (3)

Distribution Pathway (18 credits)

- Communication Intensive (3)
- Intercultural Competency (3)
- Arts and Culture (3)
- STEM (3)
- SHAPE (3)
- Essential Education Experience (3)

Activities for Well-being and Success (3 credits)

Free Electives

- Any coursework is allowable, excluding coursework below the 1000-level.
- The number of free elective credits required is dependent on how many additional credits are required beyond Major requirements and Essential Education requirements to reach the total credits required for the degree as indicated on the audit.

Additional Graduation Requirements

- Satisfy the 2.0 departmental and cumulative Grade Point Average
- Earn 30 upper-level credits at Michigan Tech
- [Apply for Graduation](#)