

Michigan Technological University Bachelor of Science Degree Audit

Major Program: Policy and Community Development

Program Code: SPCD, Academic Year 2025-2026

Minimum credits required for the degree: 120

Major Requirements

Area A) Core Requirements: 26 credits

- SS 1001 (1)
- SS 2001 (3)
- EC 2001 (3)
- SS 2050 (3)
- SS 2210 (3)
- SS 2620 (3)
- SS 3750 (3)
- SS 4120 (3)
- SS 4700 (3)
- SS 4910 (1)

Area B) Social Institutions: 3 credits

Choose one course

- SS 2100 (3)
- SS 2400 (3)
- SS 2700 (3)

Area C) Statistics: 4 credits

Choose one course

- SS 2720 (4)
- PSY 2720 (4)
- MA 2720 (4)

Area D) Policy & Governance: 6 credits

Choose two courses

- SS 2625 (3)
- SS 2635 (3)
- SS 3600 (3)
- SS 3612 (3)
- SS 3621 (3)
- SS 3625 (3)
- SS 3630 (3)
- SS 3665 (3)
- SS 3755 (3)
- SS 3800 (3)
- SS 4101 (3)

Area E) Communications: 3 credits

Choose one course

- HU 2830 (3)
- HU 2840 (3)
- HU 3120 (3)
- HU 3621 (3)
- HU 3693 (3)
- HU 3694 (3)
- HU 3830 (3)
- SS 4040 (3)
- SS 4041 (3)
- HU 4041 (3)
- HU 4625 (3)

Area F) Leadership: 3 credits

Choose one course

- PSY 3700 (3)
- PSY 4750 (3)
- MGT 2000 (3)
- MGT 3000 (3)
- MGT 3100 (3)

Area G) Culminating Experience: 3 credits

Choose one course, or all three ENT courses

- SS 3913 (3)
- SS 3960 (3)
- SS 4501 (3)
- SS 4920 (3)
- SS 4921 (3)
- SS 4922 (1-3)
- ENT 2950 (1) or ENT 2960 (1) *
- ENT 3950 (1) or ENT 3960 (1) *
- ENT 4900 (1) or ENT 4960 (1) *

*ENT courses: require consent of advisor, depends on project

Additional Requirements

Area H) Government, Law & Politics: 3 credits

Choose one course

- SS 2600 (3)
- SS 2610 (3)
- SS 3660 (3)

Area I) Economics: 3 credits

Choose one course

- FW 2081 (3)
- EC 3003 (3)
- EC 3400 (3)
- EC 4500 (3)
- EC 4640 (3)
- EC 4710 (3)

Area J) Community Development: 3 credits

Choose one course

- SS 2450 (3)
- SS 3110 (3)
- SS 3240 (3)
- SS 3315 (3)
- SS 3542 (3)
- SS 4390 (3)
- SS 4530 (3)
- SS 4550 (3)
- SS 4551 (3)
- SS 4710 (3)

Area K) Justice: 3 credits

Choose one course

- SS 2510 (3)
- SS 2750 (3)
- SS 3105 (3)
- SS 3225 (3)
- SS 3260 (3)
- SS 3420 (3)
- SS 3661 (3)
- SS 3665 (3)
- SS 3801 (3)
- SS 3811 (3)
- PSY 3340 (3)
- HU 3401 (3)

Area L) Research Methods: 3 credits

Choose one course

- SS 3625 (3)
- SS 4009 (3)
- SS 4010 (3)
- SS 4050 (3)
- SS 4211 (3)
- KIP 4740 (3)
- MA 3740 (3)
- PSY 3000 (3)

Area M) Research Practice: 2-3 credits

Choose at least 2 credits. Waived if student completes an approved SURF/URIP.

- SS 3090 (2-3)
- SS 4630 (1)
- PSY 3001 (3)
- ENT 4900 (2) or ENT 4910 (2)
 - Requires consent of advisor, depends on project

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](#)