

# General Studies

## Bachelor of Science

### Bachelor of Science General Studies

Through the General Studies BA/BS, students choose two minors, two concentrations or one minor and one concentration from separate areas of interest. Working closely with the Liberal Studies coordinator and advisors in both areas of study, the student designs a unique degree which emphasizes their individual strengths in diverse fields of study.

This synthesis of knowledge from more than one area of study enables the student to become an effective contributor in their community and a world in which careers are increasingly complex and varied in their requirements.

The value of this interdisciplinary model can be seen most concretely in the student's capstone project in which the student must merge what he or she has learned in both areas of study into a practical and academically valuable research project.

Please note: LSSU courses must be available through the regional center or online in each academic area to complete this degree.

### Accreditation

LSSU has remained accredited by the Higher Learning Commission since 1968. The Higher Learning Commission, 230 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1413.



### Course Format

Courses may be offered:

- Part-time • Full-time
- Online • Blended (online & in class combination)

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**Where do I start?** Contact the Regional Center Director to discuss degree requirements, admissions requirements, financial aid, and customize your academic plan.

**How do I apply?** Fill out an application to LSSU online at www.lssu.edu and have official transcripts sent to Admissions Office, 650 W. Easterday Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

**Why LSSU?** Founded in 1946, LSSU is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association since 1968. We equip our graduates with the knowledge, practical skills, and inner strength to craft a life of meaningful employment, personal fulfillment, and generosity of self within an inclusive atmosphere, all while enhancing the quality of life of the Great Lakes region and the world.

**We are here to help you!  
Contact us with any questions:**

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## *Bachelor of Arts/Science-General Studies*

### Major Requirements

Minimum of 60 credits must be completed in two academic minors, two academic concentrations or one of each. No more than two (2) courses may be counted in common to meet the minimum requirements for minors, concentrations, or between minor and concentration.

### Additional Major Requirements

Philosophy Elective (3 credits)

INTD 490 Senior Directed Study (4 credits)

### Minor Requirements

Successfully complete academic minor(s) totally at least 30 credits each. At least 10 credits in each minor must be LSSU credits. Complete additional courses in the same course prefixes used in the minor in cases where the minor does not meet the minimum of 30.

### Concentration Requirements

Complete at least 30 credits in defined academic concentrations. Concentrations must include at least 10 credits in LSSU credits, and at least 12 credits must be at the 300/400 level. Work with your academic advisor to identify a course sequence which has coherence and focus relevant to your academic plan.

### Petoskey Regional Center

#### Minors:

- Accounting/Finance
- Corrections
- English Language & Literate—Secondary Teaching
- International Business
- Law Enforcement
- Marketing
- Sociology

#### Concentrations:

- Behavioral Sciences
- Business
- Education
- Emergency Services
- Modern Languages & Literature

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, please visit our website at:  
[www.lssu.edu/regional-center](http://www.lssu.edu/regional-center)

### Bachelor of Science Requirements

A minimum of 8 credits in addition to courses used for general education requirements from categories of social science, natural science, computer science or mathematics. These bachelor of science requirements can be used for majors or minors, but not general education.

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### Bachelor of Arts Requirements

One year (8 credits) of a foreign language other than English. If taken at LSSU this would include: Chinese, French, Ojibwe or Spanish. (Both courses must be from the same discipline.)

### General Education Requirements\*

\*Students should complete an associate's degree and MTA Certification (general education courses) through North Central Michigan College. See NCMC's Catalog for MTA requirements and consult with your LSSU advisor regarding approved courses.

LSSU's general education core requirements (minimum 35 total credits):

**Communication Skills** - Minimum (9) credits

ENGL110 (NCMC: ENG101, ENG106, or ENG111)

ENGL111 (NCMC: ENG102, ENG112, or ENG203)

COMM101 (NCMC: COM111 or SP111)

**Humanities** - Minimum (7) credits

**Mathematics** - Minimum (3) credits

MATH110 (NCMC: MATH128 or MTH114) or

higher

**Natural Science** - Minimum (7) credits

**Social Science** - Minimum (6) credits

**Diversity** - Minimum (3) credits

### Degree Requirements

\_\_\_\_ A minimum of 124 total credits earned

\_\_\_\_ At least 50% of 300/400 courses from LSSU

\_\_\_\_ Residency requirement: 30 credits from LSSU

\_\_\_\_ Overall GPA of 2.0 or above

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Students must earn at least 124 credits. Overall GPA must be a minimum of 2.0, in addition to a 2.0 GPA or above in departmental requirements.  
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To meet the LSSU residency requirements at the regional center, students must earn at least 30 credits from LSSU and 50 percent of their departmental required 300/400 level credits in Lake Superior State University courses.  
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To satisfy LSSU's gen. ed. requirements, students should complete an Associate's Degree at NCMC with MTA / MACRAO Certification. Check with your NCMC and LSSU advisors regarding requirements.

### Guidelines

Once a student decides on a major:

1. The student contacts the general studies degree director.
2. Student and director agree on choice of minors. If needed, director consults with faculty in the discipline and/or the General Studies Degree Committee.
3. Student and director discuss core, general education, and BA/BS requirements along with elective choices.
4. Student and director discuss other requirements, such as upper division requirements.
5. Student is given an educational plan with a Degree Audit Sheet.
6. If necessary, the student makes formal request to change major. Advisor is assigned after consultation.
7. Student matriculates.
8. Student meets with general studies director spring of junior year to set up senior capstone experience (INTD 490). Subsequent meetings with advisor.
9. In senior year, student returns to general studies director for final review and signature.