



LAKE SUPERIOR --- STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT HANDBOOK

2026-2027

A practical guide to academics, student services, campus life, housing, dining, safety, support, and University expectations.

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Welcome to the 2026-2027 Student Handbook

This handbook updates the University student handbook format used in prior years and brings core student information into one current guide. It focuses on the information students use most often. Official University policies, the Academic Catalog, The Navigator, and posted procedures control when a conflict exists.

This edition reflects information published by Lake Superior State University and operational updates in place for the 2026-2027 academic year. Because offices, hours, rates, and procedures can change, students should confirm time-sensitive details on lssu.edu or with the responsible office.

LSSU Mission

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.

LSSU Vision

We believe in an innovation-driven, transformative education for all. We identify potential, enable success, drive social mobility, and develop students into professionally prepared graduates who excel locally, nationally and globally.

Official source: [Mission, Vision and Values Statement](#)

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1. Academic Information

Academic calendar for 2026-2027

FALL 2026	
DATE	IMPORTANT EVENT
Aug. 24	Instruction begins
Sept. 7	Labor Day recess
Oct. 12	Indigenous Peoples' Day
Nov. 24, 10 p.m.	Thanksgiving recess begins
Nov. 30	Classes resume
Dec. 4	Regular classes end
Dec. 7	Final exams begin
Dec. 11, 6 p.m.	Semester ends
SPRING 2027	
DATE	IMPORTANT EVENT
Jan. 11	Instruction begins
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb. 26, 10 p.m.	Spring break begins
Mar. 8	Classes resume
Apr. 23	Regular classes end
Apr. 26	Final exams begin
Apr. 30, 6 p.m.	Semester ends
May 1	Commencement

Official source: [Semester Important Dates](#)

Registration, adding, dropping, and withdrawing

- Students can generally add or drop full-semester Fall and Spring courses online through the sixth day of the semester. Winter and Summer use a four-day add/drop period.
- After the online add period, instructor permission and a Schedule Adjustment Form may be required.
- Students may drop a full-semester course during the first eleven weeks. Shorter courses use different deadlines.
- A course dropped after the add/drop period normally appears with an N grade. An N does not count in the academic GPA.
- Always use the Registrar's Important Dates page for the exact deadline that applies to your course.

Official source: [2026-2027 Academic Catalog, Academic Policies](#)

Academic integrity

LSSU expects students to act honestly and ethically in academic work. Academic dishonesty includes cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, and obtaining an unfair advantage. Course-level consequences and University processes may apply. Students should review the current Academic Integrity policy before submitting work when expectations are unclear.

Official source: [Registrar Policies](#)

Attendance and academic responsibility

You are responsible for attending class, completing assigned work, monitoring your academic progress, and communicating with instructors and your academic advisor. Attendance can also affect federal financial aid eligibility. Follow the course syllabus and current Academic Catalog for course-specific and University requirements.

Degree planning and advising

- Meet with your assigned academic advisor before registration and when considering a major change, course withdrawal, or graduation timeline change.
- Use My.LSSU and the degree-planning tools made available by the Registrar to monitor degree progress.
- Run your degree audit regularly and resolve discrepancies before your final year whenever possible.

2. Academic Support and Student Success

Academic Success Center

The Academic Success Center provides free academic support to registered LSSU students. Services include tutoring, the Writing Center, the Math Center, Supplemental Instruction, and academic support resources. The ASC is located on the main floor of the Kenneth J. Shouldice Library.

Service	Current contact
Academic Success Center	906-635-2849
Accessibility Services	KJS Library Room 233, 906-635-2355
Career Services	906-635-2228
Laker Success	lakersuccess@lssu.edu

Official source: [Academic Success Center](#)

Accessibility Services

Students who need disability-related accommodations must register with Accessibility Services. Registration allows the University to verify disability-related needs and determine reasonable and effective accommodations. Students should complete the process early and share accommodation letters with faculty as directed.

Official source: [Accessibility Services](#)

Laker Success

Laker Success provides individualized support, mentoring, success coaching, workshops, and connections to campus resources. The program includes support for first-generation students and is supported in part through Michigan's King-Chavez-Parks Select Student Support Services program.

Official source: [Laker Success](#)

Career Services

Career Services supports career exploration, resumes, cover letters, interviews, job and internship searches, and preparation for graduate school. LSSU uses College Central Network as an online career and job resource.

Official source: [Career Services](#)

3. Student Life and Engagement

Student Life supports involvement, leadership, programming, student organizations, traditions, and community building for both residential and commuter students. Current LSSU materials list dozens of active academic, social, cultural, professional, recreational, faith-based, and special-interest organizations.

- Attend campus programs and organization fairs to find activities that match your interests.
- Use the current Student Life events calendar and engagement tools for program information.
- Students may start a new organization when University recognition requirements are met. LSSU currently states that five students are enough to begin the process.

Official source: [Get Involved](#)

Cisler Center and Student Engagement Center

The Cisler Center remains a central location for student services, dining, meetings, programs, and student organization activity. The Student Engagement Center is located in Cisler 100 and serves as a hub for student involvement, Laker Success, and student leadership functions.

4. Student Government and Student Organizations

Student Government Association

Student Government Association serves as a formal voice of the student body and provides student representation in University decision-making. The Student Government office is located in the Student Engagement Center, Cisler 100.

Official source: [Student Government](#)

Student organization governance for 2026-2027

For the 2026-2027 year, student organization leadership is operating under a revised structure. Student Organization Council, formerly Presidents' Council, serves student organization leaders and helps organizations remain equipped to serve the student body. Student Government, Judicial Board, University Activities Board, Student Organization Council, and other recognized governing bodies work together within the Student Assembly structure.

- Student Organization Council meetings are attended by an organization president, proxy, or another executive board member.
- Student organizations should maintain current officers, advisor information, constitutions, and University recognition requirements.
- Organizations should follow current event, fundraising, posting, travel, and financial procedures.

Operational note: This section reflects the 2026-2027 student organization structure communicated for the current academic year. The University website may still contain references to older governing-body names while pages are updated.

5. Housing and Residence Life

Residency requirement

LSSU requires full-time students who are within 27 calendar months of high school graduation to live on campus unless they receive an approved exception. For this purpose, full-time means enrollment in 12 or more credit hours. Students should use the Housing Exception Application when they believe they meet an exception criterion.

Official source: [Applications and Handbooks](#)

2026-2027 room rates

Housing type	Annual regular	Annual private
Brady Hall / Osborn Hall	\$6,000	\$9,966
Student Village / Townhouses / Living Learning Communities	\$8,600	\$12,450
Moloney / Neveu apartments	\$8,600	\$12,450 private room
Moloney / Neveu one-bedroom private apartment	N/A	\$14,250

Official source: [2026-2027 Room and Board Rates](#)

Living areas

LSSU housing options include traditional residence halls, Student Village, Townhouses, apartment-style housing, and Living Learning Communities. Housing assignments, room availability, and community use may change based on enrollment and operational needs.

Selected housing expectations

- Residents are responsible for their assigned spaces and for activities occurring in them.
- Guests must follow University and residence hall policies. Hosts can be held accountable for guest behavior.
- Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight to 8 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Courtesy hours are always in effect.
- Pets are allowed only under current Housing rules. Brady and Osborn are not designated pet-friendly housing, except for approved service animals or emotional support animals.
- The current pet policy includes a \$500 non-refundable fee for approved pets and animal-specific health and registration requirements.
- Air fryers, candles, open flames, hoverboards, heaters, and other listed restricted items are prohibited in residence halls. Check The Navigator before bringing appliances or specialty equipment.
- BB guns, pellet guns, paintball guns, firearms, ammunition, bows, and other dangerous objects are regulated by The Navigator. Firearms and similar items are not permitted in on-campus housing.

Official source: [The Navigator, current Student Code of Conduct and Housing Regulations](#)

6. Dining Services and Meal Plans

Campus dining includes the main dining hall and retail dining options in and around the Cisler Center. LSSU transitioned dining operations to Elio Collegiate Dining for the 2026-2027 year. Students should use current LSSU dining information for hours, menus, and service updates.

2026-2027 residential meal plans

Plan	Included	Annual rate
Platinum	19 meals per week + \$225 Laker Bucks	\$6,527
Gold	14 meals per week + \$350 Laker Bucks	\$6,063
Silver	150 meals per semester + \$150 Laker Bucks	\$5,112
Bronze	40 meals per semester + \$100 Laker Bucks	\$2,032
Blue	100 meal swipes per semester	\$3,572

Meal plan eligibility by housing area

Housing	Eligible plans
Brady Hall	Platinum or Gold
Student Village	Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze
Living Learning Communities	Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze
Townhouses	Any residential plan
Moloney Hall	Any residential plan
Neveu Hall	Any residential plan

Off-campus students may purchase meal plans. A commuter 10-meal block option has also been used for the 2026-2027 year, with additional blocks available through the University's commuter meal plan process. Meal plan availability, prices, and terms may be updated during the year.

Official source: [2026-2027 Room and Board Rates](#)

Official source: [Campus Dining](#)

7. Health, Wellness, and Safety

Counseling Services

Counseling Services supports students with personal growth, mental health, coping, and wellbeing. In-person and telehealth appointments are available. The office is located at 623 W. Easterday Avenue. The current main phone is 906-635-2752.

- For an immediate emergency, call 911 or LSSU Public Safety at 906-635-2100.
- The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is available by dialing 988.

Official source: [Counseling Services](#)

Health Care Center

The campus Health Care Center is located at 621 W. Easterday Avenue. LSSU announced in August 2026 that operations are transitioning to Alcona Health Center, a nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Center. Students should use current LSSU Health Care Center information for appointments, insurance, services, and any transition-related changes. The published appointment number is 906-635-2110.

Official source: [LSSU Health Care Center](#)

Official source: [LSSU announcement on Alcona Health Center partnership](#)

Public Safety

Public Safety operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Services include emergency response, campus patrol, parking and traffic control, lost and found, first aid, weapon registration and storage, and 24-hour escorts. Public Safety is located in the Administration Building. Call 906-635-2100.

Official source: [Public Safety](#)

8. C.A.R.E., Early Alert, and Basic Needs

C.A.R.E. Team

The C.A.R.E. Team, Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation, coordinates support for students experiencing personal, emotional, behavioral, wellbeing, or other non-academic concerns. The team uses early outreach and cross-campus collaboration to connect students with support and reduce barriers to success.

- Use a C.A.R.E. report for personal, emotional, behavioral, safety, or wellbeing concerns that are not immediate emergencies.
- For imminent risk of harm, call Public Safety at 906-635-2100 or 911.

Official source: [LSSU C.A.R.E. Team](#)

Early Alert

Early Alert is used for academic concerns such as attendance, grades, and academic engagement. Faculty, staff, students, parents, and peers may raise concerns so that LSSU can provide coordinated outreach and support.

Official source: [Early Alert](#)

Basic needs and emergency support

Students experiencing an unexpected financial or basic-needs barrier should ask for help early. LSSU maintains a Student Emergency Fund that may assist with eligible urgent costs such as food, housing, tuition-related expenses, equipment and supplies, and transportation. Funding is limited and documentation may be required.

Official source: [Health & Safety Services, Student Emergency Fund](#)

9. Financial Aid, Billing, and Student Accounts

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Office assists with FAFSA, grants, scholarships, loans, work-study, satisfactory academic progress, and financial aid requirements. LSSU's FAFSA school code is 002293. The Financial Aid Office is located in Cisler Center 125. Published contact numbers include 906-635-2678 and text 906-379-9557.

Official source: [Financial Aid Overview](#)

Billing and payment

- Student billing statements are delivered electronically.
- Students use the Bill & Payment Suite for account activity, payments, payment plans, and authorized users.
- For Fall 2026, tuition was due August 21, 2026. Students should use Student Financial Services for current term deadlines.
- Credit and debit card payments are subject to a processing fee. LSSU currently lists 3% for domestic cards and 4.25% for international cards, with a minimum \$3 fee. ACH, cash, and check options may avoid the card processing fee.

Official source: [Student Financial Services](#)Official source: [Payment Options](#)

10. Student ID, Technology, and Communication

Official communication

Your LSSU email is an official communication channel. Students are responsible for checking University email regularly. Conduct notices and other sensitive communications may also be delivered through designated University systems.

Student ID

Your LSSU student ID is used to verify your identity and access eligible campus services. Keep your ID secure and follow current University instructions for replacement or account access.

- Keep your student ID available while on campus. The Navigator requires registered students to carry University identification.
- Do not loan your ID or credentials to another person.
- Report lost or compromised credentials promptly.

My.LSSU and online services

My.LSSU provides access to University email, academic and registration functions, billing, and other student systems. Use official LSSU login pages and never share your password or verification code.

11. Student Conduct and Community Standards

The Navigator is LSSU's primary student conduct and housing policy resource. It establishes University expectations, violation categories, conduct procedures, hearing rights, appeals, outcomes, and residence hall regulations. This handbook summarizes high-use expectations but does not replace The Navigator.

Violation categories

Category	General level	Typical response range
A	Lower-severity violations	Educational experiences, reflection, restorative service, warning
B	Moderately severe violations	Educational outcomes, loss of privileges, service, probation, possible suspension
C	Most severe violations	Extensive outcomes, restrictions, probation or suspension, possible expulsion

Common conduct areas

- Abusive conduct, harassment, bullying, hazing, and retaliation are prohibited.
- Alcohol and controlled substances are regulated. Students under 21 may not possess or consume alcohol. Drug possession, use, distribution, and paraphernalia are addressed by the Code.
- Dangerous objects include firearms and may include BB, pellet, and paintball guns, ammunition, fireworks, explosives, swords, bows, crossbows, and certain blades. Unauthorized possession or use can result in serious conduct action.
- Fraud, misrepresentation, dishonesty, forgery, falsification, and misuse of University records or documents are prohibited.

- Students must comply with reasonable requests from University officials and emergency personnel acting in their official capacity.
- Property damage, theft, fire-related misconduct, facility misuse, smoking and tobacco violations, solicitation violations, and disruptive conduct are regulated.
- Residential students are also subject to housing-specific rules for guests, noise, pets, room condition, prohibited items, inspections, access, and fire safety.

Conduct process basics

- LSSU uses the preponderance of the evidence standard, meaning more likely than not.
- Students receive notice of allegations and an opportunity to participate in the conduct process.
- Hearing and resolution options depend on the case and the applicable policy.
- Students have appeal rights as described in The Navigator.
- Student conduct records are generally retained for seven years, with expulsion records retained longer under the policy.

Official source: [The Navigator, Student Code of Conduct](#)

Title IX, discrimination, and equal access

LSSU maintains separate policies and procedures for discrimination, sex- and gender-based discrimination, sexual misconduct, and retaliation. Students should use current University policy pages and Title IX resources for reporting options, supportive measures, and formal procedures.

FERPA and student records

FERPA protects the privacy of student education records. Students control many disclosures of their records and may authorize parents or other users for specific financial or educational access. Contact the Registrar for education-record questions and use the Bill & Payment Suite for authorized user access to billing information.

Official source: [Financial Aid Consumer Information and Registrar FERPA resources](#)

12. Emergency Information and Campus Operations

Emergency contacts

Need	Contact
Life-threatening emergency	911
LSSU Public Safety	906-635-2100, 24/7
Counseling Services	906-635-2752
988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline	988
Health Care Center	906-635-2110

Weather, closure, and schedule changes

During severe weather or an emergency, LSSU may close the University, delay opening, close early, or cancel classes for a specified period. Students should rely on official University alerts, email, the LSSU website, and emergency notification systems rather than older lists of local media outlets.

- Register for the University's campus alert notification system.
- Check official University email and lssu.edu during severe weather or emergencies.

- Follow Public Safety and University instructions during evacuations, shelter-in-place situations, or other emergency actions.

13. Quick Contacts

Office / Resource	Contact or location
University main line	906-635-2231
Public Safety	Administration Building, 906-635-2100, 24/7
Counseling Services	623 W. Easterday Ave., 906-635-2752
Health Care Center	621 W. Easterday Ave., 906-635-2110
Accessibility Services	KJS Library Room 233, 906-635-2355
Academic Success Center	KJS Library main floor, 906-635-2849
Career Services	906-635-2228
Financial Aid	Cisler Center 125, 906-635-2678
Student Engagement Center	Cisler Center 100
Housing and Residence Life	Cisler Center, Housing area, use current LSSU Housing contact page
Student Government	Cisler 100, Student Engagement Center
Laker Success	Cisler 100, lakersuccess@lssu.edu

14. Official LSSU Sources

The following official Lake Superior State University pages were used to update this edition. The University website and current policy documents should be checked for changes after publication.

- [2026-2027 Academic Catalog](#)
- [Mission, Vision and Values](#)
- [Academic Policies](#)
- [Registrar Important Dates](#)
- [Registrar Policies](#)
- [Academic Success Center](#)
- [Accessibility Services](#)
- [Career Services](#)
- [Student Life](#)
- [Get Involved](#)
- [Student Government](#)
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- [Housing Applications and Handbooks](#)
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- [Financial Aid](#)
- [Student Financial Services](#)
- [The Navigator and Student Policy Resources](#)

Publication Notes

This handbook is a student-facing reference guide. It does not create a contract and does not replace the Academic Catalog, The Navigator, housing contracts, University policies, financial aid rules, or other official notices. When information differs, the most current official University policy, contract, catalog, or notice controls.

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