



## BACHELOR OF ARTS/SCIENCE GENERAL STUDIES

The General Studies BA/BS allows students to design a personalized degree by selecting two minors, two concentrations, or one of each from distinct academic areas. With guidance from the general studies coordinator and advisors in both fields, students craft a program that highlights their unique strengths and interests across disciplines.

The 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 model is showcased in a required capstone project, where students integrate their learning into a practical, academically rigorous research project.

Note: To complete this degree, LSSU courses must be available through the regional center or online in each chosen area of study.

## COURSE FORMAT

Courses may be offered:

- Part-time or Full-time
- Face-to-Face
- Online (Synchronous or Asynchronous)
- Hybrid (online & face-to-face)
- Hyflex

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## Why LSSU?

- ▶ Rated #5 Top Public School by Regional Colleges - Midwest
- ▶ 16:1 Student Faculty Ratio
- ▶ Extensive real-world, innovative learning environments
- ▶ Alumni network of over 23,000 in the Great Lakes region
- ▶ Cost savings to staying local
- ▶ Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of North Central Association since 1968

## 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.

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Learning  
Commission

Accredited 19 Feb 2024

LSSU's individual academic program accreditations are granted by discipline-specific accrediting agencies. Specific program accreditations are outlined on our website.

**SUPERIOR EDUCATION  
SUPERIOR EXPERIENCE  
SUPERIOR YOU**



Through rigorous intellectual and creative inquiry, we prepare our students for success in graduate and professional schools, along their career paths, and in an increasingly interconnected global society

**GENERAL STUDIES**  
**Bachelor of Arts/Science**



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# Bachelor of Arts/Sciences General Studies

Consult an advisor to confirm full  
availability at your location.

## Program Learning Outcomes

- **Formal Communication:** Students will develop and clearly express complex ideas relevant to their chosen studies in written and oral presentations.
- **Use of Evidence:** Students will identify the need for, gather, and accurately process the appropriate type, quality, and quantity of evidence to answer a complex question or solve a complex problem within the content of their chosen studies.
- **Analysis and Synthesis:** Students will organize and synthesize evidence, ideas, or works of imagination to answer an open-ended question, draw a conclusion, achieve a goal, or create a substantial work of art as appropriate to their chosen studies.
- **Professional Responsibility:** Students will demonstrate the ability to apply professional ethics and intercultural competence when answering a question, solving a problem, or achieving a goal related to their chosen studies.

## Getting Started

Contact the Regional Centers Director to explore how your transfer credit can be applied towards earning a bachelor's degree in general studies:  
[regionalcenters@lssu.edu](mailto:regionalcenters@lssu.edu)



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If it wasn't for LSSU, I would not have completed my degree. I was easily able to balance life, work, family, and everything that piles up - and used my GI Bill.

Jim G., '16 Grad

## General Education Requirements

Students are encouraged to complete the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) at Bay College. Successfully completing the MTA transfers general education courses as a block, fulfilling LSSU's general education requirements.

LSSU's general education core requirements (minimum 34 total credits):

- **Oral and Written Communication** (min. 9 cr)
  - ENGL110 (Bay's ENGL101)
  - ENGL111 (Bay's ENGL102)
  - COMM (Bay's COMM103 or 104)
- **Mathematics** (min. 3 cr)
  - MATH110 (Bay's MATH107) or higher
- **Social Science** (min. 6 cr)
- **Natural Science** (min. 7 cr)
- **Humanities** (min. 6 cr)
- **Cultural Diversity** (min. 3 cr)

## Bachelor of Arts Degree

One year of a modern language other than English. One-half year of two different languages will not meet this requirement.

## Degree Requirements

- Minimum 124 total credits (100-level or higher)
- At least 50% of 300/400 level credits from LSSU
- At least 30 credits from LSSU to satisfy residency
- Overall GPA of 2.0 or above
- Minimum 2.0 GPA in individual minors/concentrations, major, and general education requirements

## Major Requirements

Complete two academic minors, or 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.

**Minors:** Successfully complete academic minor(s) totaling 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 credits. Minors available at the Regional Center:

- Accounting-Finance
- Corrections
- General Business
- Homeland Security
- International Business
- Law Enforcement
- Literature
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Sociology

**Concentrations:** 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. Concentrations available at the Regional Center:

- Behavioral Sciences
- Business
- Education
- Emergency Services
- Modern Language and Literature

## Additional Major Requirements

PHIL Elective (excluding PHIL 205 Logic)  
INTD 490 Senior Directed Study