

CARDINALS **STAND** OUT

ARTS & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

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*SVSU's moot court team
is nationally ranked
#4 for undergraduate
competition!*



**SAGINAW VALLEY
STATE UNIVERSITY**

**COLLEGE OF ARTS &
BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

COLLEGE OF ARTS & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (ABS) **DEAN'S NOTE**



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Greetings, future Cardinals,

SVSU's College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences is the largest and most diverse college on campus. Our programs span majors and minors in art, communication, criminal justice, English, geography, history, modern foreign languages, music, philosophy, political science, psychology, rhetoric and professional writing, sociology and theatre. Our faculty collaborate with students to cultivate foundational knowledge, skills and critical thinking, ensuring success in an evolving world.

Your journey involves close collaboration with faculty from both your major and your general education program. Our educators enrich artistic appreciation, broaden world perspectives, enhance quantitative literacies and sharpen communication abilities. Their expertise and dedication make learning engaging and impactful.



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Beyond class, ABS emphasizes hands-on experiences to align with student learning goals. Internships prepare you for careers and advanced studies, while personalized projects with faculty mentors enrich academic pursuits. Exploring abroad and involvement in art exhibitions, competitions, the Model United Nations, forensics team, and more, amplify your résumé and personal growth.

Art exhibitions, music and theatre performances — featuring students and renowned visiting artists — offer creative enrichment. Public lectures and student organizations bolster your networks. These opportunities enhance your global citizenship.

As you embark on your ABS journey, anticipate an engaging, exhilarating and fulfilling experience. Stand out in the workforce by embracing these avenues for growth and enrichment. Have questions? Feel free to contact us by email or at (989) 964-4062.

We look forward to seeing you at SVSU!

STAND OUT

IN ARTS & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES CAREER PATHS

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

MAJORS

Art
Black Studies
Communication
Communication & Theatre Education
Creative Writing
Criminal Justice
English/Language Arts Education
English-Literature
Environmental Studies & Sustainability
Fine Arts BFA
French
French Education
General Studies
Geography
Graphic Design
History
International Studies
Music
Music Education
Political Science
Pre-Law
Professional & Technical Writing
Psychology
Public Administration
Sociology
Spanish
Spanish Education
Theatre
Visual Arts Education

MINORS

Asian Studies
Community Journalism
Gender Studies
Geospatial Techniques
Japanese
Leadership & Service
Legal Philosophy
Musical Theatre
Philosophy
Public History
Public Law
Religious Studies
Spanish for Health Professions
Teaching English to
Speakers of Other Languages
User Experience Design
Writing for Public Purposes

CERTIFICATE

Geographic Information Systems

ABS ALUMNI



Terrance Moore
Criminal Justice Alum

Police Officer with the
Auburn Hills Police
Department



Sara Kitchen
*Professional & Technical
Writing Alum*

Manager, Digital Workflow
Specialist at Simon and
Schuster Publishing in
New York



Make connections with others who share your interests

STUDENT CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

ALPHA PHI SIGMA (CRIMINAL JUSTICE HONOR SOCIETY)
AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION STUDENT CHAPTER AT SVSU
ART & DESIGN ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL WRITERS
CARDINAL CREATIVES
COLLEGE DEMOCRATS OF SVSU
COLLEGE REPUBLICANS OF SVSU
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIETY
FORENSICS TEAM
GEOGRAPHY CLUB
JAZZ EDUCATION NETWORK CHAPTER AT SVSU
NAfME COLLEGIATE
PHILOSOPHY CLUB
PSI CHI, THE INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN PSYCHOLOGY
PSYCHOLOGY CLUB
PSYCHOLOGY RESOURCE INFORMATION MENTORSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT (PRIME)
SAGINAW VALLEY HISTORY CLUB
SAGINAW VALLEY MODEL UNITED NATIONS
SVSU COMPETITIVE SPEECH TEAM

Research within any major, any year

At SVSU, students in any academic program may participate in the Undergraduate Research Program starting their freshman year. Enhance your learning and further your education by exploring opportunities to engage in grant-funded undergraduate research. Lead your own project or work alongside supportive faculty. Your research can go far — get published in academic journals or present at international conferences. You can do this!



Do you have questions about Arts & Behavioral Sciences academic programs and pathways? SVSU faculty members are here for you.

ASK AN EXPERT
svsu.edu/admissions/asktheexperts

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*Sara Beth Keough, Ph.D.
Professor of Geography
Department of Geography*

Dr. Keough is a cultural geographer with expertise in urban, social and economic geography. She earned her Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Tennessee and an M.S. from Virginia Tech. Her research focuses on water vending in West Africa's informal economy, with a regional emphasis on Niger and Senegal. Dr. Keough has also published on urban planning, media, migration and Canadian culture. Her work has appeared in the "Journal of Cultural Geography," "Urban Geography" and other leading journals.



*Joseph J. Jaksa, Ph.D.
Professor of Criminal Justice
Department of Criminal Justice*

Dr. Joseph Jaksa joined SVSU's criminal justice faculty after over 20 years in private security and investigations. He holds a Ph.D. in educational leadership from Oakland University, an M.S. in leadership and public administration from SVSU and a B.S. in criminal justice from Michigan State. An active member of ASIS since 1989, he has held leadership roles at various levels and is a Certified Protection Professional (CPP).



A SAMPLING OF BUSINESSES WHERE SVSU STUDENTS & GRADUATES **STAND OUT.**



STAND OUT

CAREERS IN ARTS & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

SVSU has academic pathways that lead to top careers highlighted by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. These jobs have impressive long-term growth and plenty of job openings projected all the way up to 2030. So if you're looking to secure a bright future in Michigan, SVSU is your ticket to success!

Enroll at SVSU and let our advisors guide you toward your dream career!
svsu.edu/nextsteps



QUESTIONS?

Contact your admissions representative to schedule a one-on-one conversation.

svsu.edu/admissionsrepmap

ALUM



Meg Koch
History Alum

Executive Director at
Studio 23 in Bay City, MI



Kaitlyn Zumbach
Graphic Design Alum

Product Designer at
Stampin' Up! in Utah

100+ UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS AT SVSU

ARTS & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Art
Asian Studies ●
Black Studies
Communication
Communication & Theatre Education
Creative Writing
Criminal Justice
Digital Publishing and Community Journalism ●
English/Language Arts Education
English-Literature
Environmental Studies & Sustainability
Fine Arts BFA
French
French Education
Gender Studies ●
General Studies
Geographic Information Systems ●
Geography
Geospatial Techniques ●
Graphic Design
History
International Studies

Japanese ●
Leadership & Service ●
Legal Philosophy ●
Music
Music Education
Musical Theatre ●
Philosophy ●
Political Science
Pre-Law
Public Law ●
Professional & Technical Writing
Psychology
Public Administration (4+1 MPA)
Public History ●
Religious Studies ●
Sociology
Spanish
Spanish Education
Spanish for Health Professions ●
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages ●
Theatre
User Experience Design ●
Visual Arts Education
Writing for Public Purposes ●

BUSINESS (All business majors can lead to a 4+1 MBA)

Accounting
BPA (CPA track)
Digital Marketing ●
Economics
Economics and Data Analytics
Entrepreneurship ● ●
Finance
Financial Planning ●
Investment ●

General Business
International Business
Legal Studies ●
Management
Family Business Management ●
Human Resource Management ●
Marketing
Professional Sales ● ●
Supply Chain Management

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Athletic Coaching ●
Behavioral Health – Substance Use and Dependency ●
Child Welfare ●
Emergency Management ●
Exercise Promotion ●
Exercise Science
Gerontology ● ●
Healthcare Quality & Safety ●
Health Science
Juvenile Delinquency ●
Long Term Care ●
Long Term Care Administrator ●
Medical Laboratory Science

Neuroscience
Nursing
BSN
RN to BSN
Occupational Therapy (3+2 MSOT)
Pre-Athletic Training
Pre-Physical Therapy
Public Health
Combined BS/MPH degree
Health Promotion ●
Health Administration ●
Rehabilitation Medicine
Social Work
Youth Services ●

TEACHER EDUCATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD & ELEMENTARY:
Birth-Kindergarten
PreK-3rd Grade Lower Elementary
3rd-6th Grade Upper Elementary

MIDDLE AND SECONDARY 5TH-9TH GRADES & 7TH-12TH GRADES:
English/Language Arts
Integrated Science
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies

K-12 SPECIAL EDUCATION:
Autism Spectrum Disorder
Cognitive Impairment
Learning Disabilities

PRE K-12 SPECIALTY AREAS & ADDITIONAL ENDORSEMENTS:
Health and Physical Education
Music Education
Visual Arts Education
World Languages (Spanish or French)

Educational Studies ● (non-certification)

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

Actuarial Science ●
Agricultural Studies ●
Applied Mathematics
Biochemistry
Environmental ●
Biological Science
Biology Education
Business Chemistry
Cell Biology, Molecular Biology & Biomedical Sciences
Chemical Physics
Chemistry
American Chemical Society (ACS) ●
Environmental ●
Chemistry Education
Computer Engineering

Computer Information Systems
Computer Science
Computer Science & Information Systems ●
Cybersecurity ●
Ecology, Evolution & Organismal Biology
Electrical Engineering
Engineering & Technology ●
Engineering Technology Management
Environmental Science
Mathematics
Math Education
Mechanical Engineering
Optical Physics
Physics
Physics Education
Pre-Agriculture
Psychological Biology ●

KEY: ● Minor ● Certificate ● Concentration

STILL DECIDING?

You don't need to pick a major right away at SVSU. Your academic advisor will help you choose classes that count toward your general education. Our career advisors have tools to help you discover a career path based on your interests & strengths!

PRE PROFESSIONAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

Pre-Chiropractic Medicine
Pre-Dentistry
Pre-Medicine
Pre-Optometry

Pre-Pharmacy
Pre-Physician Assistant
Pre-Podiatry
Pre-Veterinary Medicine

CONTINUE WITH YOUR MASTER'S / ADVANCED DEGREE AT SVSU ● Certificate ● Concentration

BUSINESS

Business Administration (MBA)
-Business Analytics ●
-Entrepreneurship ●
-Health Administration ●
-International Business ●

HEALTH

Health Administration (MHA)
Health Administration/Public Health (Combined MHA/MPH)
Occupational Therapy (MSOT)
Social Work (MSW)
Public Health (MPH)
-Combined BS/MPH degree
Public Health Certifications
-Public Health ●
-Healthcare Ethics and Compliance ●
-Health Administration Leadership ●
-Healthcare Quality and Safety ●
-Epidemiology ●

EDUCATION

Early Childhood Classroom Teaching (MAT)
Educational Leadership – Principalship (MED)
Educational Leadership – Ed Specialist (EDS)
Educational Leadership – Accelerated Route to Michigan Admin Certification (Ascend Leadership Academy)
K-12 Literacy Specialist (MAT)
Special Education (MAT)
Technology Learning Systems & Design (MA)
Education Certifications
-Traditional Route to Teacher Certification ●
-Accelerated Route to Teacher Certification ●
-Autism Spectrum Disorder (K-12) ●
-Cognitive Impairment (K-12) ●
-Learning Disabilities (K-12) ●
-Online Training & Design ●

PUBLIC SERVICE & NONPROFIT

Public Administration (MPA)
-Student Affairs Administration ●
-Workplace Conflict Management ●

TECHNOLOGY

Computer Science & Information Systems (MS)

NURSING

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)
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BSN to DNP
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)
MSN to DNP
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) – Dual Family Nurse Practitioner/Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (FNP/PMHNP)
Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
-Dual Nurse Educator/Nurse Administrator ●
-Nurse Administrator ●
-Nurse Educator ●
-Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner ●
Nursing Certifications
-Dual Nurse Educator/Nurse Administrator ●
-Nurse Administrator ●
-Nurse Educator ●
-Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) ●
-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate (PMHNP) ●

COMMUNICATION

Strategic Organizational Communication ●