Manual Arts Building in the 1930’s.
1927 ~ by authorization of the State Legislature, Western State Normal School becomes Western State Teachers College

1934 ~ State Board of Education grants teachers colleges the right to award non-teaching degrees (Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science)

1935 ~ WSTC offers a pre-professional program in engineering. After completing two years at WSTC students can transfer and complete the final two years of a four year program at another Michigan school

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- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Commerce
- Directed Teaching
- Education and Psychology
- English
- Geography and Geology
- Handwriting
- Home Economics
- Latin
- Library
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- Mathematics
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Physical Education for Men
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