

Ferris State University: General Education Requirements for Associate Degrees

General Education Requirements for an AA, AS Degree:

Communication Competence: 9 credit hours

- English composition requirement – 6 credit hours
Choose ENGL 150; and ENGL 250 or ENGL 211
- Speech communication requirement - 3 credit hours:
Choose one of the following: COMM 105, 121, 200, 201, 221 or 251

Quantitative Skills: See Options Below

Scientific Understanding: 7 credit hours

- Choose 2 Scientific Understanding courses, one of which must have a lab

Cultural Enrichment: 9 credit hours

- One 200 level or higher
- No more than 3 credit hours in music or theater activities courses

Social Awareness: 9 credit hours

- Choose 3 Social Awareness courses in at least TWO different subject areas
- One MUST be a Social Foundations Course

NOTE: All Bachelor Degrees at Ferris also require one Global Consciousness and one Race/Ethnicity/Gender course. For students wishing to continue to a Bachelor Degree, completion of these requirements within the Associate Degree is recommended. These requirements can be met without additional coursework because many Cultural Enrichment and Social Awareness courses also meet the Global Consciousness and Race/Ethnicity/Gender requirements.

General Education Requirements for an AAS Degree:

Communication Competence: 6 Credit Hours

- English composition requirement – 6 credit hours
Choose ENGL 150; and ENGL 250 or ENGL 211

Quantitative Skills: See Options Below

Scientific Understanding: 3 credit hours

- Choose one Scientific Understanding course, which must have a lab

Cultural Enrichment: 3 credit hours

- Choose one Cultural enrichment course

Social Awareness: 3 credit hours

- Choose one Social Awareness course

Quantitative Skills Requirement for AA, AS & AAS Degrees:

- Complete one of the following options:
 1. Pass Math 110 or higher
 2. Pass a course proficiency exam for MATH 110 or higher
 3. Submit an ACT math subtest score of 19 or higher, plus 2 years of high school algebra with a grade of C- or better
 4. Submit an ACT math subtest score of 22 or higher, plus 1 year of high school algebra with a grade of C- or better
 5. Submit a Compass Algebra score of 46 or higher, plus 2 years of high school algebra with a grade of C- or better
 6. Submit a Compass Algebra score of 55 or higher, plus 1 year of high school algebra with a grade of C- or better
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