

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICY LETTER

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Ferris State University Seminar (FSUS) 100

An orientation-to-college course (freshman seminar) has proven to increase retention in many of the over 200 institutions nationwide where one is being used. The following policy¹ has been adopted to assist the University in improving its student success and retention:

- All first-time-in-any-college freshmen (FTIAC's) must complete a one-credit FSUS 100, Ferris State University Seminar, requirement. For the purposes of FSUS 100 compliance, "FTIAC" is defined as any freshman who has completed less than 12 credits at another higher education institution, excluding credits earned through dual enrollment, advanced placement, or proficiency testing such as CLEP.
- Students may fulfill the FSUS 100 requirement in a variety of ways. Many students will take a general, one-credit, stand-alone FSUS 100 course open to any Ferris enrollee. Some students who are enrolled in specific programs will take FSUS 100 courses designed especially for them. Other students, who are also enrolled in specific colleges or programs, will meet the FSUS 100 requirement by taking introductory, multi-credit courses in which it is infused.
- Regardless of the specific format of the one-credit requirement, all FTIAC's are required to complete FSUS 100 in their first semester at the University.
- All FTIAC's will have their progress toward meeting the FSUS 100 requirement reviewed at the conclusion of their first semester. If they have not completed their requirement, these students will have a hold placed on their registration for the next semester. In order to have the hold lifted, they will have to enroll in FSUS 100 for the next semester.
- All FTIAC's must successfully earn credit for FSUS 100 within their first two semesters at Ferris State University.

¹This policy has been developed as a result of the recommendations of the Admissions Standards Review Committee (March 26, 2001), the Academic Senate (April 3, 2001), and the Recruitment and Retention Policy Committee (June 15, 2001). Their recommendations also were approved by the FSU Board of Trustees on May 4, 2001.