

Ferris State University

# Grand Rapids

Schools must deal with fundamentals, must build a foundation and furnish a plan for a possible human structure of beauty, strength and service."

-Woodbridge N. Ferris



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## Mission

Ferris State University-Grand Rapids provides opportunities for innovative teaching and learning in career-oriented technological and professional education.

Ferris-Grand Rapids works with business, industry and instructional partners to provide top-quality programs tailored to the ever-changing needs of the Grand Rapids region. Ferris-Grand Rapids integrates applied learning with a career-focused curriculum to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in today's dynamic world.

## History

Ferris brought its first baccalaureate degree program to Grand Rapids in 1979 when it began offering a bachelor of science in manufacturing technology. Additional programs were offered throughout the 1980's, and in 1991 Ferris partnered with Grand Rapids Junior College on the development of the Applied Technology Center (ATC). For the first time in the history of higher education in Michigan, a two-year and a four-year college agreed to combine resources to serve the education and training needs of business and industry. The 170,000 square foot Applied Technology Center still serves as a model for similar endeavors throughout the country.

In 1996 the Board of Trustees of Kendall College of Art and Design voted to merge Kendall with Ferris State University, a process that will be completed in August 2000. This decision initiated a greater commitment on behalf of Ferris to expand programming in Grand Rapids and resulted in the purchase of an additional facility at 110 Ionia NW.

Today Ferris-Grand Rapids offers more than 25 professional development certificate, associate, bachelor and master degree programs for the working part-time student and serves as a model for Ferris' growth across the state of Michigan.

## Serving our Students

Ferris-Grand Rapids understands the demands placed upon the part-time student with a full-time career. As such, Ferris-Grand Rapids offers a variety of scheduling options including day, evening, weekend, Internet and compressed schedule courses. The first priority is to the student.

Ferris-Grand Rapids offers a full complement of student services. Pre-enrollment and academic advising is available to assist students in determining and achieving their educational goals. With the exception of financial aid, all business and enrollment transactions including

applying for admission, registration, tuition payment and account management can be accomplished on site through the Ferris-Grand Rapids main office located at the Applied Technology Center in Room 182.

## Partnership with Grand Rapids Community College

Ferris-Grand Rapids has a strong commitment to continued partnership with Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC). The academic departments of Ferris and GRCC work together to develop articulated programs that enable the GRCC student, upon completion of their associate's degree, to continue on and complete a bachelor of science degree through Ferris-Grand Rapids.

In addition, Ferris and GRCC have a financial aid consortium agreement designed to allow students who plan to earn their bachelor's degree through Ferris-Grand Rapids, to take appropriate classes through GRCC and/or Ferris and have those classes used in determining aid eligibility through Ferris. For more information on financial aid, students should contact Ferris' Financial Aid Office at 800/940-4AID.

## Academic Facilities

The Ferris-Grand Rapids campus includes the Applied Technology Center at 151 Fountain St. NE and the Kendall/Ferris building at 17 Fountain St. NW. Both facilities are conveniently located in downtown Grand Rapids.

The ATC offers 170,000 square feet of instructional and office space including computer, computer aided design, electronics, manufacturing, materials testing, plastics and heating, air conditioning and refrigeration labs. In addition, the ATC houses an auditorium, banquet and teleconferencing facilities.

The Kendall/Ferris building offers classroom, gallery space, and IBM and MAC computer lab facilities as well as houses the Kendall/Ferris bookstore and programs of Kendall College of Art and Design.

## Academic Programs

More than 25 professional development, associate, bachelor of science and master of science degree programs are offered in Grand Rapids through Ferris colleges of Allied Health, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, and Technology.

For more information about Ferris-Grand Rapids or its programs, call (800) 998-3425 or (616) 451-4777.