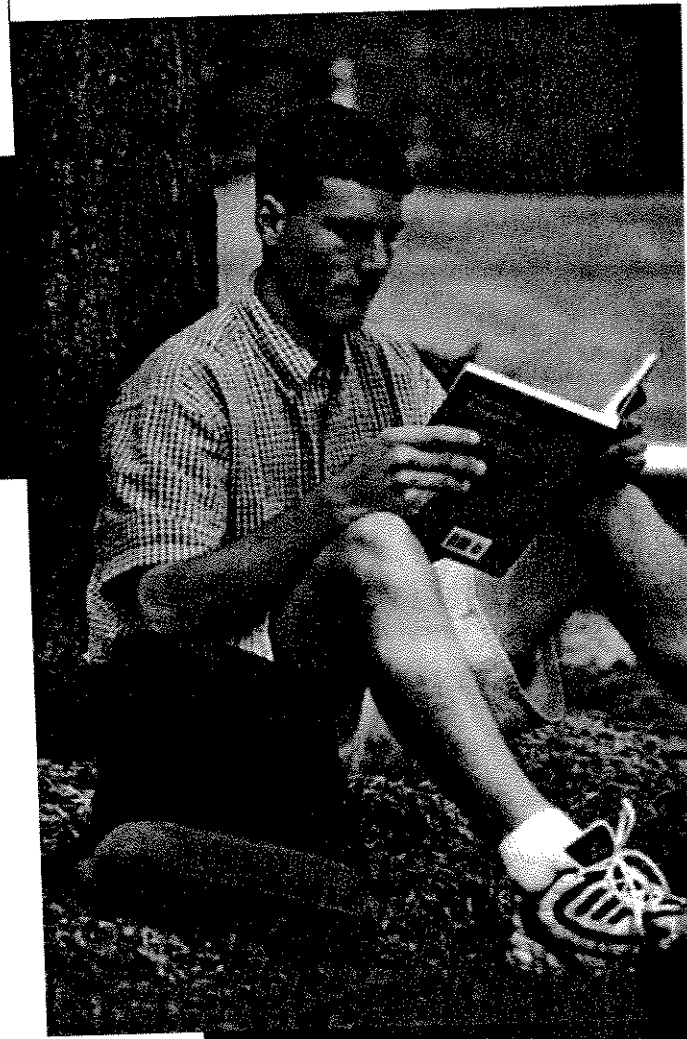


Student

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"Let us, in whatever way we are best qualified, serve our own community and thus fulfill the highest democracy."  
-Woodbridge N. Ferris



# Student Life

## Community Expectations

As a Ferris community member, I will strive to achieve...

### Personal and academic integrity

A commitment to this ideal means honesty and integrity in academic work, recreational activities, and personal pursuits and relationships. Academic dishonesty, cheating in classes, in sports, or in recreational activities, plagiarizing or offering another's work as my own, lying, practicing deceit, or being disloyal in personal and academic relationships is directly contrary to this ideal.

### Respect for all persons

A commitment to this ideal means respecting the dignity of all individuals. Taking part in or condoning behaviors which demean the dignity of individuals or groups, including hazing, intimidating, taunting, baiting, ridiculing, insulting, harassing and discriminating against individuals or groups is directly contrary to this ideal.

### Respect for the rights and property of others

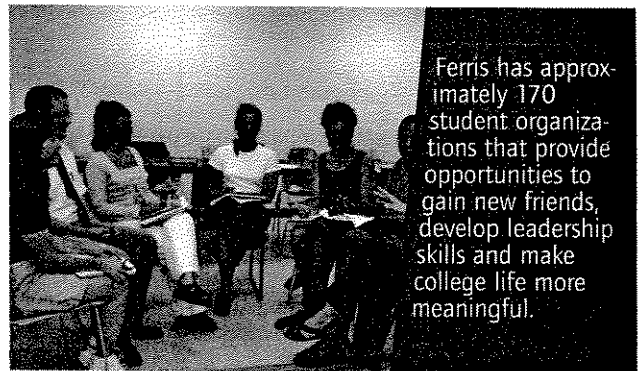
A commitment to this ideal means respecting each individual's right to move about freely, to express themselves appropriately and an individual's right to privacy, as well as respecting the property rights of others. Obstruction or disruption of University programs and activities or infringing on the rights of other members of the University community, as well as property damage, or theft, is directly contrary to this ideal.

### Openness to acceptance of the differences in people, ideas and opinions

A commitment to this ideal means affirmative support for equal rights and opportunities for all regardless of their age, sex, race, religion, disability, ethnic heritage, socio-economic status, political, social or other affiliation or disaffiliation, or sexual orientation.

### A concern for others and their feelings

A commitment to this ideal means working to bring about an environment that promotes intellectual development and a sense of community and being compassionate and considerate, to avoid behaviors which are insensitive, or inhospitable, or insightful, or which unjustly or arbitrarily inhibit one's ability to feel safe as they pursue their goals in the Ferris community.



Ferris has approximately 170 student organizations that provide opportunities to gain new friends, develop leadership skills and make college life more meaningful.

## Student Activities and Organizations

College life begins in the classroom, but it doesn't end there. At Ferris, student co-curricular programming is recognized as an important part of college life.

Approximately 170 student organizations and a variety of campus athletic, recreational and entertainment activities provide opportunities to gain new friends, develop leadership skills and make college life more meaningful. Students are encouraged to make leisure time full and enjoyable by participation in the diversified activities program.

The intercollegiate forensics program fields debate teams, and individual event speakers compete successfully with other universities throughout the nation.

There is a student edited newspaper, The Torch.

Each year more than half the students participate in organized intramural and club sports. Intramurals and club sports are for men and women who do not participate in varsity athletics.

Inquire at the Rankin Center activities desk, room 233, to learn more about the functions and membership of a particular group, or call (231) 591-2606.

## Student Leadership and Activities

The Office of Student Leadership and Activities, located in Rankin Center 233, provides activities, resources, and information for students to help them make the most of their university experience.

The mission of the Office of Student Leadership and Activities is to provide programs and services that will:

- enhance student learning through group involvement and community service
- promote the personal and leadership development of students
- create a welcoming and encouraging campus environment

- support the leaders, advisors, and members of Registered Student Organizations in endeavors that enhance the University's mission
- encourage students to seek their full potential as citizens in a global community

This mission is achieved through community service opportunities, conferences and workshops, networking events, recognition programs, and a collection of student organization resources.

The staff helps organize and promote all areas of extracurricular student life. This includes maintaining registration of more than 170 student organizations, which offer both leadership and social opportunities for students to develop their skills in interpersonal communication, networking, and project management. If an organization doesn't currently exist and there is student interest, the Office of Student Leadership and Activities can assist students with the formation of a new group.

At Ferris State University, students are encouraged to plan events of interest to them. The Office of Student Leadership and Activities advises students who plan campus concerts and several traditional campus events including Welcome Week, Bulldog Bonanza, Homecoming Week, and Ferris Fest. These events are often sponsored through the Student Activity Fund of Student Government, which is funded through student fees each semester.

Ferris State University Recognized Student Organizations includes:

#### **Club Sports**

Baseball Club  
Bowling Club  
Capoeira Mandinga  
Club Hockey  
Dance Team  
Lacrosse Club  
Men's Rugby Football Club  
New Vibe  
Pom Squad  
Racquetball Club  
Ski and Snowboarding Club  
Ski Team  
Superstar Karate  
Volleyball Men's Club  
Weightlifting Club  
Women's Club Hockey  
Women's Rugby

#### **Hall and Student Government**

Carlisle Hall Council  
Clark Hall Council  
Cramer Hall Council  
Hallisy Hall Council  
Masselink Hall Council  
Miller Hall Council  
Residence Hall Association-RHA  
Student Government of Ferris State University

#### **Honor Societies**

Kappa Kappa Psi-Band  
Lambda Sigma-Surveying  
Omicron Delta Kappa-ODK Leadership  
Sigma Lambda Chi-Construction

#### **Media and Entertainment**

Entertainment Unlimited  
Torch-Student Newspaper  
WFSU Ferris Radio Station

#### **Multicultural**

Association of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals  
B.L.A.C.K.-Black Leaders Aspiring to Critical Knowledge  
Hispanic Student Organization  
Indian Student Organization  
International Student Organization  
Muslim Student Organization  
N.A.A.C.P.  
N.O.W.-National Organization for Women  
Visions Book Club  
You Beautiful Black Women-Y.B.B.W.

#### **Political**

College Republicans

#### **Religious**

Campus Crusade for Christ  
Catholic Students  
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship  
Christian Life Ministries, YAC  
Earth Spirit  
Fellowship of Christian Optometrists  
Fellowship of Christian Students  
Gospel Choir  
His House Christian Fellowship  
Wesley Foundation

#### **Social/Service**

Angels  
Diamonds  
Emeralds  
Habitat for Humanity  
Loves  
Red Cross Student Chapter  
Sapphires  
Sweethearts

#### **Special Interest**

Association of Students Interested in German  
Dead Poet's Society  
Federation of Cyber-Magic  
F.U.S.S. (Ferris University Sports Supporters)  
Human Rights Awareness  
Non-Traditional Student Association  
Oni No Anime-Japanese Animation Club  
Student Alumni Gold Club  
WWF Wrestling Club  
Young Business Association

**Black Greek Council  
Fraternities and Sororities**  
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Black Greek Council  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.  
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.  
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.  
Phi Delta Psi Fraternity  
Phi Eta Psi Fraternity  
Sigma Gamma Rho Society, Inc.  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

**Interfraternity Council Fraternities**

Delta Chi  
Delta Sigma Phi  
Interfraternity Council  
Lambda Chi Alpha  
Phi Sigma Kappa  
Pi Kappa Alpha  
Pi Lambda Phi  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon  
Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Panhellenic Council Sororities**

Alpha Sigma Tau  
Alpha Xi Delta  
Delta Zeta  
Panhellenic Council  
Phi Sigma Sigma  
Zeta Tau Alpha

**Professional Fraternities & Sororities**

Delta Nu Alpha-Biotechnology  
Delta Sigma Pi-Business  
Gamma Iota Sigma-Insurance  
Kappa Psi-Pharmacy  
Lambda Alpha Epsilon-Criminal Justice  
Lambda Kappa Sigma Sorority-Pharmacy  
Phi Alpha National Social Work Association  
Phi Beta Alpha-Media Arts  
Phi Delta Chi Fraternity-Pharmacy  
Phi Gamma Nu-Business  
Phi Lambda Sigma-Pharmacy  
Pi Delta Alpha-Dental

**College of Allied Health**

Association of Clinical Lab Sciences  
F.I.E.H.A.-Ferris Industrial and Environmental Health  
F.S.O.A.M.-Ferris Student Opticians Association  
of Michigan  
Health Care Management Association  
Nuclear Medicine Association  
Pre-Med Club  
Radiography Association  
Respiratory Care Club  
Student American Dental Hygiene Association-S.A.D.H.A.  
Student Nurses Association

**College of Arts and Sciences**

American Chemical Society  
Communication Association

Phi Alpha Delta-Pre Law Association  
Pre-Optometry Club  
Public Administration Association  
Social Work Association  
Students of Pre-Pharmacy

**College of Business**

Accounting Association  
Ad Group  
American Marketing Association-A.M.A.  
Computer Information Systems  
Financial Management Association  
International Business Association  
International Food Service Executive Association  
Master of Science in Information Systems  
Music Industry Management Association  
Paralegal Association  
Professional Golf Management Student Association  
Professional Tennis Management Association  
Public Relations Student Society of America-P.R.S.S.A.  
Society for Human Resource Management  
Students in Design

**College of Education and Human Services**

Association for Future Educators of Children  
International Television Association  
Minority Students in Criminal Justice  
Professional Recreation Association-P.R.A.

**Michigan College of Optometry**

American Optometric Student Association  
Michigan Optometric Student Association  
Optometric Student Government  
Students Volunteering Optometric Services for Humanity

**College of Pharmacy**

Academy Students of Pharmacy  
National Community of Pharmacists Association

**College of Technology**

American Institute of Architectural Students  
American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, Air  
Conditioning Engineers-A.S.H.R.A.E.  
American Society of Safety Engineering  
American Welding Society  
Associated Construction Students  
Association of Heavy Equipment Technology  
Auto and Heavy Equipment Management  
Auto Body Technicians of the Future  
Burt and Mullett Surveying  
Graphic Arts Association  
Industrial Automation Student Association  
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers-I.E.E.E.  
International Facilities Management Association  
Machinists Association  
Mechanical Engineering Technology Association  
Mechanical Service Contractors of America  
Service Technicians Society-S.T.S.  
Society of Manufacturing Engineers  
Society of Plastics Engineers  
Technical Drafting and Tool Design Association

## Student Government

The Ferris State University Student Government (FSUSG) is an elected body of student representatives who recommend policy changes to the University administration and investigate student concerns. Membership includes a president, vice president, and senators elected annually by the student body, plus representatives from other major student groups on campus.

Much of the work of this group is performed through committees composed of senators and other students interested in being involved. Any students who have questions, concerns, or would like to serve on one of the committees may contact the Ferris State University Student Government office at (231) 591-5954 or Box 53, Rankin Center.

## Residence Hall Association

The coordinating body for all residence hall councils is the Residence Hall Association. The Association is made up of one representative from each residence hall and works to improve and promote the quality of life in the halls. Residence Hall Association Week is an annual event sponsored by the Residence Hall Association and offers special events and fun for residents.

Each residence hall also has its own council made up of members elected by the residents. The activities in individual halls are planned by this group.

## Cultural Opportunities

The Ferris campus offers a diverse array of cultural activities to members of the University community and residents of West Central Michigan.

Concerts by Music Center organizations such as the West Central Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, West Central Concert Singers, and Chamber Orchestra are popular events. Some of America's leading conductors and artists have appeared in concert with these organizations.

Drama, comedy, and musical productions by the Ferris Theater delight campus newcomers and seasoned theatergoers.

The Arts and Lectures Committee offers an exciting lecture-concert-film series annually. Among the programs in recent years have been the Vienna Boys Choir, Grand Rapids Symphony, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Martha Graham Dance Ensemble, writer Harlan Ellison, and the Shanghai Kunju Opera Theater.

Art classes on campus are taught at the Creative Arts Center which includes special facilities for 3-D design.

G. Mennen Williams Auditorium, the Music Center, the Art Gallery, the Rankin Center Dome Room, and four small auditoriums in the Instructional Resource Center are the venues for cultural presentations.

As a public service, many cultural presentations are open to students and the public without admission charges.

## Fine Arts

On the Big Rapids campus, the fine arts area offers a variety of opportunities to students interested in developing their skills in the creative arts.

Studio courses at Ferris State University are for both the novice and the experienced art student. There is a wide range of artistic instruction from introductory through advanced techniques in both two and three dimensional media, including both intaglio and fine art lithography.

The Ferris Fine Arts Gallery is located in the Rankin Student Center, and is dedicated to enhancing cultural awareness. At least seven major exhibits are presented annually in the 1,730 sq. ft. facility including nationally and internationally acclaimed artists, Fine Arts faculty, Fine Arts students, and children's art exhibits.

Ferris' Arts and Sciences complex also houses art works by Michigan artists and "The Visionary", an impressive historical mural by FSU Humanities Associate Professor Robert Barnum.

## Music

Students are encouraged to continue their music participation at Ferris State University. Men and women from every academic program are welcome. Students may enroll in music performing arts organizations, either for credit or no credit. The music performing arts organizations include: Athletic Band, West Central Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, West Central Concert Singers, Men's Glee Club, and small ensembles.

The music program is versatile, flexible and responsive to all levels of ability and interest. Students in any major may participate. FSU offers a music industry management major through the marketing department of the College of Business (see bachelor of science in business catalog listings).

Classes designed to broaden the student's understanding, knowledge, sensitivity, appreciation, and enjoyment of music include music appreciation, American popular music, fundamentals of music, and class piano.

Annually, noted guest soloists and conductors appear with the music organizations. In addition to campus concerts, several music performing arts organizations present off-campus concerts.

Practice rooms and rehearsal rooms are available in the Music Center for all students.

The Music Center provides music participation scholarships to selected students. Students in any curriculum are eligible.

For more information on FSU's music activities, facilities, or the music industry management major, contact the Music Center at (231) 591-2501.

## University Theater

The University Theater produces three major productions each year. All Ferris students are welcome to audition. Recent productions include *Pippin*, *Lend Me A Tenor*, and *The Shadow Box*.

Students who participate in major productions as actors or technicians can earn credit in theater practicum. A basic grounding in theater can be gained through introduction to theater, acting and stagecraft courses. Students can gain additional knowledge and expertise through such courses as stage makeup, lighting, and educational theater.

All theater courses count for general education "cultural enrichment" credit. In addition, introduction to theater counts as a general education "global consciousness" course.

The University Theater provides several theater scholarships each year. For more information, contact the University Theater at (231) 591-2108.

## Competitive Speech Communication Opportunities

### Forensics

Ferris State University is proud to have a nationally ranked debate team. The program is flexible, adjusting to the needs, abilities, and interests of participants. Opportunity is provided for participation in debate and individual events. Individual events include persuasive, extemporaneous and informative speaking, oral interpretation, and salesmanship.

The forensics season runs from September through March. During this time students participate in state, regional and national intercollegiate tournaments.

Ferris State University is affiliated with the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League, the National Educational Debate Association, the American Forensics Association, and the National Forensics Association. Students have the opportunity to qualify for national individual events or debate tournaments. Participants in the program may also become members of Pi Kappa Delta, the National Speech Honorary Fraternity.

The forensics program is open to all full-time students. For further information, contact the director of forensics (231) 591-2775.

## Intercollegiate Athletics

Ferris State University is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), competing at the Division II level for all sports except for Division I hockey.

In 1972, Ferris State University became a charter member of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), which holds championships in 16

sports, six for women and ten for men. Other members of the GLIAC are Grand Valley State University, Hillsdale College, Lake Superior State University, Saginaw Valley State University, Wayne State University, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University, Mercyhurst College, Gannon University, University of Findlay, Northwest University, Westminster College, and Ashland University.

Ferris is also a member of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association which lists as members: Bowling Green State University, Lake Superior State University, Ohio State University, Western Michigan University, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, University of Alaska-Fairbanks, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Northern Michigan University, University of Notre Dame, and Miami University of Ohio.

Intercollegiate athletic offerings are:

Men	Women
Basketball	Basketball
Football	Cross Country
Golf	Golf
Hockey	Softball
Tennis	Tennis
Cross Country	Track
Track	Volleyball
	Soccer

## Recreation, Intramural and Club Sport Programs

### Recreational Sports Programs

The Office of University Recreation (U-Rec) offers a wide range of recreational opportunities to the students, faculty and staff of Ferris. Both structured and unstructured opportunities are offered through the informal recreation, intramural, club sports, and fitness programs. A list of all intramural and club sports offerings for each semester is available from the U-Rec office.

Each year about two-thirds of the students at Ferris participate in recreational, intramural, and club sports activities. Getting involved is an excellent way to get acquainted with new friends and enjoy a favorite activity.

### Club Sports

A club sport is a registered student organization which provides a program of instruction, recreation, or competition in a specific sport or activity. Club sports have a variety of types and sizes in order to meet specific needs and interests of students, faculty, and staff. Each club establishes its own organizational framework, leadership, and performance levels.

Within the guidelines provided by University Recreation and the club sport council, each club is a distinct organization which is administered by the members with the support of the U-Rec office and a faculty or staff advisor. Meeting dates and practice times may be obtained by contacting the individual club's president. Further information is available from the club sport coordinator (231) 591-2678.

## Intramural Sports

Organized intramural sports activities at Ferris include the following for each semester and summer session.

### Fall Semester

- 3 on 3 Basketball
- Badminton Tournament
- Billiards Tournament
- Bowling Tournament
- Flag Football Tourney
- Dart Tournament
- Flag Football
- Golf Tournament
- Homecoming 5K Run
- Softball Tournament
- Swim Meet
- Volleyball
- Wallyball (co-rec)

### Winter Semester

- Basketball
- Basketball Tourney
- Dart Tournament
- Floor Hockey
- Hoop Hysteria
- Ice Hockey
- Indoor Soccer
- Innertube Water Polo
- Martin Luther King Memorial
- Racquetball Tournament
- Softball/Sand Volleyball Tourney
- Table Tennis Tournament
- Tennis Tournament
- Volleyball

### Summer Semester

- 3 on 3 Basketball
- 4 on 4 Sand Volleyball
- Basketball
- Sand Volleyball
- Softball
- Ultimate Frisbee

## Informal Recreation and Fitness

Informal recreation in areas such as aerobics, weight-lifting, jogging, basketball, volleyball, swimming and general fitness are an important part of the activities of Ferris students. The University offers a variety of facilities to accommodate students, faculty, and staff.

This program offers the unstructured use of campus recreation facilities on a drop-in basis. A current schedule of dates and times that each facility is open is available from the U-Rec office. The facilities include the pool and spa, one main gym with four courts, two aerobics rooms, weight room, fitness center and a 1/9 mile indoor track in the Student Recreation Center; and the multipurpose gym and mini-arena in the Ewigleben Sports Complex.

Outdoor facilities include ten tennis courts (lit for night play), two lighted field complexes, twelve basketball courts (five lit for night play), four sand volleyball courts, and Top Taggart Field, which includes a 1/4 mile outdoor track.

The 18-hole Katke Golf Course is open from 8:00 a.m. to dusk on weekdays and holidays. Golf clubs, pull carts, and electric carts can be rented at a modest rate. The course is located west of the campus, adjoining the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center.

Aerobic fitness programs are offered at a number of different times throughout each day. Classes are located at two campus sites: the Student Recreation Center and the Racquet and Fitness Center. Classes in water aerobics and body toning are also offered. Registration materials may be obtained at the U-Rec office.

For current information on the use of any of these facilities, contact the University Recreation hotline (231) 591-2099.

## Career Services

Located at the Rankin Center, the Office of Career Services offers a number of services to assist students in their preparation and search for meaningful and satisfying careers. The resources of this office can help students who are formulating career plans, exploring career options, or beginning a job search. Students are encouraged to visit the Career Services office early in their educational experience at Ferris.

The Office of Career Services is committed to the University's policy of non-discrimination and pledges its full support to employment programs offering equal opportunity to all students and alumni. Call (231) 591-2685 for additional information.

## Career and Job Search Services

The Office of Career Services serves prospective graduates in all programs. Students and alumni seeking career employment are encouraged to register with the office so that they may take part in on-campus interviewing and be referred out to hiring employers via Career Connection, a new state-of-the-art resume referral system.

Each year the office receives thousands of position vacancies which are available on their web site. These job opportunities are placed in binders and many are published in a weekly Job Announcement Bulletin. In addition, students are assisted in making interview appointments with the 150-200 employers who recruit on the Ferris campus during the academic year. Other

services include job search workshops, assistance on developing job contacts, advice on career plans and employment pursuits, resume critiquing, and mock interviewing. Career Services also currently hosts two major job fairs annually.

## Career Information Center

An integral component of the Career Services Office is the library of current career resource materials. This facility contains reference books on educational institutions, job search guides, employment and salary statistics, files on employer organizations, government employment information, books on career planning, occupational descriptions and forecasts, current listings of employment openings, and video tapes highlighting job search strategies. The career information center is designed for use by students at all educational levels, freshmen through seniors.

## Housing and Dining Services

### Residence Halls

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees that single students living away from home live in University residence halls if space is available. Exceptions are granted to students who have turned 20 years of age or have earned 56 semester credit hours before the first day of classes in a given semester. Exceptions are also granted to students living within 50 road miles of the University in the permanent home of a parent or legal guardian. Students seeking commuter status must inform the housing office. Other exceptions are considered on a case by case basis.

There are 16 residence halls on campus. The halls are capable of housing as many as 5,200 students depending upon the number of private rooms permitted. There are a variety of special programs and environmental options available to students in selecting a hall. Changes are made on a yearly basis to reflect changing student preferences and needs. Please refer to the most current housing contract booklet for extensive information about hall options.

### Apartments

FSU Housing also manages 388 student apartments on campus. Students with families are encouraged to apply for University apartments. Laundry, playgrounds and access to the services of the West Campus Community Center (including a mini-computer lab) are some of the amenities available. Please contact the Housing Office to request an application.

A contract guarantee (\$200 for the year 2000) is required for both the residence halls and the apartments.

## Off-Campus Housing

Eligible single, non-commuting students may be approved to live off-campus provided it does not interfere with the residence hall program. All students who are approved to live off-campus select their own places of residence.

Students who elect to reside off-campus must accept the responsibilities of adults in the community. They are not, however, exempted from behavioral expectations of all students and remain subject to University disciplinary procedures.

The student and/or the student's parents assume full responsibility for the location, condition, and contractual terms of the student's off-campus residence. The University is in no way a third party to any agreement between a student and a property owner or manager, nor does the University rate, inspect, or supervise student off-campus housing.

### For more information

Questions and concerns regarding University housing should be directed to the FSU Housing Office located in South Commons, 1420 Knollview Dr., Big Rapids, MI 49307, (231) 591-3745.

## Dining Facilities

Ferris State maintains dining facilities for students who live in the University-owned residence halls. However, students living off-campus may purchase a meal plan at the Housing and Dining Services office or at the Student Service Center in Rankin Center anytime during the year. Students without meal plans may use cash or a debit card to purchase meals in the dining centers or food courts, or at the Pug Café located in the Rankin Center.

For more information regarding FSU Dining Services, please visit the website at: [www.ferris.edu/htmls/studentlife/dining](http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/studentlife/dining).

## Telephone Service

Telephone service is provided to students residing in the residence halls and University apartments. The charge for this service is incorporated in the room and board rates. Long distance direct dialing service is available by obtaining an authorization code that allows direct distance dialing for long distance calls from the telephone. Students who sign up for this service realize a savings.

# University Counseling Services

## University Counseling Center

The Counseling Center staff builds on the foundation that personal counseling is a therapeutic and educational experience for students in their personal and academic growth. The Counseling Center also assists students who are experiencing more serious forms of stress and disruption to their normal functioning by utilizing a variety of therapeutic interventions. Prevention and educational aspects of a healthy lifestyle are emphasized throughout the therapeutic process as well as through programs targeted at significant topics for students.

Licensed professional therapists consult with and accept referrals from faculty, staff, and residence hall personnel. Students may be referred to other professionals and off-campus agencies when appropriate. Individual, couple, and group counseling sessions are available with all services confidential.

Students who wish to see a counselor are asked to begin by completing a short questionnaire to help identify their areas of concern. An appointment is then scheduled with the student and a therapist as soon as an opening is available. Appointments generally last an hour, with the total number of sessions based on individual need. The therapist helps the student define the issues that he/she wishes to resolve and they then work together to develop goals and strategies to resolve those issues.

Students seek help for a variety of concerns including:

- Stress
- Alcohol and other drug use/abuse
- Anxiety
- Grief and loss
- Depression
- Self-esteem
- Suicidal thoughts
- Family issues
- Relationships
- Eating disorders
- Coping with personal feelings
- Trauma and violence
- Sexual assault
- Gay and lesbian issues

## Prevention/Education

The Counseling Center staff provides a wide variety of educational programs for students, faculty, and staff. Such programming provides information available to all members of the campus community to facilitate healthy decision making and reduce risk of harm. These educa-

tional presentations are offered in classes or residence halls, for registered student organizations, and for a wide range of employee groups. The Wellness Resource Center, located in the Birkam Health Center, provides a variety of informational resources in areas of alcohol and other drugs, sexual assault and HIV which support the Prevention Education program.

# Campus Health and Child Development Services

## Campus Child Development Center

Tot's Place is a licensed child care center operated by Ferris State University. The center provides quality care for children of University students and staff, as well as community members, and is open year-round, observing the University's administrative holidays. Tot's Place operates four classrooms throughout the year. During the academic school year, Tot's Place provides care for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and a wrap-around program for children enrolled in the NEMCSA Head Start Program. During the summer months, a summer camp for school-aged children replaces the wrap-around program.

The staff at the Child Development Center is composed of professional teachers in the early childhood education field, and trained care givers who serve as models in the care of young children. The Child Development Center also operates as a laboratory site for a variety of programs offered at the University.

The philosophy of the program states that each child is a worthwhile and unique individual. All children are given many opportunities to learn in their own way, pursuing their own interests and having their many individual needs met. The goal is to accept each child as they are, and help foster their growth and development into a responsible, independent and caring person. The Center strives to make all children more aware of the world around them through activities and experiences aimed at social, emotional, physical and intellectual development. The Center understands the importance of providing the opportunity to participate in group and individual activities, noisy and quiet times, exercise experiments, and the time for observation to develop listening skills. The Center believes if given the chance, every child can develop a healthy sense of self-esteem; a feeling that each child is special, and a foundation that will encourage enjoyable learning experiences now and in the future. All parents are encouraged to be part of special events.

Tot's Place is open weekdays 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Tot's Place accepts payments from the Michigan Family Independence Agency. Application must be made prior to admittance.

## Student Health Services/Birkam Health Center

The Birkam Health Center provides health care designed to meet the acute (or short term) needs of Ferris State University students similar to the type of care that would be rendered by a family physician in an office.

The Health Center staff attempts to offer services in a spirit of genuine concern for the students and in a way that makes the care acceptable, confident, and easily accessible. Hours and internal procedures are designed to provide high level care in a very convenient way. After hours, emergency care can be obtained at the Mecosta County General Hospital Emergency Room. The student is responsible for the Emergency Room charges made by the hospital. Services are not designed to provide the ongoing care necessary for those persons who have chronic (long-term) ailments; such students are asked to make arrangements for that care before they attend the University.

All currently enrolled students are eligible for services at the Health Center. A nominal charge is made for the professional services of a regular office visit and medications and supplies are offered at a modest price. Spouses and dependents (over 2 years of age) of students, as well as special students and conference participants are eligible for care, via a special charge system. Faculty and staff are not eligible for care, except for emergency first aid as is immediately indicated to get them safely to their own source of medical care.

When a student is discovered to have a problem that requires care beyond the Health Center limitations, physicians can make an appropriate referral, either through the local medical community, or to a physician of the patient's choosing in another locale. The University's role in the situation is to be as helpful as possible in assisting the student to obtain the best possible medical attention.

Whenever the Health Center restricts a patient in a way that prevents attendance at class, a medical notice is issued showing the period of time involved. This is not an excuse, but simply a statement of the fact that the student was restricted by the Health Center. It is the student's responsibility to present the professor with the medical notice. Only the faculty member can actually excuse the student from missed work. When indicated, the Health Center may recommend to a student's dean that he or she medically withdraw from the University. The dean actually withdraws the students.

Students are encouraged to call the Health Center at (231) 591-2614 for information or questions.

## Optometry Clinic

The Patient Care Clinics of the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University make available to the students and public the facilities and expertise of one of the nation's leading optometry colleges. Services include comprehensive examinations, diagnosis and treatment of conditions of the vision system and eye diseases, utilizing medications, eye wear, contact lenses, low vision aides and vision therapy. The clinic offers a modern up to date eyeglass dispensary with hundreds of frames, including the most popular designer collections. Fees are competitive.

The Clinic is located in the Pennock building. Appointments can be scheduled Monday through Friday with Tuesday and Thursday evening hours. Most insurance plans are accepted. Please call the Clinic for an appointment or more information (231) 591-2222.

## Dental Hygiene Clinic

Dental hygiene services are available to Ferris students and the general public. The services are provided by students enrolled in the dental hygiene program, are supervised by dental hygiene faculty and include teeth cleaning, dental x-ray, fluoride, application of pit and fissure sealants, and oral hygiene instruction.

Minimum fees are charged. Appointments may be made by telephoning the clinic business office at (231) 591-2260 or visiting the clinic office, room 202, in the V.F. Spathelf Center for Allied Health.