

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICY LETTER

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### POLICY ON TRANSFER CREDITS FOR VARIOUS GRADES

#### Admissions Policy: Transfer Students

Students transferring to Ferris State University (FSU) from other institutions of higher education may be granted transfer credit. Transfer credit is subject to the following criteria:

#### General Considerations

1. If FSU has an institutional articulation agreement with the student's prior institution, that agreement governs the student's transfer determination if covered by the articulation agreement. Otherwise, the student's transfer determination is governed by individual course equivalency evaluations and FSU's transfer policies or as determined by FSU in its sole discretion.
2. Institutional articulation agreements will focus on conditions for accepting students (with specific degrees and GPA's) and transferring them into FSU's programs, not determining course-by-course equivalencies.
3. Credits are considered for transfer upon presentation of official evidence of completion (i.e. official transcripts, DD214, etc.).
4. College-level coursework taken at a regionally accredited institution is transferable to FSU. An applicant with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher is admissible. An applicant with a cumulative GPA of less than a 2.0 may be admitted at the sole discretion of Ferris.
5. Ferris accepts transfer courses in which the student earned a grade of "C" (2.0) or better. Consistent with program progression policies, coursework taken at other institutions and not accepted for credit at FSU may need to be repeated. All references to a 2.0 GPA are on a 4.0 scale.
6. Additional information concerning the transferability of college credit is included in the University catalog, which describes the degree programs offered through a specific Ferris college. Under special circumstances, after twelve semester credits of work at Ferris have been successfully completed, the appropriate college dean's office may accept coursework from institutions which are not regionally accredited, according to the guidelines of this policy.
7. Credit may be granted for military training courses, group study, or correspondence work if the course(s) or other work is recommended for credit by the American Council on Education or approved through an appropriate Ferris competency assessment process.
8. Credits from transferred coursework are recorded on the FSU transcript, but do not count toward the FSU cumulative GPA or academic honors computations.

### **Transfer Students: Course and Transcript Evaluation**

1. Transcripts of transfer students are evaluated by the dean's office of the college in which the student enrolls.
2. Transfer course equivalency evaluations are determined by the FSU department with comparable coursework as indicated by the Ferris course designator. These evaluations represent an institutional determination and will not be independently renegotiated by each FSU college. That is, if a transfer student enters Ferris and then changes program and college, the initial transfer course equivalent determination is not changed unless a determination that an error in the evaluation has occurred, or prerequisite validation occurs per #4 of this section. This determination is at the sole discretion of Ferris State University.