

**Grand Rapids Community College**  
 Transfer Guide

The Ferris State University Social Work Program is well known in the academic world as a producer of skilled social workers from an advanced curriculum. The faculty members come from various backgrounds in the varying field of social work.

**General Admission Criteria**

To be admitted to this degree program, transfer students with fewer than 12 transferable credits at the time of application, must meet the current freshman admission criteria. The application will be considered for admission based upon the high school academic record. Transfer students with 12 or more transferable credits at the time of application (including both English and Algebra) must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 ("C" or better on 4.0 scale). Students without an English and Algebra Class will be required to submit an ACT/SAT score. Official transcripts from all accredited colleges/universities must be submitted with the Ferris application.

**Course Requirements**

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Course	Ferris Equiv.	Ferris Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
BI 117	BIOL 109	Basic Human Anatomy/Physiology	4
SC 135	COMM 105	Interpersonal Communication	3
or	or	or	
SC 131	COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
HU 281	RELG 215	Comparative Religions	3
PS 110	PLSC 121	American Government 1	3
or	or	or	
PS 200	PLSC 122	American Government 2	
PY 201	PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3
PY 232	PSYC 226	Lifespan Human Development	3
or	or	or	
CD 118	EDUC 251	Lifespan Human Growth and Development	
SO 251	SOCY 121	Introductory Sociology	3
or	or	or	
SO 254	SOCY 122	Social Problems	
SO 270	SOCY 225	Marriage and the Family	3
SO 260	SOCY 340	Minority Groups in America	3
EC 251	ECON 221	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
EN 100	ENGL 150	English 1	3
or			
EN 101			
EN 102	ENGL 250	English 2	3
MA 107	MATH 115	Intermediate Algebra	3
GRCC	VARIABLES	FSU General Education - Lab or Non-Lab Natural Sciences Electives	3-4
GRCC	VARIABLES	FSU General Education – Culture Electives	6

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Course	Ferris Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
SCWK 110	Intro-Social Work Profession	2
SCWK 130	Social Work Interviewing Skills	3
SCWK 170	Agency & Program Orientation	1
SCWK 191	Introductory Field Experience	3
SCWK 210	Introduction to Social Welfare	3
SCWK 220	Individual & Family Practice	4
SCWK 240	Foundations of Practice	3
SCWK 310	SCWK Policy & Political Advocacy	3
SCWK 320	Theories/Methods of Practice 2	4
SCWK 330	Social Work Interviewing 2	3
SCWK 370	Field Instruction Orientation	1
SCWK 450	Applied Social Research Statistics	3
SCWK 481	Field Instruction Seminar 1	2
SCWK 482	Field Instruction Seminar 2	2
SCWK 491	Field Instruction 1	6
SCWK 492	Field Instruction 2	6
SSCI 310	Applied Social Research Methods	3
SSCI 450	Intercultural Competence	3
ENGL 321	Advanced Composition	3
<b>Credits Required for Degree</b>		<b>120</b>

**Program Offered at:**  
**Main Campus, Big Rapids**

College of Arts & Sciences  
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[www.ferris.edu/transfer](http://www.ferris.edu/transfer)

**FSU General Education Requirements can be found at:**

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/gened/index.htm>.

Students transferring to Ferris with the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) and entering a degree program will have met a 30-hour block of lower-level general education courses. However, this does not exempt students from completing program specific prerequisites or higher-level general education course requirements. Students should contact their advisor regarding classes that meet the MTA.

Students are encouraged to work with their Ferris advisor for selection of any electives, to ensure transferability and to minimize credits taken.

**Advising Notes**

It is recommended that potential applicants meet with an advisor to review the degree, course schedule, and have any questions answered prior to completing an application. Students who are completing the MTA may have different general education course requirements for the particular degree selected. Meeting with a Ferris advisor prior to the selection of general education or elective course work may reduce the chance of completing a course that will not apply toward the selected degree. Once admitted, students must continue to meet with an advisor as they work toward graduation.

**Transfer Student Orientation**

All new students to Ferris State University are required to complete an orientation.

**Online Learning**

Select courses delivered online and/or in a mixed delivery format (i.e. a mix of online and face-to-face instruction at the Ferris Main Campus or at an off-campus location). The "Online Readiness Tutorial" is required for students who register for an online *course* or are completing an online *degree*. Students must demonstrate competency in Blackboard skills. This may be done by taking a tutorial and quiz, or, for students who have already taken and passed online courses, they can submit a waiver request. Students should check with the department that offers the class to determine its particular needs and/or the Ferris advisor regarding registration for online course work.

**Reverse Transfer Agreement**

The Community College and Ferris have entered into a partnership in order to work collaboratively and creatively to increase student completion of associate and bachelor degrees. The partners work together to provide a seamless transfer experience and increase student retention and completion at both the community college and Ferris.

**Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA)**

Ferris participates in the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). This agreement will facilitate the transfer of general education requirements from one Michigan institution to another. Students may complete the MTA as part of a degree program or as a stand-alone package. The MTA consists of a minimum of 30 general education credit hours as identified by the college or university.

**Disclaimer**

This is a guide for students who plan to transfer to Ferris State University. This guide is not intended to be a contract with Ferris. The information on this guide is subject to change. Students should contact their community college or Ferris to keep informed of changes. Final responsibility for verifying all transfer information lies with the student. Please refer to the effective and/or revised date on the bottom of the guide.