

**Grand Rapids Community College
Transfer Guide**

The Bachelor of Integrative Studies degree (BIS) is a flexible degree program designed for students who wish to pursue an interdisciplinary baccalaureate degree. The skills gained in earning the BIS are those most appreciated by employers for positions in which good judgment, critical thinking and analytical skills, and communication skills are necessary. The BIS allows students who hold an Associate degree or have completed significant college level coursework to design a program that builds on and expands their foundational studies and their significant work experience. Students must work with a Ferris program advisor to determine appropriate courses for their program of study.

General Admission Criteria

Admission to the BIS degree requires a minimum 2.0 overall grade point average. Official high school transcript and official transcripts from all accredited colleges/universities must be submitted with the Ferris application. Financial Aid may be available and may include concurrent enrollment at both institutions.

Course Requirements

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| Course | Ferris Equiv. | Grand Rapids CC Course Titles | Cr. Hrs. |
| COM 131 | COMM 121 | Fundamentals of Public Speaking | 3 |
| EN 100 or EN 101 | ENGL 150 | College Writing or English Composition I | 3 |
| EN 102 | ENGL 250 | English Composition II | 3 |
| GRCC | VARIES | Scientific Understanding (one must be a lab) | 7-8 |
| MA 107 | MATH 115 | Intermediate Algebra | 3 |
| GRCC | VARIES | Cultural Enrichment (one must be at the 200+ level) | 9 |
| GRCC | VARIES | Social Awareness (one must be at the 200+ level) | 9 |
| GRCC or Ferris** | VARIES | Program of Study Coursework or electives (see advisor) | 51 |
| Total Grand Rapids CC Credits | | | 90 |

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.

| Ferris State University | | |
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| Course | Ferris Course Titles | Cr. Hrs. |
| COAS 491 | Internship (recommended) | 1-8 |
| COAS 495 | Integrative Studies Orientation | 1-4 |
| COAS 495 | Integrative Studies Capstone | 1-4 |
| ENGL 321 | Advanced Composition | 3 |
| VARIES** | Program of Study Coursework | 11-24 |
| Total Ferris Credits | | 30 |

Credits Required for Degree 120

** Program of Study coursework may be taken from GRCC or Ferris State, after approval by advisor. Ferris requires a minimum of 30 FSU credits for graduation

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Delivery Locations

Ferris courses are offered to students at the following locations:

- Fully online
- Depending on course selections for program of study, some courses are available at the Ferris/GR campus in Grand Rapids, MI.
- Ferris State University, Big Rapids Campus, Big Rapids MI
- Select courses may be available at other campus locations. See www.ferris.edu/statewide for more information.

Graduation Requirements

- **Students** must have a minimum of 120 semester credits, including general education requirements
- Students must have earned at least 30 Ferris credits
- Students must have a minimum of 40 credits at the 300 level or higher

Transfer Student Orientation

All new students to Ferris State University are required to complete an orientation. Orientation for incoming freshmen is a one-day session that occurs on campus and includes class registration. Eligible transfer students have the option of completing an online orientation or attending an on campus session.

Advising Notes

It is recommended that potential students 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 any electives or general education classes shown above could 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 towards graduation.

Online Learning

Orientation is required for students who register for an online *course* or are completing an online *degree*. Students must demonstrate competency in FerrisConnect 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.

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.