

Grand Rapids Community College Transfer Guide

The Digital Animation and Game Design (DAGD) degree is designed as a multidisciplinary degree covering 3D animation, programming, design, and business. Likely participants will have a desire for careers in animation, design, simulation, and programming. The digital animation concentration includes a required concentration for depth, an elective section that offers greater breadth in the discipline area, and general education requirements targeted toward courses serving employees in digital technology. The DAGD program offers students the opportunity to actively compete in many growing industries such as: game design and asset creation, film, television, medical visualization, legal simulation, web development, educational software, and product design.

Course Requirements

Grand Rapids Community College				Ferris State University			
Course	Ferris Equiv.	GRCC Course Titles	Cr. Hrs.	Course	Ferris Course Titles	Cr. Hrs.	
COM 131 (Preferred)	COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	ENG 311, ENG 321, or ENG 325	Advanced Technical Writing, Advanced Composition, or Advanced Business Writing	3	
or	or	or		DAGD 101	2D Visualization – Storyboards & Style Guides	3	
COM 135	COMM 105	Interpersonal Communication		DAGD 102	Story Development for Film & Gaming	3	
EN 100	ENG 150	College Writing	3	DAGD 103	3D Visualization – 3D Drawing & Sculpture	3	
or		or		DAGD 100	3D Modeling & Animation I	3	
EN 101		English Composition 1		DAGD 230	3D Modeling & Animation II	3	
EN 102	ENG 250	English Composition 2	3	DAGD 104	Digital Imaging	3	
MA 107	MATH 115	Intermediate Algebra	4	DAGD 204	Digital Imaging for 3D	3	
MA 108	MATH 120	Trigonometry (for Game Development track)	2	DAGD 150	Introduction to Game Design & Development	3	
GRCC	VARIES	FSU General Education - Natural Sciences Course	3-4	DAGD 310	Interaction Design	3	
GRCC	VARIES	FSU General Education - Lab Natural Sciences	4	DAGD 260	Multimedia Authoring I	3	
GRCC	VARIES	FSU General Education - Culture Electives	6	SENG 100	Introduction to Computer Programming	3	
GRCC	VARIES	FSU General Education - Culture Electives (transfers at 200 level)	3	TDMP 243	Digital Video Production & Editing	3	
GRCC	VARIES	FSU General Education - Self and Society Electives	6	DAGD 315	Digital Media Productions	3	
GRCC	VARIES	FSU General Education - Self and Society Electives (transfers at 200 level)	3	DAGD 305	Portfolio	3	
BA 207	BLAW 321	Business Law 1	3	DAGD 340	Junior Project	3	
GRCC	VARIES	Electives	9	DAGD 491	Applied Internship	3	
Total Grand Rapids Community College Credits			51-54	DAGD 499	Capstone Course	3	
<i>Students seeking a Ferris DAGD degree must complete at least 60 credit hours within the School of Digital Media.</i>							
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.							
Program Offered at: Ferris Statewide, FSU-Grand Rapids (616) 451-4777 or (800) 998-3425 or fsugr@ferris.edu www.ferris.edu/statewide www.ferris.edu/dagd							
www.ferris.edu/transfer							
Effective Fall 2017							
Ferris State University is an equal opportunity institution. For information on the University's Policy on Non-Discrimination, visit ferris.edu/non-discrimination .							
Total Ferris Credits						72	
Credits Required for Degree						123 - 126	

General Admission Criteria

This course-specific degree completion program is a four-year sequence that begins promptly upon acceptance and enrollment. It is expected that students entering this technology intensive program already have solid foundation skills in dealing with personal computers. Individuals are encouraged to enter the program as a freshman/first-year student and be dually enrolled with Grand Rapids Community College, although students with earned college credit may still apply. Dual enrollment requires a student to be admitted to GRCC and register there for the appropriate FSU-equivalent courses in this degree. Prior to applying, meet with an advisor to answer questions and discuss a Ferris/GRCC course schedule. Recent high school graduates need an ACT score of 19 and a high school grade point average of 2.50. Transfer courses must be a "C" grade or higher to be applied towards the minimum 125 semester credits required for graduation. Financial aid is available for dually enrolled students. 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.

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.