

**Jackson College Transfer Guide**

The Bachelor of Science in Biology (Pre-Optometry) is designed to prepare students for admission into professional programs in optometry. The requirements of the Pre-Optometry program are based on the general requirements of the Bachelor of Science in Biology, specifically adjusted for pre-optometry students. Coursework in human anatomy and physiology, microbiology, genetics, developmental biology, cell biology, inorganic and organic chemistry, biochemistry, and physics prepares students for the Optometry Admission Test (OAT) and for future success in the field.

The Pre-Optometry program stresses a foundation of chemistry, biology, physics and mathematics to meet the requirements of the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University. The Michigan College of Optometry (MCO) prefers to accept applicants who have completed a bachelor's degree. However, MCO does accept applications from candidates who have not earned a bachelor's degree but have completed the minimum admissions requirements, which are indicated on the program checksheet. Admissions requirements for other schools of optometry may vary, and the pre-optometry program can be modified for individual students to ensure that those requirements are met. Superior academic preparation and awareness of optometry as a profession are important factors in admission to any school of optometry.

**General Admission Criteria**

Transfer students must have at least 12 credits at the time of application with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA including an English and mathematics course, or they must provide their high school records and ACT /SAT scores for admission review. Official transcripts from all accredited colleges/universities must be submitted with the Ferris application.

**Course Requirements**

<b>Jackson College</b>				<b>Ferris State University</b>			
Course	Ferris Equiv.	Ferris Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Course	Ferris Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	
ENG 131	ENGL 150	English 1	3	ENGL 311	Advanced Technical Writing	3	
ENG 132	ENGL 250	English 2	3	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>		
COM 231	COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	ENGL 321	Advanced Composition		
PSY 140	PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>		
MAT 151	MATH 220	Analytical Geometry-Calculus 1	4	ENGL 323	Proposal Writing		
MAT 133	MATH 251	Statistics for the Life Sciences	3	BIOL 286	Microbiology	3	
BIO 161	BIOL 121	General Biology 1	8	<i>FSU</i>	Biology Elective (see FSU advisor)	6	
<b>and</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>and</b>		BIOL 346	Ecological Assessment	3	
BIO 162	BIOL 122	General Biology 2		<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>		
BIO 155	BIOL 205	Human Anatomy & Physiology	5	BIOL 347	Environmental Conservation		
CEM 141	CHEM 121	General Chemistry 1	5	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>		
CEM 142	CHEM 122	General Chemistry 2	5	BIOL 442	Ecology		
CEM 241	CHEM 321	Organic Chemistry 1	5	BIOL 370	Developmental Biology	4	
CEM 242	CHEM 322	Organic Chemistry 2	5	BIOL 373	Cell Biology	3	
PHY 231	PHYS 211	Introductory Physics 1	4	BIOL 375	Principles of Genetics	3	
PHY 232	PHYS 212	Introductory Physics 2	4	BIOL 460	Current Topics in Biology	2	
<i>Jackson C</i>	<i>VARIES</i>	Cultural Enrichment Electives (one must be at FSU 200+ level)	9	CHEM 324	Fundamentals of Biochemistry	3-4	
<i>Jackson C</i>	<i>VARIES</i>	Social Awareness Electives (one must be FSU 200+ level) (must come from 2 different subject areas)	9	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>		
				CHEM 364	Biochemistry		
<b>Credits Required for Degree</b>						<b>121</b>	

*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.*

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## Delivery Locations

This degree and the Ferris courses are offered at the following locations:

- Ferris State University, Big Rapids Campus, Big Rapids MI
- Select courses may be 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)

## 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 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.*