

Technical and Professional Communication students learn the history and future of writing, edit technical manuals, understand the elements of writing technical documents, and develop project planning skills. In addition, they analyze technical journals, books, magazines, and speeches.

All TPC students identify a content specialty concentration, a 21-credit grouping of courses that builds on their interest in a specific career area. While many TPC students enter the program with an associate degree in a technical area - for example, electronics or plastics technology - many develop their technical specialty based on an established area of expertise in the field of technical communication.

A wide variety of content specialty concentrations are possible, including electronics, automotive technology, computer information systems, plastics technology, medical writing, applied mathematics, visual communication, technical training, and applied biology. These concentrations are not, however, the only areas of specialty allowed by the program; students are encouraged to work with their advisor to select the best grouping of courses for their professional interests. The content specialty gives students a specialized background and typically opens the door to their first professional job.

#### 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

Mid Michigan College				Ferris State University		
Course	Ferris Equiv.	Ferris Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Course	Ferris Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
ENG 111	ENGL 150	English 1	3	ENGL 311	Advanced Technical Writing	3
ENG 222	ENGL 250	English 2	3	ENGL 321	Advanced Composition	3
MAT 105	MATH 115	Intermediate Algebra	3	ENGL 323	Proposal Writing	3
MMCC	VARIES	FSU General Education - Lab Natural Sciences	4	ENGL 325	Advanced Business Writing	3
MMCC	VARIES	FSU General Education - Lab or Non-lab Natural Sciences	3-4	COMM 332	Persuasive Speaking	3
MMCC	VARIES	FSU General Education - Culture (One must be 200+ level)	9	COMM 336	Technical & Professional Presentation	3
MMCC	VARIES	FSU General Education – Self and Society (One must be 200+ level) (must come from 2 different subject areas)	9	ENGL 280	Special Topics in Technical Communication	3
SPE 257	COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	ENGL 380	History of Rhetoric and Style	3
CIS 210 or ART 238	PTEC 153	Electronic Pagination	4	ENGL 411	Professional Technical Communication	3
				ENGL 491	Technical & Professional Communication Internship	4-8
				ENGL 499	Technical Communication Seminar	3
				FSU	Directed Electives	15

#### Content Specialty Required (21 credits required)

Consult with Ferris program advisor for approval of appropriate coursework.

**Credits Required for Degree**

**120**

#### Please refer to FSU's General Education Requirements 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:  
**Main Campus, Big Rapids**

College of Arts & Sciences

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/colleges/>

[www.ferris.edu/transfer](http://www.ferris.edu/transfer)

**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.