



**INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**  
*between*  
**FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
*and*  
**SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE**

Ferris State University and Southwestern Michigan College have reached certain mutual understandings which will enable both institutions to partner to better serve their students and prepare those students to enter a global workforce. Additionally, this partnership will help both institutions prepare students for successful careers, responsible citizenship, and lifelong learning. Both institutions recognize that by working together, their collective efforts are much stronger than their individual efforts. Both parties have signed this Institutional Partnership Agreement setting forth their mutual understandings as follows:

1. Any student from Southwestern Michigan College who meets the eligibility standards, including but not limited to, an Associate degree awarded by Southwestern Michigan College with at least a 2.00 GPA will be admitted to Ferris State University at the junior level.
2. The parties understand that acceptance of a Southwestern Michigan College student into a specific Ferris State University degree program is based on the individual student meeting the admissions conditions and considerations applicable to the specific degree program.
3. Transfer Guides will be provided to Southwestern Michigan College by Ferris State University for ease of transfer for the Southwestern Michigan College transfer students.
4. Representatives of both institutions agree to communicate regularly regarding any required curricular changes, including the addition of new courses and other conditions that may affect transfer students.
5. This Institutional Partnership Agreement does not preclude either institution from making a curriculum change if deemed appropriate by the institution making the change.
6. Ferris State University is a member of MACRAO, participates with the Michigan Transfer Network, and adheres to the MACRAO Transfer Agreement.
7. Appropriate publications and promotional materials regarding this Institutional Partnership Agreement will be made available to Southwestern Michigan College students.
8. This Institutional Partnership Agreement may be unilaterally dissolved at any time upon mutual agreement by either institution upon 180 days written notice to the other institution.

**AGREED TO THIS 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2013**

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