

## Southwestern Michigan College Transfer Guide

### 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

Southwestern Michigan College				Ferris State University			
Course	Ferris Equiv.	Ferris Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Course	Ferris Course Title		Cr. Hrs.
ACCO 201	ACCT 201	Principles of Accounting 1	3	GEOG 311	Social Aspects of GIS		3
SOCI 101	ANTH 122	Intercultural Anthropology	3	MGMT 305	Supervision and Leadership		3
<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>		PLSC 122	American Government 2		3
SOCI 201	SOCY 121	Introductory Sociology		PLSC 251	Public Administration		3
<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>		PLSC 311	America State and Local		
SOCI 202	SOCY 122	Social Problems		PLSC 411	Urban and Regional Planning		3
SPEE 102	COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	PLSC 421	Public Sector Labor Management		3
ECON 201	ECON 221	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	PLSC 465	Local Government Budgeting		3
ECON 202	ECON 222	Principles of Microeconomics	3		Analysis		
HIST 201	HIST 121	US History to 1877	6	PLSC 481	Political Science Capstone		2
<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>and</b>		PLSC 491	Political Science Internship		4
HIST 202	HIST 122	US History 1877 to Present		PSYC 325	Social Psychology		3
PHIL 210	PHIL 216	Introduction to Ethics	3	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>		
POSC 201	PLSC 121	American Government 1	3	PSYC 326	Industrial Organizational Psychology		
PSYC 101	PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3	SOCY 340	Minority Groups in America		3
ENGL 103	ENGL 150	English 1	3	SSCI 310	Applied Social Research Methods		3
ENGL 104	ENGL 250	English 2	3	ENGL 311	Advanced Technical Writing		3
MATH 105	MATH 115	Intermediate Algebra	3	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>		
SMC	VARIES	Lab Science	4	ENGL 321	Advanced Composition		
SMC	VARIES	Lab or Non-lab Science	3-4	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>		
				ENGL 323	Proposal Writing		
				<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>		
				ENGL 325	Advanced Business Writing		
				<b>Specialization – Consult FSU program coordinator for proper course selection</b>			15

*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.*

**Credits Required for Degree 120**

### Contact Information

**Big Rapids Campus**  
**College of Arts & Sciences**

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

## 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 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.*