

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

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Course	Ferris Equiv.	Ferris Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
ENGL 103	ENGL 150	English 1	3
ENGL 104	ENGL 250	English 2	3
SPEE 102	COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
MATH 105	MATH 115	Intermediate Algebra	3
SMC	VARIES	Lab Science	3-4
SMC	VARIES	Lab or Non-Lab Science	3-4
SMC	VARIES	Cultural Enrichment Electives (One must be 200+ level)	9
SMC	VARIES	Social Awareness Elective	3
SOCI 201	SOCY 121	Introductory Sociology	3

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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Course	Ferris Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
ENGL 311	Advanced Technical Writing	3
or	or	
ENGL 321	Advanced Composition	
or	or	
ENGL 323	Proposal Writing	
or	or	
ENGL 325	Advanced Business Writing	
SOCY 270	Sociological Theory	3
SOCY 271	Sociology Methods/ Qualitative	3
SOCY 371	Social Statistics	3
SOCY 472	Senior Capstone Project	3
FSU	Foreign Language – Proficiency through 201 level	
FSU	Academic minor required (see advisor)	18-24
COMM	COMM course not selected from the general education list	

Choose a minimum of 15 credits from the following:

SOCY 122	Social Problems (SOCI 202 at SMC)	3
SOCY 141	The American Community	3
SOCY 225	Marriage & Family (SOCI 203 at SMC)	3
SOCY 230	Gender Roles in Society	3
SOCY 242	Sociology of Deviant Behavior	3
GEOG 311	Social Application of GIS	3
SOCY 340	Minority Groups in America	3
SOCY 341	Community Studies	3
SOCY 344	World Urban Sociology	3
SOCY 345	Field of Aging	3
SOCY 347	Sociology of Disasters	3
SOCY 350	Black Images in Pop Culture	3
SOCY 361	Leisure & Society	3
SOCY 373	Health & Illness	3
SOCY 411	Applied Community Research	4
SOCY 443	Social Stratification/Inequality	3
SOCY 450	Criminology	3
SOCY 491	Sociology Internship	3

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Credits Required for Degree	120
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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 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.