

Southwestern Michigan College

Articulation Agreement and Transfer Guide

The Business Administration-Professional Track provides a degree completion program in Business Administration for students who have prior coursework containing a professional or occupational emphasis (i.e. Accounting, Human Resources, Management, Marketing, Cosmetology, and many others). The degree is designed to prepare individuals for the rapidly changing nature of the work environment in business, government, and other nonprofit organizations. Building upon a core of business courses, the program features a tight sequence of major courses; however, the program also provides the flexibility to specialize in an area of interest for the student.

Course Requirements

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Course	Ferris Equiv.	Southwestern Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
ACCO 201	ACCT 201	Principles of Accounting I	4
ACCO 202	ACCT 202	Principles of Accounting II	4
BUSI 220	MKTG 321	Marketing	3
BUSI 207	BLAW 321	Business Law I	3
BUSI 201	MGMT 301	Principles of Management	3
SPEE 102	COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
ECON 201	ECON 221	Macroeconomics	3
ECON 202	ECON 222	Micoeconomics	3
ENGL 103	ENGL 150	Freshman English II	3
ENGL 104	ENGL 250	Freshman English III	3
MATH 102	MATH 115	Mathematical Literacy	4
MATH 150	STQM 260	Statistics	3
SMC	Varies	Science Elective with Lab	4
SMC	Varies	Science Elective	3-4
SMC	Varies	Cultural Enrichment Elective <i>One course must transfer to Ferris at 200+ level.</i>	9
SMC	Varies	Social Awareness Elective	3
SMC or Ferris*	Varies	General Education Electives <i>See Ferris advisor for selection of courses</i>	9
SMC or Ferris*	Varies	Professional Track Courses <i>Must see advisor for selection of courses and 3 credits must transfer to Ferris at 300/400 level.</i>	24
Total Southwestern Michigan College Credits			91-92

Ferris State University		
Course	Ferris Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
BUSN 499	Integrating Experience	3
ENGL 325	Advanced Business Writing	3
FINC 322	Financial Management I	3
INTB 310	International Business System	3
or	or	
INTB 335	Cross-Cultural Business	
ISYS 321	Business Information Systems	3
MGMT 302	Team Dynamics – Organizational Behavior	3
MGMT 370	Quality – Operations Management	3
MGMT 373	Human Resource Management	3
MGMT 488	Advanced Management Cases – Problems	3
Varies*	300/400 Level Electives	3
Minimum Ferris Credits		30
Minimum Credits Required for Degree		120

*Students are encouraged to work with their Ferris advisor for selection of any electives, to ensure transferability and to minimize credits taken.

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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Program Offered at:

Ferris Statewide, Dowagiac

(269) 782-1214 or (800) 456-8675, Ext. 1214
ferrisSW@ferris.edu · www.ferris.edu/dowagiac

Ferris Online

(800) 562-9130 or (231) 591-2340
ferrisonline@ferris.edu · www.ferris.edu/online

Main Campus, Big Rapids

College of Business
www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/colleges/
 (231) 591-2420 or COB@ferris.edu

www.ferris.edu/transfer

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General Admission Criteria**Transfer Students – Degree Completion at the Community College**

- To be admitted to this degree program, either a completed associate degree or at least 48 transferable semester credit hours (“C” or better on 4.0 scale) from an accredited college or university with a 2.35 overall GPA, and credit for, or placement into Ferris’ ENGL 150 and MATH 115 are required. Official transcripts from all accredited colleges and universities must be submitted with the Ferris application. Financial aid is available and may include concurrent enrollment at both institutions.

Transfer Students – Big Rapids Main Campus

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.35 (on a 4.0 scale) from all institutions attended. GPA is based on completion of 12 credit hours or more. (It is highly recommended that transfer credits include The Ferris equivalency of ENGL 150, MATH 115, and the Ferris equivalency of a social awareness or cultural enrichment course OR general education requirements.) Developmental courses will not be considered in computing the GPA requirement.
- Transfer equivalency for Ferris ENGLISH 150 or placement during the first semester at Ferris that would require an ACT English score of 16 or higher; Compass score 70 – 100.
- Transfer equivalency for Ferris MATH 115 or placement during the first semester at Ferris that would require an ACT Math score of 19 or higher; Compass score for Algebra of 46 - 74 and high school Algebra with 2.0.

Graduation Requirements

In addition to meeting the specific course requirements for the program, students must also complete:

- A minimum of 120 total semester credit hours
- A minimum of 30 semester credit hours from Ferris
- A minimum 2.0 overall Ferris GPA, as well as a 2.0 GPA in the business core, major, and professional track
- A minimum of 40 semester credits at the 300/400 level (as determined by Ferris)
- A minimum of 24 semester credits of career specific courses, approved by the advisor and department head
- Meet all general education requirements, a minimum of 48 semester credits

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.

Indemnification

To the extent permitted by law, Ferris State University and the Community College agree to indemnify and hold one another harmless from any and all claims initiated by student participants, their parents, survivors, or agents, arising from any negligent acts or omission on the part of either institution or any of their employees.

Articulation Agreement

This Articulation Agreement is in effect 12/1/11 through 12/1/17. The original, signed document is on file in the Office of Transfer and Secondary School Partnerships. To obtain a copy of the original, signed document, contact the Office of Transfer and Secondary School Partnerships at 231/591-5983 or email your request at transfercenter@ferris.edu