

Southwestern Michigan College

Articulation Agreement and Transfer Guide

The major in Business Administration is designed to prepare individuals for the rapidly changing nature of the work environment in business, government and other nonprofit organizations. The program is designed to equip graduates not only for entry-level positions but for advancement as well. 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

Southwestern Michigan College			
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 201	MGMT 301	Principles of Management	3
BUSI 207	BLAW 321	Business Law I	3
BUSI 220	MKTG 321	Marketing	3
BUSI 225	MGMT 373	Human Resource Management	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
ISYS 110	ISYS 105	Intro to Computer Technology	3
or			
ISYS 185			
MATH 102	MATH 115	Mathematical Literacy	4
MATH 150	STQM 260	Statistics	3
SPEE 102	COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
SMC	Varies	Lab Science	4
SMC	Varies	Science Elective	3-4
SMC	Varies	Cultural Enrichment Elective <i>(one must be at 200+ level)</i>	9
SMC	Varies	Social Awareness Elective	3
SMC	Varies	General Education Elective <i>(as needed for minimum of 48)</i>	6
SMC or Ferris	Varies	Choose one class from: ACCT, FINC, STQM, or Ferris' MGMT 350 <i>(choose with Ferris advisor)</i>	3
SMC or Ferris	Varies	Directed Electives <i>(Statewide – SMC students only. Choose with Ferris advisor)</i>	18
SMC or Ferris	Varies	Directed Electives <i>(BR main campus – transfer students only)</i>	6
Students completing the degree at SMC			
Total Southwestern Michigan College Credits			89-90
Students transferring to Ferris BR main campus			
Total Southwestern Michigan College Credits			77-78

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.

Ferris State University		
Course	Ferris Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
BUSN 499	Integrating Experience	3
COMM 251	Argumentation and Debate	3
or	or	
COMM 332	Persuasive Speaking	
or	or	
COMM 336	Tech and Prof Presentation	
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	Organizational Behavior	3
MGMT 370	Quality/Operations Management	3
MGMT 447	Business Ethics and Social Responsibility	3
MGMT 488	Advanced Management	3
MGMT 491	Internship – recommended (see advisor)	3
Ferris	Select one concentration below	12
<i>These 12 credits (below) are required for students transferring to the Ferris BR main campus, not for students completing the degree at SMC.</i>		
	Fleet Management	
	Human Resource Management	
	International Business Management	
	Insurance and Risk Management	
	Lean Systems	
	Leadership and Project Management	
	Operations and Supply Management	
	Small Business and Entrepreneurship	
For students completing the degree at SMC		33
Total Ferris Credits		
Students transferring to Ferris BR main campus		45
Total Ferris Credits		
Total Credits		122-123

Program Offered at:

Ferris Statewide, Dowagiac

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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 Algebra score 46 - 74 and HS Algebra with 2.0.

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 December 1, 2011, through December 1, 2017. 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 to transfercenter@ferris.edu.