

Southwestern Michigan College (SMC) Articulation Agreement and Transfer Guide

The Computer Information Systems Bachelor of Science degree offered through the College of Business at Ferris prepares students to be team leaders in the development and maintenance of Business Information Systems. Starting positions include application programmer/analyst, business analyst, systems analyst, networking administrators, consultants, software developers, computer support specialist, systems administrators, project leaders and web developers.

To assure relevance and enduring value, our Computer Information Systems (CIS) program has been designed to align with the national standard (IS2002) established by computing professionals. In addition, we have drawn upon our tight linkages with industry to assure that our labs and our required internships provide the level of hands-on experience that ensures our students are sought after by employers who recognize Ferris as a source of skilled, knowledgeable IS/IT graduates that can hit the ground running and grow from there.

Computers and Information Systems have become essential to all aspects of business and life. Professionals are needed to relate the problem-solving abilities of a computer system to an individual business department, corporation, or multi-national enterprise.

This program has close relationships with the IT industry through a program advisory board, and requires internships as a practical hands-on experience. The hands-on approach in the bachelor degree gives graduates a real-world look at their professional field.

Communication Competency Course Requirements

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	SPEE 102	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
ENGL 150	English 1	3	ENGL 103	Freshman English II	3
ENGL 250	English 2	3	ENGL 104	Freshman English III	3
ENGL 311 or ENGL 325	Advanced Technical Writing or Advanced Business Writing	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

Quantitative Literacy Course Requirements

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
MATH 114 or MATH 115	Quantitative Reasoning for Professionals or Intermediate Algebra	4 or 3	No Equivalent or MATH 102 or MATH 127	No Equivalent or Mathematical Literacy or College Algebra	No Equivalent or 4

Natural Sciences Competency Course Requirements – 1 course with lab

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	FSU General Education – Natural Sciences Electives	6	Varies	Varies	6

Self and Society Competency Course Requirements – 1 Non-Economics Elective

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
ECON 221	Principles of Economics 1	3	ECON 201	Macroeconomics	3
ECON 222	Principles of Economics 2	3	ECON 202	Microeconomics	3
Varies	FSU General Education – Self and Society Elective	3	Varies	Varies	3

Culture Competency Course Requirements - Minimum 9 credits from two different disciplines with one 200+ level

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	FSU General Education – Culture Electives	9	Varies	Varies	9

Additional General Education Course Requirements

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
ISYS 330 1	Systems Analysis and Design	3	ISYS 290	Systems Analysis	3

Refer to FSU's General Education Requirements at [Ferris State University General Education program](#).

Computer Information Systems degree students must complete **43** General Education credits to meet College of Business and University Requirements and are encouraged to work with an advisor to select appropriate general education courses.

Business Core Requirements

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
ACCT 201	Principles of Accounting 1	3	ACCO 201	Principles of Accounting I	4
ACCT 202	Principles of Accounting 2	3	ACCO 202	Principles of Accounting II	4
BLAW 321	Contracts & Sales	3	BUSI 207	Business Law I	3
BUSN 499	Interdisciplinary Integrating Exp.	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
FINC 322	Financial Management 1	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
ISYS 321	Business Information Systems	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
MGMT 301	Applied Management	3	BUSI 201	Principles of Management	3
MGMT 370	Quality/Operations Management	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
MKTG 321	Principles of Marketing	3	BUSI 220	Marketing	3
STQM 260	Introduction to Statistics	3	MATH 150	Statistics	4

Major Requirements

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
ISYS 110	Fundamentals of Programming Design and Logic	3	ISYS 115	Programming Logic and Design	3
ISYS 216	Introduction Java Programming	3	ISYS 227 or ISYS 225	Java Programming I or C++ Programming	3
ISYS 221	Mobile Application Development	3	ISYS 276	Mobile Applications	3
ISYS 272	Fundamentals of Database Systems	3	ISYS 234	Database II	3
ISYS 288	Web Application Development	3	ISYS 251	Web Development II	3
ISYS 316	Advanced Java Programming	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
ISYS 327	Operating Systems and Network Essentials	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
ISYS 372	Advanced Database Systems	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
ISYS 431	Systems Analysis and Design 2	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
ISYS 482	Enterprise Integration and Business Process Design	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
ISYS 489	Senior Capstone	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
ISYS 491	*Internship (Junior Status)	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
PROJ 320	Project Management	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

Directed Electives

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	Varies	12	Varies	Approved SMC Directive Electives - (Choose 6 credits from the list below from SMC, plus SMC's ISYS 182 and ISYS 241) ISYS 181, ISYS 182, ISYS 201, ISYS 207, ISYS 215, ISYS 229, ISYS 241, ISYS 255, ISYS 260, ISYS2 71, ISYS 272, ISYS 275, ISYS 281, ISYS 282, ISYS 283, ISYS 284, ISYS 285, ISYS 288, ISYS 289, ISYS 294 or ISYS 296 (Note: This is only pre-approved Directive Electives, see your FSU faculty advisor to determine additional options.)	12

Total Credits Required for Degree	124
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*CIS Internship not required with 1+ year work experience in field. Credits will be substituted with directive elective (See FSU advisor).

No more than 90 credit hours may be transferred from the community college to Ferris State University.

CIS / CIT credits that are not part of a completed degree, either transfer or Ferris, that are older than 10 years will not be counted toward the degree requirements for CIS/CIT program. Exceptions to this rule may be considered by petitioning the program coordinator.

Program Contact Information:

Main Campus, Big Rapids

College of Business

(800) 433-7747 | (231) 591-2420 | [College of Business Email](#) | [College of Business Website](#)

[Transfer Partnerships Website](#)

Delivery Locations

This degree and the Ferris courses are offered at the following locations:

- Ferris State University, Main 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)

General Admission Criteria

New Students SAT Scores

- 2.5 High School GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Two of the Three Criteria:
 1. SAT ERW score of 450 or higher.
 2. SAT Math score of 500 or higher. Placement in MATH 109/110 will be considered (SAT MATH score of 480 or higher).
 3. SAT Composite of 900 or higher.

New Students ACT Scores

- 2.5 High School GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Two of the Three Criteria:
 1. ACT English score of 16 or higher.
 2. ACT Math score of 19 or higher.
 3. ACT Reading score of 19 or higher

Transfer Students

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) from all institutions attended. GPA is based on completion of 12 credit hours or more. Developmental courses will not be considered in computing the GPA requirement.
- Transfer equivalency for FSU ENGL 150 or placement during the first semester at FSU which would require an ACT English score of 16 or higher; or SAT ERW score of 450 or higher; or Accuplacer English score of 6 or higher.
- Transfer equivalency for FSU MATH 114/115 or placement during the first semester at FSU which would require an ACT Math score of 19 or higher; SAT Math score of 500 or higher; or Accuplacer Math scores: Elementary Algebra score 75 or higher and College Level Math 0-49.

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.

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 must work with their Ferris advisor to declare a Minor or Concentration and for selection of Directed Electives

Original Signed Articulation Agreement

The original, signed document is kept 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.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail, or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

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

Effective Dates: February 1, 2019 – February 1, 2022

This Agreement shall commence as of February 1, 2019 and shall be for an initial term of three years. Minor updates to the agreement may be made during this time. This agreement may be renewed at the end of three years. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing the other party with written notice of the intent to terminate the agreement. The agreement shall terminate not less than one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of the termination notice, unless otherwise agreed in writing by both parties.

Signatures

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