

**Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC)
Pre-Hospitality (Specialized Management), A.A.
Articulation Agreement and Transfer Guide**

The Bachelor of Science (BS) in Business degree in Hospitality Management is one of the oldest and most respected Hospitality Management programs in the region and has thousands of successful alumni that are employed worldwide. The Hospitality Management degree is one of only a few in the country that is housed within a College of Business that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). ACBSP is one of the premier organizations supporting, celebrating, and rewarding teaching excellence in business education.

Communication Competency Requirements (the GRCC courses listed below are part of the AA requirements)

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
COMM 105 or COMM 121	Interpersonal Communication or Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	COM 135 or COM 131	Interpersonal Communication or Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
ENGL 150	English 1	3	EN 101	English Composition 1	3
ENGL 250	English 2	3	EN 102	English Composition 2	3
ENGL 325	Advanced Business Writing	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

Quantitative Literacy Requirements

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
MATH 114 or MATH 115	Quantitative Reasoning for Professionals 2 or Intermediate Algebra	4 or 3	BA 150 or MA 107 (AA degree requirement)	Mathematical Apps in Business or Intermediate Algebra	4

Natural Sciences Competency Requirements – two courses; one course with a lab

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	FSU General Education - Natural Sciences Electives	6 – 7	Varies (AA degree requirement)	Varies	6 - 7

Culture Competency Requirements - Minimum 9 credits from two different disciplines with one at FSU 200 level or higher

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	FSU General Education - Culture Electives	6	Varies (AA degree requirement)	Varies	6
Varies	FSU General Education - Culture Electives	3	Varies	Varies	3

Self and Society Competency Requirements - Minimum 9 credits from two different disciplines with one at FSU 200 level or higher

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	FSU General Education - Self and Society Elective	3	Varies (AA degree requirement)	Varies	3
ECON 221	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	EC 251 (AA degree requirement)	Principles of Economics 1	3
ECON 222	Principles of Microeconomics	3	EC 252	Principles of Economics 2	3

Hospitality Management degree students must complete a total of **46** general education credits to meet College of Business and University requirements.

Please refer to FSU's General Education Requirements at: [Ferris General Education Program](#)

Students are encouraged to work with an advisor to select appropriate general education courses

Diversity Competency – 2 Courses Required

If not met by courses taken for Culture, Self and Society, or MTA, a student must meet the following:

- 1 course with the Global Diversity attribute
- 1 course with the U.S. Diversity attribute

College Requirements – 81 Credits Required

Business Core Requirements – 30 Credits Required

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
ACCT 201 + ACCT ---	Principles of Financial Accounting	3 + 1	BA 256 (AA degree requirement)	Principles of Accounting 1	4
ACCT 202 + ACCT ---	Principles of Managerial Accounting	3 + 1	BA 257	Principles of Accounting 2	4
BLAW 321	Contracts & Sales	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
MGMT 301	Applied Mgmt.	3	BA 283	Business Mgmt.	3
MKTG 321	Principles of Marketing	3	BA 270	Marketing	3
MGMT 370	Quality – Operations Mgmt.	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
STQM 260	Intro. to Statistics	3	BA 254 or MA 215	Intro. to Statistics with Applied Models or Statistics	3 or 4
ISYS 321	Business Information Systems	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
FINC 322	Financial Mgmt. 1	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
BUSN 499	Integrating Experience	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

Hospitality Major Requirements - 21 credits required

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
HSMG 113	Sanitation & Safety	3	CA 111 (AA degree requirement)	Restaurant Santi./Saf.	2
HSMG 215	Hospitality Cost Controls	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
HSMG 292	Hospitality Internship 1	3	CA 180	Culinary Internship	2
HSMG 300	Guest Service Mgmt.	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
HSMG 392	Hospitality Internship 2	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
HSMG 403	Hospitality Law	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
HSMG 499	Hospitality Senior Seminar	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

Computer Literacy – 3 Credits Required

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
ISYS 103 & ISYS 104 or ISYS 105	Word & Presentation Applications & Spreadsheet & Integration Applications or Introduction to Micro Systems & Software	2 & 1 or 3	No Equivalent or BA 145 or CIS 103	No Equivalent or Computer Applications in Business 1 or Intro. to Windows & Microsoft Office	No Equivalent or 3

Additional Requirements – 3 Credits Required (the GRCC courses listed below are part of the AA requirements)

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
RMLS 122 (RMLS 1--)	Responding to Emergencies	2	WE 156	First Aid	1
Varies	Free Elective	1	Varies	Free Elective	2

Specialized Management Concentration - 24 credits required (the GRCC courses listed below are part of the AA requirements)

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	GRCC Equiv.	GRCC Course Title	GRCC Cr. Hrs.
HSMG 111	Principles of Food Science	3	CA 209	Principles of Food Science	3
HSMG 2--	General Credit	1	CA	Elective	1
HSMG 207	Bar & Beverage Mgmt.	3	CA 233	Beer, Wine & Spirits Mgt.	3
HSMG 211	Purchasing for F & B Operations	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
HSMG 229 + HSMG 2--	Dining Room Mgmt.	3 + 1	CA 115	Table Service	4
HSMG 3 - -	HSMG 300 General Credit	4	CA 245	Restaurant Mgmt. & Leadership	4
HSMG 2--	General Credit	3	CA 200	Hospitality Mgmt.	3
HSMG 399	Food & Beverage Operation Mgmt.	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

Total Possible Credits at Grand Rapids Community College

82 - 84

Total Possible Credits at Ferris State University

39

Total Credits Required for Degree

121

Program Delivery Locations and Contact Information:

Main Campus, Big Rapids

College of Business

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

Ferris Statewide, Grand Rapids

(616) 451-4777 | (800) 998-3425 | [Ferris Grand Rapids Email](#) | [Ferris Grand Rapids Website](#)

[Transfer Partnerships Website](#)

(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))

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Effective September 1, 2020 – September 1, 2023; as of Spring 2021, BA 207 at GRCC is no longer equivalent to BLAW 321 at FSU

Ferris State University is an equal opportunity institution. For information on the University's Policy on Non-Discrimination, visit ferris.edu/non-discrimination.

General Admission Criteria

Transfer Students

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.35 (on a 4.0 scale) from all institutions attended. GPA 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 of 500 or higher; or Accuplacer Math scores: Elementary Algebra score 75 or higher and College Level Math 0-49.

Degree Completion at the Community College through Ferris Statewide

- Minimum 48 transferable credit hours ("C" or better on 4.0 scale) from an accredited college or university.

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.

Grand Rapids Community College courses that are listed above but are not part of the Pre-Hospitality (Specialized Management), A.A. degree requirements, may be completed at Grand Rapids Community College and would satisfy an A.A. program elective requirement.

Transfer Student Orientation

All new students to Ferris State University are required to complete an orientation.

Reverse Transfer Agreement

Grand Rapids 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 Grand Rapids 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 transfercenter@ferris.edu.

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 Grand Rapids 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: September 1, 2020 – September 1, 2023

This Agreement shall commence as of September 1, 2020 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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