

Welcome to the Ferris State University B.S.W. Program! The Ferris State University Social Work Program is well known in the academic world as a producer of skilled social workers from an advanced curriculum. The faculty members come from various backgrounds in the varying field of social work.

The B.S.W. program at Ferris has been accredited since 1989 by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Since achieving accreditation, the Social Work program has continued to provide an important and rich academic opportunity at Ferris.

The B.S.W. program at Ferris covers the vast continuum of social work areas, including child welfare, gerontology, working with people living with disabilities and mental health, and research to name a few. Students are involved with community agencies and programs throughout the social work curriculum.

Communication Competency Course Requirements

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	CC Equiv.	CC Course Title	CC Cr. Hrs.
ENGL 150	English 1	3	ENG 111	English Composition I	4
ENGL 250	English 2	3	ENG 112	English Composition II	4
ENGL 321 or ENGL 323	Advanced Composition or Proposal Writing	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

Quantitative Literacy Course Requirements

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	CC Equiv.	CC Course Title	CC Cr. Hrs.
MATH 115 or MATH 117	Intermediate Algebra or Contemporary Mathematics	3	MTH 111 or MTH 120	Intermediate Algebra or Mathematical Explorations	4 or 3

Natural Sciences Competency Course Requirements

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	CC Equiv.	CC Course Title	CC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	Natural Sciences Elective	3	Varies	Varies	Varies

Culture Competency Course Requirements - Minimum 6 credits from 2 different disciplines

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	CC Equiv.	CC Course Title	CC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	FSU General Education - Culture Electives	6	Varies	Varies	Varies

[Ferris State University General Education Courses](#)

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

Major Requirements

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	CC Equiv.	CC Course Title	CC Cr. Hrs.
BIOL 103 or BIOL 109	Biological Concepts or Basic Human Anatomy & Physiology	4	BIO 110 & BIO 110L or BIO 106 & BIO 106L	Essential Biology & Essential Biology Lab or Human Biology & Human Biology Lab	4 or 4
COMM 121	Fundamentals of Pub Speaking	3	COM 111	Public Speaking	4
RELG 325	Eastern Religions	3	PHL 122	Eastern Religions (If PHL 121 Western Religions was taken to meet this requirement, please see FSU advisor)	4
PLSC 121	American Government 1	3	PLS 101	Introduction to American Politics	3
PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 226	Lifespan Human Development	3	PSY 211	Developmental Psychology	3
SCWK 110	Intro to Social Work Professions	2	SWK 121	Introduction to Social Work	2
SCWK 130	Social Work Interviewing Skills 1	3	SWK 211	Social Work Interviewing Skills	3
SCWK 170	Agency & Program Orientation	1	SWK 170	Service Internship Orientation	1
SCWK 191	Introductory Field Experience	3	SWK 290	Social Work Internship	3
SCWK 210	Introduction to Social Welfare	3	SWK 221	Introduction to Social Welfare	3
SCWK 220	Individual and Family Practice	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
SCWK 240	Foundations of Practice	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
SCWK 310	SCWK Policy & Political Advocacy	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
SCWK 320	Group & Community Practice	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
SCWK 330	Social Work Interviewing 2	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
SCWK 350	Applied Social Research Methods	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
SCWK 370	Field Instruction Orientation	1	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

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Major Requirements (cont'd.)

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	CC Equiv.	CC Course Title	CC Cr. Hrs.
SCWK 450	Applied Social Research Statistics	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
SCWK 481	Field Instruction Seminar 1	2	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
SCWK 482	Field Instruction Seminar 2	2	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
SCWK 491	Field Instruction 1	6	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
SCWK 492	Field Instruction 2	6	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
SOCY 121 or SOCY 122	Introductory Sociology or Social Problems	3	SOC 101 or SOC 201	Introductory Sociology or Modern Social Problems	3
SOCY 225 or SOCY 230	Marriage & the Family or Gender Roles in Society	3	SOC 211 or SOC 220	Marriage & the Family or Gender & Society	3
SOCY 340	Race & Ethnicity in the U.S.	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	
SOCY 443 or ECON 221	Social Stratification/Inequality or Principles of Macroeconomics	3	No Equivalent or ECO 201	No Equivalent or Principles of Macroeconomics	No Equivalent or 3
SSCI 450 or SCWK 380	Intercultural Competence or International Social Work	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
Total Credits Required for Degree					120

Program Delivery Locations and Contact Information:

Ferris Statewide, Traverse City

(231) 995-1734 or (866) 857-1954 | [Ferris North Email](#)

Main Campus, Big Rapids

College of Arts & Sciences

[Social Work Program Website](#) | Wendy Samuels, Social Work Program Director | (231) 591-5896 | [Social Work Program Email](#)

[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).

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.

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, ENGL 150 or MATH 115 is 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 FSU equivalency of ENGL 150, MATH 115, and the FSU equivalency of a social awareness or cultural enrichment course OR general education requirements. Developmental courses are not considered in computing the GPA requirement.
- Transfer equivalency for FSU ENGL 150 or placement during the first semester at FSU that would require an ACT English score of 16 or higher; Compass score 70 – 100.
- Transfer equivalency for FSU MATH 115 or placement during the first semester at FSU 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.

Reverse Transfer Agreement

Northwestern Michigan 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 Northwestern Michigan College and Ferris.

Ferris State University and Northwestern Michigan College – Social Work - Transfer Guide

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

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.

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 effective and/or revised date on the bottom of this guide.