

Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) Transfer Guide

Ferris State University (FSU) and Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) work in partnership and collaboration for the completion of a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree at the FSU Northern Region campus in Traverse City, MI. Students can complete general education courses as well as 100 and 200 courses required for the degree at NMC, while the completion of more advanced courses for the degree occurs at FSU. The Northern Region FSU campus is located at the University Center off Cass Street in Traverse City. Curriculum for the social work degree is rooted in social work competency and the NASW Code of Ethics. Students will have opportunities to apply classroom content to the social work field through participation in two internship experiences. The introductory field internship is typically taken at NMC at the conclusion of the freshman year. The senior field internship is taken at FSU in the last semesters of the student's academic career. Additionally, throughout the curriculum, students will have opportunities to interface with community as a part of academic service-learning course content.

The Ferris Social Work program has been fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education since 1989.

Communication Competency

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	NMC Equiv.	NMC Course Title	NMC Cr. Hrs.
COMM 105 or COMM 121 or COMM 221	Interpersonal Communication or Fundamentals of Public Speaking or Small Group Decision Making	3	BUS 155 or COM 111 or No Equivalent	Interpersonal Communication or Public Speaking or No Equivalent	4
ENGL 150	English 1	3	ENG 111	English Composition 1	4
ENGL 250	English 2	3	ENG 112	English Composition 2	4
ENGL 321 or ENGL 323	Advanced Composition or Proposal Writing	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

Quantitative Literacy – See below or Any MATH course higher than MATH 117; consult advisor for exceptions, or Official Pre-2016 Math SAT Score of 560 or Higher, or Official Post-2016 Math SAT Score of 580 or Higher, or Official Math ACT Score of 24 or Higher.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	NMC Equiv.	NMC Course Title	NMC Cr. Hrs.
MATH 114 or MATH 115 or MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning for Pro 2 or Intermediate Algebra or Contemporary Mathematics	4 or 3	No Equivalent or MTH 111 or MTH 120	No Equivalent or Intermediate Algebra or Mathematical Explorations	4 or 3

Natural Sciences Competency – Two courses are required with a minimum of 6 credits: must have at least one lab course.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	NMC Equiv.	NMC Course Title	NMC Cr. Hrs.
BIOL 101 or BIOL 103 or BIOL 109 or BIOL 111	Genetics & Human Aspects or Biological Concepts or Basic Human Anatomy & Physiology or Environmental Biology	4	No Equivalent or BIO 110 and BIO 110L or BIOL 106 and BIOL 106L or No Equivalent	No Equivalent or Essential Biology and Essential Biology Lab or Human Biology and Human Biology Lab or No Equivalent	4
Varies	Natural Sciences Elective	3	Varies	Varies	3

Culture Competency – Three courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from 2 different disciplines, have at least 1 at FSU 200 level or higher course.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	NMC Equiv.	NMC Course Title	NMC Cr. Hrs.
RELG 215 or RELG 325 or *RELG 326	Comparative Religions or Eastern Religions or Western Religions	3	No Equivalent or PHL 122 or PHL 121	No Equivalent or Eastern Religions or Western Religions	4
Varies	Culture Electives	6	Varies	Varies	6

* Students who take RELG 326 must take SOCY 225 (Self & Society Competency) to satisfy Global Diversity Competency requirement below.

Self and Society Competency – Three courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from 2 different disciplines, have at least 1 at FSU 200 level or higher course.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	NMC Equiv.	NMC Course Title	NMC Cr. Hrs.
PLSC 121 or PLSC 122	American Government 1 or American Government 2	3	PLS 101 or No Equivalent	Intro to American Politics or No Equivalent	3
PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	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 and Society	3

Students are encouraged to work with an advisor to select appropriate general education courses or may visit www.ferris.edu/gened.

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

Major Requirements – 69 Credits Required

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	NMC Equiv.	NMC Course Title	NMC Cr. Hrs.
SCWK 110	Intro to Social Work Profession	3	SWK 121	Introduction to Social Work	2
SOCY 121 or ANTH 122 or SOCY 122	Introductory Sociology or Intro to Cultural Anthropology or Social Problems	3	SOC 101 or ANT 113 or SOC 201	Introduction to Sociology or Intro to Cultural Anthropology or Modern Social Problems	3
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 & Family Practice	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
ECON 201 or ECON 202 or SOCY 443	Principles of Microeconomics or Principles of Macroeconomics or Social Stratification & Inequality	3	ECO 202 or ECO 201 or No Equivalent	Principles of Microeconomics or Principles of Macroeconomics or No Equivalent	3
PSYC 226 or EDUC 251	Lifespan Human Development or Human Growth Development	3	PSY 211 or No Equivalent	Developmental Psychology or No Equivalent	3
SCWK 240	Foundations of Practice	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
SCWK 310	Social Work Policy & Political Advocacy	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
SCWK 320	Group & Community Practice	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
SCWK 330	Social Work Interviewing 2	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
SOCY 340	Race & Ethnicity in the U.S.	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
SCWK 350	Applied Social Research Methods	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
SCWK 370	Field Instruction Orientation	1	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
SCWK 380 or SCWK 381 or SSCI 450	International Social Work or International Engagement in Haiti or Intercultural Competence	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
SCWK 450	Applied Social Research Statistics	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
SCWK 481	Field Instruction Seminar 1	2	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
SCWK 482	Field Instruction Seminar 2	2	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
SCWK 491	Field Instruction 1	6	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
SCWK 492	Field Instruction 2	6	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0

Electives – 12 Credits Required

In order to graduate with a bachelor's degree, a student must have a minimum of 120 credits. The electives required for each student may vary depending on courses taken. Based on how a student meets the programmatic requirements, they may need more or less than 13 credits of elective courses to meet the required 120 credit minimum.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	NMC Equiv.	NMC Course Title	NMC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	Electives	12	Varies	Varies	12

Total Credits Required for Degree	120 - 122
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No more than 90 credits may be transferred from the community college to Ferris State University.

Program Delivery Locations and Contact Information:

Main Campus, Big Rapids

College of Arts, Sciences, and Education
(231) 591-2737 | socialwork@ferris.edu | www.ferris.edu/cas

Ferris Statewide – Traverse City

(231) 995-1731 | ferrisnorth@ferris.edu | www.ferris.edu/statewide | [Financial Aid Consortium Eligible](#)

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 Admissions Criteria

New Student Admission Requirements for incoming freshman refer to the Ferris Catalog www.ferris.edu/catalog

Transfer Students

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale) from all institutions attended. GPA based on completion of 12 credit hours or more.

Degree Completion the Community College through Ferris Statewide or Online program

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

Steps to Apply

- Complete a free application at www.ferris.edu/apply.
 - Submit Official transcripts from every school attended to transfer@ferris.edu or Ferris State University Admissions Office, 1201 S. State St, CSS 201, Big Rapids, MI 49307
- Submit Test Scores (if required)
 - ACT Scores; go to www.act.org. Ferris State University School Code: 1994
 - SAT, CLEP and AP Scores; go to www.collegeboard.org. Ferris State University School Code: 1222

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

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.

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 and the Ferris Catalog at www.ferris.edu/catalog.

Partners may contact the Transfer Services Center with questions or updates at transferguidesarticulations@ferris.edu.