

**Southwestern Michigan College  
Transfer Guide**

The Bachelor of Integrative Studies degree (BIS) is a flexible degree program designed for students who wish to pursue an interdisciplinary baccalaureate degree. The skills gained in earning the BIS are those most appreciated by employers for positions in which good judgment, critical thinking and analytical skills, and communication skills are necessary. The BIS allows students who hold an Associate degree or have completed significant college level coursework to design a program that builds on and expands their foundational studies and their significant work experience.

**General Admission Criteria**

Admission to the BIS degree requires a minimum 2.0 overall grade point average. Official high school transcript and transcripts from all accredited colleges/universities must be submitted with the Ferris application. Financial aid is available and may include concurrent enrollment at Southwestern Michigan College after a minimum of 48 credits are transferred to Ferris.

**Course Requirements**

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Course	Ferris Equiv.	Southwestern Michigan College Course Titles	Cr. Hrs.
SPEE 102	COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
ENGL 103	ENGL 150	Freshman English I	3
ENGL 104	ENGL 250	Freshman English II	3
Or	Or	Or	
ENGL 105	ENGL211	Technical Writing	
SMC*	VARIES	Scientific Understanding (one must be a lab)	7-8
MATH 105	MATH 115	Intermediate Algebra	4
SMC	VARIES	Cultural Enrichment (one must be at the 200+ level)	9
SMC	VARIES	Social Awareness (one must be at the 200+ level)	9
SMC or Ferris**	VARIES	Program of Study Coursework	51-52
<b>Total Southwestern Michigan College Credits</b>			<b>90</b>

*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.*

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Course	Ferris Course Titles	Cr. Hrs.
ENGL 321	Advanced Composition	3
COAS 495	Integrative Studies Orientation	1-4
COAS 495	Integrative Studies Capstone	1-4
COAS 491	Internship (recommended)	1-8
VARIES**	Program of Study Coursework	11 - 24
<b>Total Ferris Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

**Credits Required for Degree 120**  
 \*\* Program of Study coursework may be taken from SMC or Ferris State, after approval by advisor. Ferris requires a minimum of 30 FSU credits for graduation.

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## Delivery Locations

Ferris courses are offered at the following locations:

- Fully online
- Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI
- Select courses may be available at other campus locations. See [www.ferris.edu/statewide](http://www.ferris.edu/statewide) for more information.

## Graduation Requirements

- Students must have a minimum of 120 semester credits, including general education requirements
- Students must have earned at least 30 Ferris credits
- Students must have a minimum of 40 credits at the 300 level or higher

## Transfer Student Orientation

All new students to Ferris State University are required to complete an orientation. Orientation for incoming freshmen is a one-day session that occurs on campus and includes class registration. Eligible transfer students have the option of completing an online orientation or attending an on campus session.

## Advising Notes

It is recommended that potential students 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 any electives or general education classes shown above could 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 towards graduation.

## Online Learning

Orientation is required for students who register for an online *course* or are completing an online *degree*. Students must demonstrate competency in FerrisConnect 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.

## 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.

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