

Southwestern Michigan College (SMC) Transfer Guide

The School of Education offers an exemplary program in Elementary Education designed to provide a balanced blend of theory and practice. Throughout the program students will complete at least 600 hours in a variety of hands-on, field-based experiences in the PK-3 or 3-6 classroom. Our class sizes of 20-25 students guarantee that all students receive the attention they deserve. A background in state-of-the-art educational technology prepares students to integrate computer technology into instruction.

The professional education courses include field-based experiences supervised by instructional teams comprised of teacher educators, professors from the content area disciplines, and expert PK-6 teachers.

Teacher Certification Requirements

As required by the State of Michigan to receive teacher certification, all teacher candidates must: (1) meet the MDE (CAEP) cohort requirements, (2) pass the pedagogy tests in their subject area majors, and (3) have a 2.75 minimum GPA to receive teacher certification in Michigan. These state requirements are in addition to the FSU graduation requirements of your individual program.

Communication Competency

| 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 Public Speaking | 3 |
| ENGL 150 | English 1 (B or above) | 3 | ENGL 103 | Freshman English II | 3 |
| ENGL 250 | English 2 (B or above) | 3 | ENGL 104 | Freshman English III | 3 |
| ENGL 321 | Advanced Composition | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |

Quantitative Literacy– See below or Official Pre-2016 Math SAT Score of 560 or Higher, 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. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
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| MATH 114 or MATH 115 or MATH 117 | Quantitative Reasoning for Pro 2 or Intermediate Algebra or Contemporary Mathematics | 4 or 3 or 4 | No Equivalent MATH 127 or MATH 128 | No Equivalent College Algebra or Contemporary Math | 0 4 4 |

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. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
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| BIOL 103 | Biological Concepts | 4 | BISC 111 | Biological Science | 4 |
| PHSC 115 or *PHSC 110 | Inquiry into Physical Science or Inquiry into the Earth System | 4 or 3 | No Equivalent or *SCIE 190 | No Equivalent or Earth Science/Elem Educators | 0 or 3 |

Culture Competency - 3 courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from 2 different disciplines and have at least 1 at FSU 200 level or higher course.

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
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| HIST 121 | United States History to 1877 | 3 | HIST 201 | US History I | 3 |
| HIST 230 | Michigan History | 3 | HIST 230 | Michigan History | 3 |
| LITR 326 | Children's Literature | 3 | ENGL 251 | Children's Literature | 3 |

Self and Society Competency - 3 courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from 2 different disciplines and have at least 1 at FSU 200 level or higher course and at least one Self and Society Foundation course.

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|---|--------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
| GEOG 100 | Geography of World Regions | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| PLSC 121 | American Government 1 – People & Politics | 3 | POSC 201 | American Government | 3 |
| ECON 201 | Principles of Microeconomics | 3 | ECON 202 | Microeconomics | 3 |

Ferris State University General Education www.ferris.edu/gened. 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 *Fulfilled by Ferris GEOG 100 (above)
- 1 course with the U.S. Diversity attribute *Fulfilled by Ferris GEOG 100 (above)

College Requirements – 80 to 81 Credits Required

Major Courses – 15 Credits Required

These courses are used to calculate the major 2.75 GPA requirement.

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| MATH 208 | Elementary School Mathematics 1 | 3 | MATH 153 | Math for Elementary Teachers I | 4 |
| MATH 209 | Elementary School Mathematics 2 | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDLA 261 | Foundations of Literacy | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| ENGL 301 | Introduction to Linguistics | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| MATH 307 | Elementary School Mathematics | 3 | *MATH 154 | Math for Elementary Teachers II | 4 |

Concentrations – 65 to 66 Credits Required – Choose one concentration

1. Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade Concentration (ELPK) (see below)
2. Third Grade through Sixth Grade Concentration (ELTS) (see page 3)

The School of Education strongly advises to complete both concentrations and to see a Ferris Education Advisor as the number of courses and credits will change in the combination of the two pathways.

Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade Concentration (ELPK) – 66 Credits Required

Level 1 Courses – 15 Credits Required

Students may only retake two of the six Level 1 courses. Students may not repeat any education course more than once. These courses are used to calculate the major 2.75 GPA requirement.

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|--|--------------|---------------------|--|--------------|
| EDCD 112 | Theories of Child Development | 3 | EDUC 217 | Early Childhood Development | 3 |
| EDCD 115 | Observation & Documentation of Children | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDUC 161 | Foundations of Education | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDCD 211 | Methods for Teaching Preschool & School Age Children | 4 | EDUC 221 & EDUC 222 | Early Childhood Curr-Cognitive & Early Childhood Curr-Physical | 3 & 3 |
| EDUC 261 | Children's Healthy Living | 2 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |

Level 2 Courses – 39 Credits Required

Prior to enrolling in any Level 2 courses, all students must meet the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requirements, currently Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP); see advisor for options. Complete all Level 1 courses with a minimum of 2.50 GPA with no grade lower than a C, have a 2.50 cumulative GPA, and complete a Level 2 application. Students may not repeat any education course more than once. These courses are used to calculate the major 2.75 GPA requirement.

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|--|--------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| EDCD 308 | Teaching Special Needs in Education & Childhood Education | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDLA 311 | Advanced Foundations of Literacy Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDMA 331 | Math Methods of Teaching Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDSC 331 | 3D Science Methods for Elementary Education Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDUC 361 | Instructional Design | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDLA 411 | Literacy Instruction & Assessment Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade | 4 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDLA 419 | Literacy Methods Field Experience Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade | 1 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDMA 419 | Math Methods Field Experience Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade | 1 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDSC 419 | Science Methods Field Experience Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade | 1 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDSS 419 | Social Studies Methods Field Experience Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade | 1 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDLA 431 | Literacy Methods of Teaching Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade | 4 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |

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| EDMA 431 | Math Assessments & Supports Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDSC 431 | Advanced 3D Science Methods of Teaching Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDSS 431 | Social Studies Methods of Teaching Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDLA 461 | Language & Literacy Capstone | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |

Level 3 Courses – 12 Credits Required

Prior to enrolling in Level 3 courses, all students must pass the Michigan test for teacher certification in their subject area. Students must obtain the appropriate GPA for their major as established by each department. A 2.75 GPA is required in the professional education course sequence. A 2.50 cumulative GPA is also required before student teaching. Students may not repeat any education course more than once. These courses are used to calculate the major 2.75 GPA requirement.

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| EDUC 499 | Student Teaching (Dept. Approval) | 12 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |

Third Grade Through Sixth Grade Concentration (ELTS) – 65 Credits Required

[^]indicates courses that are waived (EDUC 251, EDUC 289 and EDUC 415) in the Third Grade through Sixth Grade Concentration (ELTS), if both concentrations are completed.

Level 1 Courses – 14 Credits Required

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|-----------------------|---|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| EDCD 115 | Observation & Documentation of Children | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDUC 161 | Foundations of Education | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| [^] EDUC 251 | Human Growth Development | 3 | *EDUC 215 | Human Developm and Learning | 3 |
| EDUC 261 | Children's Healthy Living | 2 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| [^] EDUC 289 | Principles of Teaching & Learning | 3 | *PSYC 296 | Educational Psychology | 3 |

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| EDLA 321 | Advanced Foundations of Literacy Third Grade through Sixth Grade | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDMA 331 | Math Methods for Teaching Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDSC 331 | 3D Science Methods for Elementary Education Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDUC 361 | Instructional Design | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| [^] EDUC 415 | Teaching Special Needs | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDLA 421 | Literacy Instruction and Assessment Third Grade through Sixth Grade | 4 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDLA 429 | Literacy Methods Field Experience Third Grade through Sixth Grade | 1 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDMA 429 | Math Methods Field Experience Third Grade through Sixth Grade | 1 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDSC 429 | Science Methods Field Experience Third Grade through Sixth Grade | 1 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDSS 429 | Social Studies Methods Field Experience Third Grade through Sixth Grade | 1 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDLA 431 | Literacy Methods of Teaching Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade | 4 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDMA 431 | Math Assessments & Supports Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |

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|----------|--|---|---------------|---------------|---|
| EDSC 431 | Advanced 3D Science Methods of Teaching Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| EDSS 431 | Social Studies Methods of Teaching Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
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| EDUC 499 | Student Teaching (Dept. Approval) | 12 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |

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| Total Credits Required for Degree | 121-124 |
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Program Contact Information:

Main Campus, Big Rapids

College of Arts, Sciences, and Education
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Ferris Statewide – Dowagiac

(269) 782-1214 | FerrisSW@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 Admission 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 transferable semester credit hours or more.
- Completion of ENGL 150 or transfer equivalent of C grade or higher
- Completion of MATH 114, 115, or 117 or transfer equivalent of C grade or higher.
- The degree completion program at a statewide and online location requires 30 transferable semester credits to be admitted and completion of ENGL 150, ENGL 250, COMM 121, MATH 114, 115 or 117, or transfer equivalent courses of C grade or higher.

Steps to Apply

1. Complete a free application at www.ferris.edu/apply.
2. Submit Official transcripts from every school attended to:
 - Ferris State University Admissions Office, 1201 S. State St, CSS 201, Big Rapids, MI 49307
 - Transfer@ferris.edu
3. 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.

**Indicates an approved Ferris course substitution*

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's degrees. The partners work together to provide a seamless transfer experience and increase student retention and completion at both the community college and Ferris.