

Southwestern Michigan College (SMC) Transfer Guide

The social work curriculum includes a strong liberal arts foundation, consisting of courses in communication, biology, natural sciences, math, history, politics, psychology and sociology. These general education courses are integrated with the social work foundation curriculum that develops knowledge, skills and values relating to interviewing, problem solving, social research, and understanding the complexities of social welfare policies and services. Social work majors complete 600 hours of field instruction in two different social work agencies. The first field placement requires 120 hours and is scheduled in the summer between the student's first and second years in the program. It is usually completed in the student's hometown. The second field placement requires 480 hours over the senior year and is usually located in the region surrounding Ferris. Social workers at both the Baccalaureate and Master's level are licensed in the State of Michigan.

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.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
COMM 105 or COMM 121 or COMM 221	Interpersonal Communication or Fundamentals of Public Speaking or Small Group Decision Making	3	No Equivalent or SPEE 102 or No Equivalent	No Equivalent or Fundamentals of Public Speaking or No Equivalent	3
ENGL 150	English 1	3	ENGL 103	Freshman English 2	3
ENGL 250	English 2	3	ENGL 104	Freshman English 3	3
ENGL 321 or ENGL 323	Advanced Composition or Proposal Writing	3	No Equivalent or ENGL 228	No Equivalent or Proposal Writing	3

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.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC 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 MATH 102 or MATH 127 or MATH 128	No Equivalent or Mathematical Literacy or College Algebra or Contemporary Mathematics	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.
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 BISC 111 BIOL 110 or ENST 112	No Equivalent or Biological Science or Human Biology or Environmental Science	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.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
RELG 215 or RELG 325 or *RELG 326	Comparative Religions or Eastern Religions or Western Religions	3	PHIL 201 or No Equivalent	Introduction to World Religion or No Equivalent	3
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.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
PLSC 121 or PLSC 122	American Government 1 or American Government 2	3	POSC 201 or No Equivalent	American Government or No Equivalent	3
PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 101	General Psychology	3
*SOCY 225 or SOCY 230	Marriage & the Family or Gender Roles in Society	3	SOCI 203 or No Equivalent	Marriage and Family or No Equivalent	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.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
SCWK 110	Intro to Social Work Profession	3	SOWK 100	Introduction to Social Work	3
SOCY 121 or ANTH 122 or SOCY 122	Introductory Sociology or Intro to Cultural Anthropology or Social Problems	3	SOCI 201 or No Equivalent or SOCI 202	Principles of Sociology or No Equivalent or Social Problems	3
SCWK 130	Social Work Interviewing Skills 1	3	SOWK 120	Social Work Interviewing Skills	3
SCWK 170	Agency & Program Orientation	1	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	0
SCWK 191	Introductory Field Experience	3	SOWK 240	Field Experience	3
SCWK 210	Introduction to Social Welfare	3	SOWK 200	Introduction to Social Welfare	3
SCWK 220	Individual & Family Practice	4	SOWK 205	Theories - Methods of Practice 1	3
ECON 201 or ECON 202 or SOCY 443	Principles of Microeconomics or Principles of Macroeconomics or Social Stratification & Inequality	3	ECON 202 or ECON 201 or No Equivalent	Microeconomics or Macroeconomics or No Equivalent	3
PSYC 226 or EDUC 251	Lifespan Human Development or Human Growth Development	3	No Equivalent or EDUC 215	No Equivalent or Human Development - Learning	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	SOCI 240	Minority Groups in America	3
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.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC 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

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.