

Ferris State University's School of Education offers an exemplary program in Secondary Education designed to provide a balanced blend of theory and practice. Students have the opportunity to obtain Michigan Secondary Provisional Certification by taking classes at Southwestern Michigan College and Ferris State University. Certification will allow an individual to teach sixth through twelfth grade in both their major and minor subject areas. Throughout the program, students will complete at least 570 hours in a variety of hands-on, field-based experiences in the 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 Secondary Education Program requires the completion of a secondary education minor giving students a broad academic base in their chosen subject area. The professional education courses include field-based experiences supervised by instructional teams comprised of teacher educators, professors from the content area disciplines, and expert 6-12 teachers.

General Admission Criteria

Students seeking admission to the teacher education program must have at least 30 transferable credits and a minimum 2.0 overall GPA. All transferred courses must be a "C" grade or higher and the following courses must be completed prior to admission: ENGL 150, ENGL 250, COMM 105 or COMM 121, and MATH 115. English majors need a "B" or better in ENGL 150 and ENGL 250. Official transcripts from all accredited colleges/universities must be submitted with the Ferris application. Financial aid is available and may include concurrent enrollment at both institutions.

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 2.50 minimum GPA to receive teacher certification in Michigan. These state requirements are in addition to the FSU graduation requirements of your individual program.

Field Experience, Pre-Teaching

Pre-student teaching field experiences provide an opportunity to experience classroom management, discipline, planning and delivery of content in the classroom setting. EDUC 338 and 438 have pre-teaching field experiences with clock hour requirements.

Student Teaching

Student Teaching is the final activity of the Elementary Education Program (typically 15-16 weeks long). Prior to student teaching all degree program coursework must be completed and all minimum GPA requirements met. Student must successfully complete the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) subject matter exam(s). More information about student teaching can be obtained by contacting the Field Placement Coordinator or the Faculty Advisor.

Additional Requirements

Various policies are in place to ensure the success of our students. All students must meet MDE requirements; currently CAEP, prior to starting their Level II/III courses. Students must submit required paperwork prior to taking any courses with field placements included. Students are required to maintain appropriate GPA in their planned program and minors to be eligible for student teaching and program completion.

Communication Competency Requirements

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|-------------------------|---|--------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| COMM 105 or COMM 121 | Interpersonal Communication or Fundamentals of Public Speaking | 3 | SPEE 102 | Fundamentals of Public Speaking | 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 | Advanced Composition | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |

Quantitative Literacy Course Requirements see below or Any MATH Course Higher Than MATH 115; Except MATH 218, 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 | Quantitative Reasoning for Professionals or Intermediate Algebra | 4 or 3 | MATH 102 | Mathematical Literacy | 4 |

Natural Sciences Competency Requirements - 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. |
|------------|---|--------------|------------|------------------|--------------|
| Varies | FSU General Education – Natural Sciences Electives (see advisor) | 6 | Varies | Varies | Varies |

Culture Competency Course Requirements - Three courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from two different disciplines and have at least one FSU 200 level or higher course. *The courses selected depend on the chosen minor, please see advisor prior to selecting a course.*

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|---|--------------|------------|------------------|--------------|
| Varies | FSU General Education - Culture Electives (see advisor) | 9 | Varies | Varies | 9 |

Self and Society Competency Course Requirements – Three courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from two different disciplines, have at least one FSU 200 level or higher course, and at least one Self and Society Foundation course. *The courses selected depend on the chosen minor, please see advisor prior to selecting a course.*

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|---|--------------|------------|------------------|--------------|
| Varies | FSU General Education – Self and Society Competency (see advisor) | 9 | Varies | Varies | 9 |

Ferris State University General Education Program

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

Diversity - Competency met by 2 courses designated as Global and U.S. Diversity is satisfied by: These courses can be met through the Culture and Self and Society Competency requirements.

Major Requirements – 22 Credits Required - ENGL 301, ENGL 302, LITR 327, and ENGL 418 are required for teaching English. These courses are used to calculate the major 3.00 GPA requirement.

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|---|--------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| ENGL 260 | Introduction to English Studies | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| ENGL 301 | Introduction to Linguistics | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| ENGL 302 | Grammar and Writing | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| LITR 327 | Young Adult Literature | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| ENGL 382 | Rhetorical Genre and Literacy Studies | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| ENGL 416 | Advanced Critical Theory and Practice | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| ENGL 418 | Teaching English Language Arts in Secondary School (Department Approval) | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |
| ENGL 495 | Senior Transition (Department Approval) (Must Take Course Within 3 Semesters of Graduation) | 1 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | 0 |

English Content Courses – Choose two from the following thirteen courses (**6 Credits Required** and 3 credits must be at the 300 level or higher.)

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|---|---|---|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| LITR 202 or LITR 203 or LITR 204 or LITR 233 or LITR 241 or | Black Literature Introduction to African Literature Natural American Literature Science Fiction and Fantasy Introduction to World Short Fiction | Total of 6 credits required | | | |
| FREN 280 or LITR 251 or LITR 261 or LITR 306 or | Literature of French World World Drama World Novels Topics in Non-Western World Literature | | | | |
| SPAN 323 or GERM 341 or | Survey of Spanish Literature Representations of the Holocaust | | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| LITR 371 or LITR 380 | Topics in Women's Literature World Folk Literature | | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |

English and American Literacy Traditions – Choose one from the following five courses (**3 Credits Required**)

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| LITR 311 | Early American Literature | 3 | ENGL 231 | American Literature 1 | 3 |
| LITR 312 | Modern American Literature | credits | ENGL 232 | American Literature 2 | 3 |
| LITR 323 | Shakespeare | required | | | |
| LITR 351 | Early British Literature | | | | |
| LITR 352 | Modern British Literature | | | | |

English Language Studies – Choose one from the following three courses (3 Credits Required)

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|---|--------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| ENGL 380 | History of Rhetoric and Style | 3 | | | |
| ENGL 413 | Literacy Issues and Conflicts | credits | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| ENGL 415 | Theory and Practice of Rhetoric and Composition | required | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |

Genre – Choose one from the following ten courses (3 Credits Required)

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|--|--------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| LITR 231 | Poetry (ENGL 150) | | | | |
| LITR 233 | Science Fiction and Fantasy (<i>If Not Taken in the English Content Courses Section</i>) | | | | |
| LITR 241 | Introduction to World Short Fiction (<i>If Not Taken in the English Content Courses Section</i>) | | | | |
| LITR 242 | American Popular Literature | | | | |
| LITR 243 | Literature and Film (ENGL 150) | | | | |
| LITR 251 | World Drama (<i>If Not Taken in the English Content Courses Section</i>) | | | | |
| LITR 261 | World Novels (<i>If Not Taken in the English Content Courses Section</i>) | | | | |
| LITR 326 | Children's Literature | 3 | ENGL 251 | Children's Literature | 3 |
| LITR 330 | Contemporary Literature | | | | |
| LITR 343 | Crime and Violence in Literature | | | | |

Electives – (7 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 7 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. |
|------------|---|--------------|-----------------------|---|---------------|
| ENGL 222 | Introduction to Creative Writing | 3 | ENG 261 or ENG 263 | Creative Writing – Poetry or Creative Nonfiction Writing | 3 |
| ENGL 380 | History of Rhetoric and Style (<i>If Not Taken in the English Language Studies Section</i>) | 3 | | | |
| ENGL 397 | Special Topics in English | 1-4 | | | |
| ENGL 413 | Literacy Issues and Conflicts (<i>If Not Taken in the English Language Studies Section</i>) | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| ENGL 422 | Advanced Creative Writing Workshop | 3 | | | |
| ENGL 497 | Special Topics in English | 1-3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| FREN 280 | Literature of French World (<i>If Not Taken in the English Content Courses Section</i>) | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| JRNL 121 | Writing for Mass Media | 3 | COMM 115 | Writing for Mass Media | 3 |
| JRNL 222 | Reporting | 3 | | | |
| JRNL 251 | Understanding Mass Media | 3 | COMM 110 | Introduction to Mass Communication | 3 |
| JRNL 328 | Feature and Opinion Writing | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| LITR 202 | Black Literature (<i>If Not Taken in the English Content Courses Section</i>) | 3 | | | |
| LITR 203 | Introduction to African Literature (<i>If Not Taken in the English Content Courses Section</i>) | 3 | | | |
| LITR 204 | Native American Literature (<i>If Not Taken in the English Content Courses Section</i>) | 3 | | | |
| LITR 231 | Poetry (<i>If Not Taken in the Genre Section</i>) | 3 | | | |
| LITR 233 | Science Fiction and Fantasy (<i>If Not Taken in the English Content Courses or Genre Section</i>) | 3 | | | |

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|----------|---|-----|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| LITR 241 | Introduction to World Short Fiction (<i>If Not Taken in the English Content Courses or Genre Section</i>) | 3 | | | |
| LITR 242 | American Popular Literature (<i>If Not Taken in the Genre Section</i>) | 3 | | | |
| LITR 243 | Literature and Film (<i>If Not Taken in the Genre Section</i>) | 3 | | | |
| LITR 251 | World Drama (<i>If Not Taken in the English Content Courses or Genre Section</i>) | 3 | | | |
| LITR 261 | World Novels (<i>If Not Taken in the English Content Courses or Genre Section</i>) | 3 | | | |
| LITR 306 | Topics in Non-Western World Literature (<i>If Not Taken in the English Content Courses Section</i>) | 3 | | | |
| LITR 311 | Early American Literature (<i>If Not Taken in the English and American Literary Traditions Section</i>) | 3 | ENGL 231 | American Literature 1 | 3 |
| LITR 312 | Modern American Literature (<i>If Not Taken in the English and American Literary Traditions Section</i>) | 3 | ENGL 232 | American Literature 2 | 3 |
| LITR 323 | Shakespeare (<i>If Not Taken in the English and American Literary Traditions Section</i>) | 3 | ENG 117 | Proposal Writing | 3 |
| LITR 326 | Children's Literature (<i>If Not Taken in the Genre Section</i>) | 3 | ENG 251 | Children's Literature | 3 |
| LITR 330 | Contemporary Literature (<i>If Not Taken in the Genre Section</i>) | 3 | | | |
| LITR 343 | Crime and Violence in Literature (<i>If Not Taken in the Genre Section</i>) | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| LITR 351 | Early British Literature (<i>If Not Taken in the English and American Literary Traditions Section</i>) | 3 | | | |
| LITR 352 | Modern British Literature (<i>If Not Taken in the English and American Literary Traditions Section</i>) | 3 | | | |
| LITR 371 | Topics in Women's Literature (<i>If Not Taken in the English Content Courses Section</i>) | 3 | | | |
| LITR 380 | World Folk Literature (<i>If Not Taken in the English Content Courses Section</i>) | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| LITR 397 | Special Topics in Literature | 1-3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| SPAN 323 | Survey of Spanish Literature (<i>If Not Taken in the English Content Courses Section</i>) | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |

Secondary Education Professional Sequence – 37 Credits Required

Level 1 Courses – 10 Credits Required

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|--|--------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| EDUC 101 | Introduction to the Profession of Teaching | 1 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| EDUC 251 | Life Span of Human Growth & Development | 3 | EDUC 215 | Human Development and Learning | 3 |
| EDUC 289 | Principles of Teaching & Learning | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| EDUC 303 | School, Work, & Society | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |

Ferris State University and Southwestern Michigan College – Secondary Education - English Education - Transfer Guide

Effective Fall 2020

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

Notes: Prior to enrolling in any Level 2 courses, all students must meet MDE requirements, currently CAEP (see advisor for options). Complete all Level 1 courses with a minimum of 2.5 GPA with no grade lower than a C, have a 2.5 cumulative GPA, and complete a level 2 application. Students may not repeat any education course more than once. You may not have more than two repeats in Level 1 courses.

Level 2 Courses- 15 Credits Required

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| EDUC 338 | Secondary General Methods 1 | 4 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| EDUC 415 | Teaching Special Needs | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |

Notes: Prior to entering the 80 hours pre-student teaching, students must meet MDE requirements, currently CAEP (see advisor for options.) Students may not repeat any education course more than once.

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| EDUC 438 | Secondary General Methods 2 | 5 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| EDUC 443 | Teaching Reading - Secondary Areas | 3 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |

Notes: Prior to enrolling in Level 3 courses, all students must pass the Michigan test for teacher certification in their subject area. Students may not repeat any education course more than once.

Level 3 – 12 Credits Required

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| EDUC 499 | Student Teaching | 12 | No Equivalent | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |

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| Total Credits Required for Degree | 120 - 122 |
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Program and Delivery Locations Contact Information:

Main Campus, Big Rapids

College Education and Human Services

School of Education | (231) 591-3511 | [School of Education Website](#)
[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).

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.