

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 by taking classes at Southwestern Michigan College and at 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 2.50 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 or COMM 221	Interpersonal Communication or Fundamentals of Public Speaking or Small Group Decision Making	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 Requirements

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
MATH 115	Intermediate Algebra	3	MATH 102	Mathematical Literacy	4

Natural Sciences Competency Requirements – Minimum 6 credits – GEOG 111- 4 Credits Met in Major

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	FSU General Education – Natural Sciences Elective	2 - 3	Varies	Varies	2 - 3

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Culture Competency Requirements – Credits Met in Major

Self and Society Competency Requirements – Credits Met in Major

Ferris State University General Education Program

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
- 1 course with the U.S. Diversity attribute

Major Requirements – 18 Credits Required

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
HIST 121	United States History to 1877	3	HIST 201	United States History 1	3
HIST 122	United States History 1877 to Present	3	HIST 202	United States History 2	3
HIST 211	World Civilizations before 1400	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
HIST 212	World Civilizations since 1400	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
HIST 300	Craft of History	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
HIST 405	Senior Capstone	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

World History Directed Electives – 9 Credits Required

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
Select 1 course	Select 1 course for a total of 3 credits	3			
HIST 251 or HIST 253 or HIST 255 or HIST 257 or HIST 259 or HIST 361 or HIST 381	Racism & Science or Imperialism Modern World or The Impact of 1492 or Terrorism in the Modern World or Women in Global Activism or Racism in the Modern World or Imperial China		No Equivalent Courses	No Equivalent Courses	No Equivalent Courses
Select 1 course	Select 1 course for a total of 3 credits	3			
HIST 258 or HIST 350 or HIST 351 or HIST 352 or HIST 360 or HIST 363 or HIST 373	Greece & Rome or The Making of Modern Britain or Medieval Europe or Renaissance & Reformation or Contemporary European History or The Rise of the Russian Empire or 20 th Century Russia		No Equivalent Courses	No Equivalent Courses	No Equivalent Courses
Select 1 course	Select 1 course for a total of 3 credits	3			
HIST 370 or HIST 371 or HIST 372 or HIST 375	Modern Africa or Modern China, Japan & Korea or Middle East in the Modern Era or Latin American History		No Equivalent Courses	No Equivalent Courses	No Equivalent Courses

United States Directed Electives – 12 Credits Required

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
Select 2 courses	Select 2 courses for a total of 6 credits	6			
HUMN 202 or HIST 201 or HIST 285 or HIST 311 or HIST 315 or HIST 325 or HIST 326 or HIST 330	African American Cultural Expressions or African American History or Sports History or Examining Jim Crow Stereotypes or Modern Civil Rights Movement or American Women's History or African American Women's or History Turbulent 1960's		No Equivalent or No Equivalent or No Equivalent		
Select 2 courses	Select 2 courses for a total of 6 credits	6			
HIST 230 or HIST 277 or HIST 309 or HIST 310 or HIST 320 or HIST 331 or HIST 332 or HIST 333 or HIST 334 or HIST 341 or HIST 342 or HIST 385	Michigan History or American Business History or United States History, 1900-1945 or United States History, 1945-Present or Vietnam War or 19 th Century American Pop Culture or 20 th Century American Pop Culture or Antebellum America or Colonial America or U.S. Foreign Policy in the 20 th Century or Civil War-Reconstruction or Military History		HIST 230	Michigan History	3

Directed Electives – 12 Credits Required

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	No Equivalent
GEOG 111	Geography of Physical Environment	3	GEOG 110	Physical Geography	4
PLSC 121	American Government 1 – People & Politics	3	POSC 201	American Government	3
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	ECON 201	Macroeconomics	3

One Secondary Education Subject Area Minor Required. It may not be the same as the Secondary Education Major.
(Requires Declaration) Must be 24 credits or more.

The current secondary education minor choices are: Biology, Chemistry, English, Geography, Mathematics, Physical Education, Political Science, and Speech Communication.

Professional Sequence – 37 Credits Required**Level 1 Courses – 10 Credits**

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
EDUC 101	Introduction to the Professional 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

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

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	SMC Equiv.	SMC Course Title	SMC Cr. Hrs.
EDUC 338	Secondary General Methods I	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
EDUC 415	Teaching Strategies for Special Education & Diverse Population	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

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Level 2 Courses- 15 Credits - continued

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 II	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
Total Credits Required for Degree					130 - 131

Program Delivery Locations and Contact Information:

Main Campus, Big Rapids

College Education and Human Services

School of Education | (231) 591-3511

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(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.

Students who wish to fulfill MTA are encouraged to work with an advisor to select appropriate general education courses.

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.