

Academic Affairs

MICHIGAN TRANSFER AGREEMENT – GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

The Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) is an agreement designed to facilitate the transfer of general education requirements among Michigan higher education institutions. In order to earn the “MTA Satisfied” endorsement, a student must complete 30 hours with a grade of at least 2.0 in each course according to the following distribution:

- 1 course in English Composition
- A second course in English Composition or 1 course in Communication
- 1 course in Mathematics from one of three pathways: College Algebra, Statistics, or Quantitative Reasoning
- 2 courses in Social Science (from two disciplines)
- 2 courses in Humanities and Fine Arts (from two disciplines excluding studio art and performance classes)
- 2 courses in Natural Sciences including one with laboratory experience (from two disciplines)

For students who transfer to Ferris State University, requirements for the MTA may be completed as part of a degree program or as a stand-alone package. The Michigan Transfer Agreement pertains solely to general education, and does not exempt students from meeting specific prerequisite and/or course requirements for their degrees at Ferris. Only courses with a grade of “C” (2.0) or better will transfer as a part of the MTA Agreement. Many Ferris degrees require program-specific courses and prerequisites that also count toward FSU general education requirements. Specific prerequisite and general education degree requirements must be completed even if a student has the “MTA Satisfied” endorsement.

Students transferring to Ferris with the “MTA Satisfied” endorsement will have satisfied all University general education requirements in the following areas: Global Consciousness; Quantitative Skills; Race, Ethnicity, and Gender; and Scientific Understanding. For the areas of Communication, Cultural Enrichment and Social Awareness, several requirements remain. These are detailed in the table that follows.

Ferris General Education Area		Relation to “MTA Satisfied” Endorsement
Communication Competence	Case 1 (1 English Composition course and 1 Communication course completed through MTA)	Student still needs ENGL 250 and one 300-level Composition course.
	Case 2 (2 English Composition courses completed through MTA)	Student still needs one Communication course and one 300 level Composition course.
Cultural Enrichment		Student still needs one course at 200+ level.
Global Consciousness		Completed
Quantitative Skills		Completed
Race, Ethnicity, and Gender		Completed
Scientific Understanding		Completed
Social Awareness		Student still needs one course at 200+ level.

In the area of Communication Competence, a student who has satisfied the MTA requirements falls into one of two categories: (1) the student completed two English Composition courses, or (2) the student completed one Composition course and one Communications course. For category (1), the student needs to complete ENGL 250 and one 300-level English Composition course. For category (2), the student needs complete a Communication course and one 300-level Composition course. For Cultural Enrichment, the student needs to complete a Ferris Cultural Enrichment elective that is numbered 200 or higher. For Social Awareness, the student needs to complete a Ferris Social Awareness elective that is numbered 200 or higher.

Students eligible for reverse transfer who have met the MTA requirements may request the “MTA Satisfied” endorsement from their prior institution at the time the reverse transfer audit takes place.

Ferris students pursuing the MTA should contact the Ferris registrar’s office to request an MTA audit. Transcripts for Ferris students that meet MTA will be updated to include the “MTA Satisfied” endorsement on their transcript.