



FAMILY AND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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The First Generation issue!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR NEW STUDENTS

What are admission requirements?

Our general admission requirements are a minimum 2.5 GPA and a 900 SAT or 17 ACT. If they are just outside of either of these criteria, feel free to reach out to us so we may further communicate with you and your student.

What steps does my student take to be admitted to Ferris State University?

First, fill out an application. After the application is completed, students must request official high school transcripts and official ACT or SAT scores be sent to Ferris. If your student took any college courses, he or she will want to send those transcripts in to have the transfer credits added to their official record.

If your student has questions regarding how to send official high school transcripts or test scores, ask them to speak with their high school counselor/college advisor for assistance. If your student needs help sending their college transcripts, ask them to speak with their college's registrar office.

How long does it take for students to receive their admission decision?

Typically, it takes approximately 4 to 6 weeks from the time they fill out their application until they receive a decision. This time may vary based on how quickly we receive transcripts and test scores. Please note that decision times may increase during busier times of the year (e.g. October).

What are the requirements for the Honors program and how does my student apply?

Requirements can be viewed [here](#). Students will need to either complete an essay/video or attend an invitational. More information, including the Honors application (a separate application from the general university application) can be found at www.ferris.edu/honors.



IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 18 – Mid-Term Recess
APRIL 21

MAY 6 – MAY Exam Week
10

FRIDAY, MAY 10 COMMENCEMENT

- 3:30 Michigan College of Optometry
College of Health Professions
- 7:00 College of Pharmacy
Doctorate in Community College
Leadership
College of Arts & Sciences
University College

SATURDAY, MAY 11 COMMENCEMENT

- 9:00 College of Business
- 12:30 College of Education and Human
Services
- 4:00 College of Engineering Technology

Graduating students are allotted 6 tickets each for the ceremony.

Reminders:

Summer registration is live. Have your student login to MyFSU and find MyRegistration under the Student tab.

New Students - Don't forget to sign up for orientation online. Your student can find the sign-up process by selecting the Orientation link on the Ferris.edu homepage.

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOUR STUDENT IS ADMITTED?

What are my student's next steps?

- [Set up a MyFSU account](#)
- Submit FAFSA (available beginning October 1st)
- Sign up for Orientation (this is also where students will register for classes)
- Pay \$80 Orientation fee
- Pay \$200 Housing Deposit
- Sign up for Housing
- Finish the year strong!

When and how do we sign up for orientation?

You can typically sign up for Orientation beginning in mid-February. The earlier you sign up, the more dates you will have to choose from. [Sign up here!](#)

When does my student register for classes? How do they know what classes to take?

Students will register for classes when they attend Orientation. Advisors will be available in the registration room to assist in course selection.

When do they sign up for housing and can they choose their own roommate?

Housing sign up typically becomes available early-Spring. Yes, they may choose their own roommate! If students do not know anyone attending Ferris with them, they can answer a series of questions (i.e. are you an early riser or night owl, do you like your room clean or messy, etc.) and will be matched based on their responses.

Does my student have to live on campus their first year?

Yes, all freshmen are required to live on campus

for their first year, or two full academic semesters, unless they have reached the age of 19 prior to September 1 of the current academic year.

If you live within 50 road miles of campus, they may be able to continue living at home.

Can freshmen bring a car on campus?

Yes! Freshmen can have a car on campus. Parking passes currently cost only \$100 for year.

Do students need a car on campus?

No, they do not need a car on campus. We have a shuttle system on campus you can utilize that runs between various buildings.

What if their fall plans have changed or they're going somewhere else?

If your student's fall plans have changed and they are no longer interested in Ferris State, please let us know by calling our toll free (800) 433-7747 or by email to admissions@ferris.edu.

Any additional questions may be directed to the above phone number and email as well.

YOU CAN HELP TOO!

How can you support your student's achievement? Support a growth mindset through encouraging your student to seek out new opportunities, talk to professors and advisors, and take advantage of free tutoring and presentations on campus. Ask your student to sign a FERPA release to share academic and/or financial information with you, so that campus professionals can discuss student growth and concerns you have. If your student has an IEP or 504 plan, be sure to discuss options for accommodations with Disabilities Services when you're on campus for orientation, or make an appointment with them before the academic year begins. Contact them at ECDS@ferris.edu.



CONNECT WITH US!

In addition to the Family and Friends Newsletter, there are a number of ways for parents to stay connected with Ferris and be updated on what's happening on campus.



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