



FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

FAMILY AND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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Good luck to graduating students!

BASICS OF ORIENTATION

What Students Should Bring:

- MyFSU username and password.
- If students haven't already sent updated transcripts to Admissions, please bring official copies of their most recent high school or college/university transcripts including coursework in progress.
- Routing and account # for setting up financial aid refunds.
- Work, athletic or other schedules that will influence academic schedule.
- Comfortable clothing and shoes
- Umbrella – Just in case!
- Money – The bookstore sells all kinds of Bulldog apparel and other items.

WHAT STUDENTS WILL DO:

1. Clear registration holds.
2. Have student ID picture taken.
3. Meet staff members from various departments here to help. Ferris has support services and resources to help students meet any challenge.
4. Attend an essential financial information session that will cover student employment, textbook purchases, billing due dates, payment plans, e-bill system, scholarships, satisfactory academic progress, financial aid, alternative loan information and more.
5. Attend a meeting with one of our degree-granting colleges to learn more about major and graduation requirements, or to check out other academic opportunities.
6. Register for classes.
7. Family and friends will attend an Orientation Resource Fair with a variety of departments.

The full orientation agenda can be found [here](#).

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 near the bottom of Ferris' homepage. Be sure to pay the deposit.



IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 6 – Exam Week
MAY 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.

GRADUATION TIPS

What your graduating student needs to know prior to commencement.

Before Leaving for Commencement

1. Make sure that they have their cap, gown, tassel and hood (if applicable). All graduates must wear the appropriate regalia in order to walk in a Commencement ceremony.
2. Students planning on participating in a ceremony should plan to arrive 45 minutes prior to the start of their ceremony. The ceremony will start promptly, so don't be late.
3. Allow extra time for parking. Handicapped parking is available directly west of the Ewingleben Sports Complex in Lot 48. Wink Arena is handicap accessible and has several areas available that will accommodate wheelchairs, guests who may not be able to climb the bleachers and strollers on the main level. Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Ushers will be available to assist with seating.
4. Make sure students give the tickets to their guests. Guests will not be allowed into the ceremony without a ticket.

Student Arrival

1. Students check-in with their college's Commencement Coordinator located in the Ice Arena. They will receive their name and photo card at that time.
2. Leave valuables, such as purses and coats, with family members during the ceremony. Please **DO NOT** leave items unattended. Commencement staff will not be available to watch items left in the Ice Arena.

STUFF ON CAMPUS

Is your student coming to Ferris in fall?

There are many things allowed on campus when students are dressing up their dorm rooms, but there are also prohibited things that should not be brought onto campus for any reason.

Students are encouraged to bring a number of basics, such as décor for their rooms to make it more homey, seasonal clothing, storage crates, and any other items your student might need on campus. School supplies are a must, the same as any basic school supply list. Encourage your student to check any requirements for their classes closer to the start date.

Other items allowed are electronics; gaming consoles, computers, and Smart TVs can be connected to the Internet via ethernet cable in the dorms. Bed and bath items are not supplied, so be sure to stock up on those too. Laundry machines are available in each dorm, so students should bring cleaning supplies as well.

A specific list of items is prohibited on campus. These span from the obvious inclusion of weapons and drugs, to space heaters or air conditioners.

Be sure to check out the [full checklist](#) of what's allowed and not allowed on campus.



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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