

Ferris Program: Criminal Justice - Generalist

Degree Type: Bachelor of Science

Ferris College: College of Business

Transfer School: Grand Rapids Community College

Consortium Eligible: Yes

Total Credits Required: 120-124

Catalog Year: 2026-2027

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – 39-41 Credits Required

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 and 1 course with the U.S. Diversity attribute.

Visit the Ferris State [general education page](#) for more information.

Communication Competency

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
COMM 105 or COMM 121	Interpersonal Communication or Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	COM 135 or COM 131
ENGL 150	English 1	3	EN 101
ENGL 250	English 2	3	EN 102
ENGL 311 or ENGL 321 or ENGL 325	Advanced Technical Writing or Advanced Composition or Advanced Business Writing	3	EN 249 or No Equivalent

Quantitative Literacy Competency

Requirements for Quantitative Literary Competency can be met with the following:

- Official Pre-2016 Math SAT Score of 560 or Higher
- Official Post-2016 Math SAT Score of 580 or Higher
- Official Math ACT Score of 24 or Higher

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
MATH 114 or MATH 115	Quantitative Reasoning for Professionals 2 or Intermediate Algebra	4 or 3	MTH 115 or MTH 112

Natural Sciences Competency

Two courses are required with a minimum of 6 credits: must have at least one lab course.

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
Varies	Natural Sciences Electives	6	Varies

Culture Competency

Three courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from two different disciplines and have at least one at FSU 200 level or higher course.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
Varies	Culture Electives	9	Varies

Self and Society Competency

Three courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from two different disciplines and have at least one at FSU 200 level or higher course, and at least one Self and Society Foundation course.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
SOCY 121	Introductory Sociology	3	SO 251
PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3	PY 201
(Choose 1 of 10) SOCY 225	Marriage and the Family	3	SO 270
(Choose 1 of 10) SOCY 230	Gender Roles in Society	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 10) SOCY 242	Sociology of Deviant Behavior	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 10) SOCY 340	Race and Ethnicity in the United States	3	SO 260
(Choose 1 of 10) SOCY 341	Community Studies	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 10) SOCY 344	World Urban Sociology	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 10) COMM 365	Intercultural Communication	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 10) COMM 366	Diversity and Communication	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 10) Varies	Psychology Elective -200 level or higher	3	Varies
(Choose 1 of 10) Varies	Sociology Elective -200 level or higher	3	Varies

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COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS – 81 Credits Required

Major Courses

35 Credits Required.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
CRIM 305	Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice	3	No Equivalent
CRIM 310	Corrections and Society	3	No Equivalent
CRIM 311	Police and Society	3	No Equivalent
CRIM 321 or CRIM 322	Police Report Writing or Report Writing for Corrections	3	No Equivalent
CRIM 340	Criminal Behavior	3	No Equivalent
CRIM 385	Current Issues in Criminal Justice	3	No Equivalent
CRIM 391	Criminal Justice Internship	4	No Equivalent
CRIM 411	Crime Control Policy	3	No Equivalent
CRIM 425	Michigan Criminal Law	4	No Equivalent
CRIM 430	Michigan Criminal Procedures	4	No Equivalent
CRIM 499	Criminal Justice Assessment Course	2	No Equivalent

Related Requirements

24 Credits Required.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
CRIM 110	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	CJ 110
CRIM 111	Introduction to Corrections	3	CJ 105
CRIM 112	Introduction to United States Legal Systems	3	No Equivalent
CRIM 113	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3	No Equivalent
CRIM 201	CJ Investigative Issues	3	No Equivalent

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
CRIM 260	Delinquency Prevention and Control	3	CJ 140
(Choose 2 of 5) ISIN 121	Digital Security Awareness	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 2 of 5) SCWK 130	Social Work Interviewing Skills	3	SW 216
(Choose 2 of 5) FINC 201	Personal Finance	3	BU 137
(Choose 2 of 5) CRIM 220	Supervision and Management in Criminal Justice	3	CJ 120
(Choose 2 of 5) COMM 221	Small Group Decision Making	3	No Equivalent

Electives

22 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 22 credits of elective courses to meet the required 120 credit minimum.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
Varies	Elective Courses (Advisor Approval)	22	Varies

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

New Student Admission Requirements

- Minimum 2.00 GPA (on a 4.00 scale).

Transfer Student Admission Requirements

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale) from all institutions attended.
- The degree completion program at a statewide and online location requires the student to earn either a completed Associate degree or at least 48 transferable semester credit hours from an accredited college or university.

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MORE INFORMATION

To fulfill the residency requirement for a bachelor's degree a student must earn a minimum of 30 credits from Ferris State University.

Steps to Apply

- Complete your [free application](#).
- Submit official transcripts
 - Submit official transcripts from every school attended to Transfer@Ferris.edu
 - Or mail to:
Ferris State University Admissions Office
1201 S. State St., CSS 201
Big Rapids, MI 49307
- Submit test scores (if required)
 - ACT Scores; go to the [ACT website](#) - Ferris State University School Code: 1994
 - SAT, CLEP and AP Scores; go to the [College Board website](#) - Ferris State University School Code: 1222

Advising Notes

It is recommended that potential applicants meet with an advisor to review the degree, course schedule, transfer policies and have any questions answered prior to completing an application. Ferris accepts transfer courses in which the student earned a letter grade of "C" or better. Additional policies such as the Ferris Sunset and Residency Requirement should be discussed with a Ferris advisor. 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 coursework may reduce the chance of completing a course that will not apply toward the selected degree. Students must work with their Ferris advisor to declare a Minor or Concentration and for the selection of Directed Electives.

Once admitted, students are required to complete an orientation and should continue to meet with an advisor as they work toward graduation.

To schedule an appointment or for additional transfer resources and policies see our [Transfer Resource page](#).

*Indicates an approved Ferris course substitution

Reverse Transfer Agreement

Ferris has reverse transfer agreements with several Michigan Community Colleges. Under such agreement, Ferris will provide your official University transcript to a partner school you have attended, so that they may grant you an associate or bachelor's degree upon completion of sufficient and appropriate credit hours from both institutions. In turn, the degree-granting institution will provide Ferris with an updated transcript reflecting the newly earned credential.

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.

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Transfer Equivalencies Tools

The transfer equivalencies link is located in the Transfer Resources section at transfer.ferris.edu.

Disclaimer

Transfer guides are not intended to be a contract with Ferris. The information in this guide is subject to change and is aligned with the catalog year listed above. Students should contact their community college and/or Ferris to keep informed of changes. Students' final responsibility for verifying all transfer information lies with the student. Please refer to the [Ferris catalog](#) for the most current curriculum.

Partners may contact the Office of Transfer and Secondary School Partnerships with questions or updates at TransferGuidesArticulations@Ferris.edu.