

Ferris Program: English Education

Degree Type: Bachelor of Science

Ferris College: College of Arts, Sciences, and Education

Transfer School: Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Consortium Eligible: No

Total Credits Required: 120-122

Catalog Year: 2024-2025

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.

Students must have a grade of B or better in ENGL 150 and ENGL 250, MATH 114, MATH 115, or MATH 117, and one science course. A SAT-2016 score of 510 or higher in Math and English meets this requirement.

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 113 or COM 101
ENGL 150	English 1 (B or above)	3	ENG 110
ENGL 250	English 2 (B or above)	3	ENG 111 or ENG 160
ENGL 321	Advanced Composition	3	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	No Equivalent or MATH 099

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 (Consult Advisor)	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.

Students in this program are exempt from the University requirement of taking courses from two different disciplines in this section due to Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requirements.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
Varies	Culture Electives (Consult Advisor)	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
Varies	Self and Society Electives (Consult Advisor)	9	Varies

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS – 81 Credits Required

Major Courses

22 Credits Required. ENGL 301, ENGL 302, LITR 327, and ENGL 418 are required for teaching English. These courses are used to calculate the major 3.00 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
ENGL 260	Introduction to English Studies	3	No Equivalent
ENGL 301	Introduction to Linguistics	3	No Equivalent
ENGL 302	Grammar and Writing	3	No Equivalent
LITR 327	Young Adult Literature	3	ENG 244
ENGL 382	Rhetorical Genre and Literacy Studies	3	No Equivalent
ENGL 416	Advanced Critical Theory and Practice	3	No Equivalent

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
ENGL 418	Teaching English Language Arts in Secondary Schools	3	No Equivalent
ENGL 495	Senior Transition	1	No Equivalent

English Content Courses

A total of 6 credits is required and 3 credits must be at the 300 level or higher. These courses are used to calculate the major 3.00 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
(Choose 2 of 13) LITR 202	Black Literature	3	ENG 207
(Choose 2 of 13) LITR 203	Introduction to African Literature	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 2 of 13) LITR 204	Native American Literature	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 2 of 13) LITR 233	Science Fiction and Fantasy	3	ENG 217
(Choose 2 of 13) LITR 241	Introduction to World Short Fiction	3	ENG 219
(Choose 2 of 13) FREN 280	Literature of French World	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 2 of 13) LITR 251	World Drama	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 2 of 13) LITR 261	World Novels	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 2 of 13) LITR 306	Topics in Non-Western World Literature	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 2 of 13) SPAN 323	Survey of Spanish Literature	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 2 of 13) GERM 341	Representations of the Holocaust	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 2 of 13) LITR 371	Topics in Women's Literature	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 2 of 13) LITR 380	World Folk Literature	3	No Equivalent

English and American Literary Traditions

3 Credits Required. These courses are used to calculate the major 3.00 GPA requirement.

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
(Choose 1 of 5) LITR 311	Early American Literature	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 5) LITR 312	Modern American Literature	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 5) LITR 323	Shakespeare	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 5) LITR 351	Early British Literature	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 5) LITR 352	Modern British Literature	3	No Equivalent

English Language Studies

3 Credits Required. These courses are used to calculate the major 3.00 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
(Choose 1 of 3) ENGL 380	History of Rhetoric and Style	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 3) ENGL 413	Literacy Issues and Conflicts	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 3) ENGL 415	Theory and Practice of Rhetoric and Composition	3	No Equivalent

Genre

3 Credits Required. These courses are used to calculate the major 3.00 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
(Choose 1 of 10) LITR 231	Poetry	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 10) LITR 233	Science Fiction and Fantasy (If not taken in the English Content Courses section)	3	ENG 217
(Choose 1 of 10) LITR 241	Introduction to World Short Fiction (If not taken in the English Content Courses section)	3	ENG 219
(Choose 1 of 10) LITR 242	American Popular Literature	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 10) LITR 243	Literature and Film	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 10) LITR 251	World Drama (If not taken in the English Content Courses section)	3	No Equivalent

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
(Choose 1 of 10) LITR 261	World Novels (If not taken in the English Content Courses section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 10) LITR 326	Children's Literature	3	ENG 242
(Choose 1 of 10) LITR 330	Contemporary Literature	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 10) LITR 343	Crime and Violence in Literature	3	No Equivalent

Electives

6 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 6 credits of elective courses to meet the required 120 credit minimum. These courses are not used to calculate the major 3.00 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
(Choose 6 Credits) ENGL 222	Introduction to Creative Writing	3	ENG 220 or ENG 222
(Choose 6 Credits) ENGL 380	History of Rhetoric and Style (If not taken in the English Content Courses section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) ENGL 397	Special Studies in English	1 to 4	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) ENGL 413	Literacy Issues and Conflicts (If not taken in the English Content Courses section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) ENGL 422	Advanced Creative Writing Workshop	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) ENGL 497	Special Studies in English	1 to 3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) FREN 280	Literature of French World (If not taken in the English Content Courses section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) JRNL 121	Writing for Mass Media	3	ENG 226
(Choose 6 Credits) JRNL 222	Reporting	3	No Equivalent

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
(Choose 6 Credits) JRNL 251	Understanding Mass Media	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) JRNL 328	Feature and Opinion Writing	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 202	Black Literature (If not taken in the English Content Courses section)	3	ENG 207
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 203	Introduction to African Literature (If not taken in the English Content Courses section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 204	Native American Literature (If not taken in the English Content Courses section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 231	Poetry (If not taken in the Genre section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 233	Science Fiction and Fantasy (If not taken in the English Content Courses or Genre section)	3	ENG 217
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 241	Introduction to World Short Fiction (If not taken in the English Content Courses or Genre section)	3	ENG 219
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 242	American Popular Literature (If not taken in the Genre section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 243	Literature and Film (If not taken in the Genre section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 251	World Drama (If not taken in the English Content Courses or Genre section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 261	World Novels (If not taken in the English Content Courses or Genre section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 306	Topics in Non-Western World Literature (If not taken in the English Content Courses section)	3	No Equivalent

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 311	Early American Literature (If not taken in the English and American Literary Traditions section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 312	Modern American Literature (If not taken in the English and American Literary Traditions section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 323	Shakespeare (If not taken in the English and American Literary Traditions section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 326	Children's Literature (If not taken in the Genre section)	3	ENG 242
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 330	Contemporary Literature (If not taken in the Genre section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 343	Crime and Violence in Literature (If not taken in the Genre section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 351	Early British Literature (If not taken in the English and American Literary Traditions section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 352	Modern British Literature (If not taken in the English and American Literary Traditions section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 371	Topics in Women's Literature (If not taken in the English Content Courses section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 380	World Folk Literature (If not taken in the English Content Courses section)	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) LITR 397	Special Studies in Literature	44564	No Equivalent
(Choose 6 Credits) SPAN 323	Survey of Spanish Literature (If not taken	3	No Equivalent

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	in the English Content Courses section)		

SECONDARY EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL SEQUENCE – 38 Credits Required

Level 1 Courses

11 Credits Required. Students may only retake two of the four Level 1 courses. Students may not repeat any education course more than once. These courses are used to calculate the professional sequence 2.75 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
EDUC 161	Foundations of Education	3	EDU 108
EDUC 251	Human Growth Development	3	No Equivalent
EDUC 261	Children's Healthy Living	2	No Equivalent
EDUC 289	Principles of Teaching and Learning	3	No Equivalent

Level 2 Courses

15 Credits Required. Prior to enrolling in any Level 2 courses, all students must meet the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requirements, currently Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP); see advisor for options. Complete all Level 1 courses with a minimum of 2.50 GPA with no grade lower than a C, have a 2.50 cumulative GPA, and complete a Level 2 application. Students may not repeat any education course more than once. These courses are used to calculate the professional sequence 2.75 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
EDUC 338	Secondary General Methods 1	4	No Equivalent
EDUC 415	Teaching Special Needs	3	EDU 217
EDUC 438	Secondary General Methods 2	5	No Equivalent
EDUC 443	Teaching Reading in Secondary Areas	3	No Equivalent

Level 3 Courses

12 Credits Required. Prior to enrolling in Level 3 courses, all students must pass the Michigan test for teacher certification in their subject area. Students must obtain the appropriate GPA for their major/minor as established by each department. A 2.75 GPA is required in the professional education course sequence. A 2.50 cumulative GPA is also required before student teaching. Students may not repeat any education course more than once. These courses are used to calculate the professional sequence 2.75 GPA requirement.

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
EDUC 499	Student Teaching	12	No Equivalent

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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(269) 488-4039
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

New Student Admission Requirements

- 2.50 High School GPA (on a 4.00 scale)
- Minimum Composite ACT Score of 17/SAT 900

Transfer Student Admission Requirements

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale) from all institutions attended. GPA based on completion of 12 transferable semester credit hours or more.
- The degree completion program at a statewide and online location requires 30 transferable semester credits to be admitted.
- Completion of ENGL 150 and ENGL 250 with a B grade or higher or transfer equivalent of B grade or higher
- Completion of COMM 121 and MATH 114, 115, or 117, or transfer equivalent of C grade or higher

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.

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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.

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.