

Ferris Program: Psychology

Degree Type: Bachelor of Science

Ferris College: College of Arts, Sciences, and Education

Transfer School: Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Consortium Eligible: Yes

Total Credits Required: 120-121

Catalog Year: 2025-2026

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – 33 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

12 Credits Required.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
Choose 1 of 3: COMM 105 or COMM 121 or COMM 221	Interpersonal Communication or Fundamentals of Public Speaking or Small Group Decision Making	3	COM 113 or COM 101 or COM 223
ENGL 150	English 1	3	ENG 110
ENGL 250	English 2	3	ENG 111 or ENG 160
Choose 1 of 4: ENGL 311 or ENGL 321 or ENGL 323 or ENGL 325	Advanced Technical Writing or Advanced Composition or Advanced Proposal Writing or Advanced Business Writing	3	ENG 227 or ENG 111 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 115	Intermediate Algebra	3	MATH 099

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Natural Sciences Competency

Two courses are required with a minimum of 6 credits: must have at least one lab course. BIOL 101 and BIOL 109 are strongly recommended.

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.

ANTH 122, SOCY 121, or SOCY 122 is needed if a student is pursuing the Forensic Psychology Concentration (FPSY) in the Psychology bachelor program (PSYC-BS).

Students in the General Psychology Concentration (GPSY) may choose any non-psychology Self and Society Competency course to complete the requirements, but ANTH 122, SOCY 121, or SOCY 122 are recommended.

PSYC 150, and PSYC 226, 341, or 342 are met in Major Requirements.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 150
Choose 1 of 3: PSYC 226 PSYC 341 PSYC 342	Lifespan Human Development or Child Psychology or Psychology of Adolescence	3	PSY 160 or PSY 190 or No Equivalent
Varies	Self and Society Electives	3	Varies

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS – 87 Credits Required

Major Requirements

27 Credits Required. These courses are used to calculate the major 2.50 GPA requirement.

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 150
PSYC 210	Statistics for Psychological Sciences	3	No Equivalent
Choose 1 of 3: PSYC 226 or PSYC 341 or PSYC 342	Lifespan of Human Development or Child Psychology or Psychology of Adolescence	3	PSY 160 or PSY 190 or No Equivalent
PSYC 280	Psychological Research Methods and Design	3	No Equivalent
Choose 1 of 3: PSYC 325 or PSYC 331 or PSYC 422	Social Psychology or Psychology of Personality or Abnormal Psychology	3	PSY 230 or No Equivalent or PSY 250
Choose 1 of 2: PSYC 360 or PSYC 365	Physiological Psychology or Sensation and Perception	3	No Equivalent
Choose 1 of 2: PSYC 406 or PSYC 410	Cognitive Psychology or Behavior Modification	3	No Equivalent
Choose 1 of 2: PSYC 480 or PSYC 491	Directed Research Experience or Human Services Internship and Practicum	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 482	Senior Seminar in Psychology	3	No Equivalent

Electives

36 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 36 credits of elective courses to meet the required 120 credit minimum. These courses are not used to calculate the major 2.50 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
Varies	Electives (Advisor Approval)	36	No Equivalent

CONCENTRATION – 24 Credits Required (Advisor Approval)

Choose One Concentration

General Psychology Concentration (GPSY)

PSYC 478 and PSYC Varies (Independent Study in Psychology) can be taken a second time for a total of 6 credits or one of each may be taken for a total of 6 credits. No combination of PSYC 478 and/or PSYC Varies

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(Independent Study in Psychology) can account for more than 6 credits of major directed electives. These courses are used to calculate the major 2.50 GPA requirement.

The following Ferris courses can be used for this concentration, ***if not taken*** in the above Major Courses section: PSYC 226, PSYC 325, PSYC 331, PSYC 341, PSYC 342, PSYC 360, PSYC 365, PSYC 406, PSYC 410, PSYC 422, and PSYC 491.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
PSYC 226	Lifespan of Human Development	3	PSY 160
PSYC 241	Psychology of Exceptional Children	3	No Equivalent
SCWK 263	Substance Abuse Problem	2	No Equivalent
PSYC 310	Educational Psychology	3	PSY 260
PSYC 320	Psychology of Interpersonal Relationships	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 325	Social Psychology	3	PSY 230
PSYC 326	Industrial-Organizational Psychology	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 331	Psychology of Personality	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 335	Police Psychology	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 341	Child Psychology	3	PSY 190
PSYC 342	Psychology of Adolescence	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 345	Psychology of Death and Dying	3	No Equivalent
SOCY 345	The Field of Aging	3	SOC 105
PSYC 350	Introduction to Forensic Psychology	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 360	Physiological Psychology	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 365	Sensation and Perception	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 370	Principles of Learning	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 375	Forensic Child Psychology	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 406	Cognitive Psychology	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 410	Behavior Modification	3	No Equivalent

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
PSYC 415	Measurement and Assessment in Psychology	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 422	Abnormal Psychology	3	PSY 250
PSYC 430	Interpersonal and Cultural Perception	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 444	Psychology of Gender	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 470	Counseling Theories and Techniques	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 472	History and Systems of Psychology	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 478	Guided Research with Animals	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 480	Directed Research Experience	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 491	Human Services Internship and Practicum	3	No Equivalent
Varies	General Psychology Concentration Credits (Advisor Approval)	3	Varies

Forensic Psychology Concentration (FPSY)

These courses are used to calculate the major 2.50 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
SOCY 242	Sociology of Deviant Behavior	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 335	Police Psychology	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 350	Introduction to Forensic Psychology	3	No Equivalent
PSYC 375	Forensic Child Psychology	3	No Equivalent
Varies	General Psychology Concentration Course (Advisor Approval)	12	Varies

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

- 2.00 College GPA (on a 4.00 scale)

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

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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.