FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION TRANSFER GUIDE FOR KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ferris Program: Social Studies 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: 134-136
Catalog Year: 2024-2025

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS — *17-19 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	3	ENG 110
ENGL 250	English 2	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. GEOG 111 is met in College Requirements.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
Varies	Natural Sciences Elective (Consult Advisor)	3	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. These courses are met in College Requirements.

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. These courses are met in College Requirements.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS – *117 Credits Required*

Choose one teaching minor; must not be the same as secondary education major.

Major Courses

39 Credits Required. These courses are used to calculate the major 2.75 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
GEOG 100	Geography of World Regions	3	GEO 102
GEOG 112 or ANTH 122	Cultural Geography or Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3	GEO 130 or ANP 103
HIST 121	United States History to 1877	3	HRY 102
PLSC 121	American Government 1 - People and Politics	3	PSI 100
HIST 122	United States History 1877 to Present	3	HRY 103
PLSC 122	American Government 2 - Policy Making	3	PSI 122
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics	3	ECO 202
GEOG 201	Geography of United States and Canada	3	No Equivalent

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	ECO 201
HIST 230 or PLSC 311	Michigan History or American State and Local Government	3	HRY 220 or No Equivalent
PLSC 323 or PLSC 341	International Organizations or International Politics	3	No Equivalent or PSI 201
GEOG 424	Current Global Problems	3	No Equivalent
SSCI 425	Issues in Public Policy	3	No Equivalent

Additional Requirements

16 Credits Required. These courses are used to calculate the major 2.75 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
GEOG 111	Geography of Physical Environment	4	GEO 120
FINC 201	Personal Finance	3	No Equivalent
HIST 211	World Civilizations to 1400	3	HRY 251
HIST 212	World Civilizations Since 1400	3	HRY 252
GEOG 311	Social Aspects of Geographic Information Systems	3	No Equivalent

Secondary Education Teaching Minor

24 Credits Required. These courses are not used to calculate the minor 2.75 GPA Requirement. The current secondary education minor choices are: Biology (BIO); Chemistry (CHM); English (ENG); Geography (GEO); History (HIED); Mathematics (MTH); Physical Education (PHED); Speech Communication (SPCO).

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
Varies	Secondary Education Subject Area Minor Credits	24	Varies

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.

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

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

New Student Admission Requirements

- 2.50 High School GPA (on a 4.00 scale)
- ACT Score of 17 or SAT Score of 900
- Students must have earned less than 29 credits.

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 48 transferable semester credits to be admitted.

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.

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.