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INFORMATION SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT AND TRANSFER GUIDE FOR NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE

Ferris Program: Information Security and Intelligence

Degree Type: Bachelor of Science

Ferris College: College of Business

Transfer School: Northwestern Michigan College

Consortium Eligible: Yes

Articulation Agreement: Yes

Total Credits Required: 120-127

Catalog Year: 2025-2026

The effective dates of this articulation agreement are August 1, 2025 to August 1, 2028.

This agreement provides a transfer pathway from NMC Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Computer Information Technology into Ferris Bachelor of Science in Information Security and Intelligence.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – 39-40 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 or COMM 221	Interpersonal Communication or Fundamentals of Public Speaking or Small Group Decision Making	3	BUS 155 or COM 111 or No Equivalent
ENGL 150	English 1	3	ENG 111
ENGL 250	English 2	3	ENG 112
ENGL 311 or ENGL 321 or ENGL 325	Advanced Technical Writing or Advanced Composition or Advanced Business Writing	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

Students must substitute General Education elective credits for MATH 114 or 115 if their Math ACT score is 24 or higher or their SAT score is 580 or higher.

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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 120 or MTH 111

Natural Sciences Competency

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

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, and have no more than 5 credits from Culture Competency Activities. A foreign language course is recommended.

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.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
ECON 201 or ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics or Principles of Macroeconomics	3	ECO 202 or ECO 201
Varies	Self and Society Elective	6	Varies

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS – 81-87 Credits Required

Business Core Requirements

12 Credits Required. These courses are used to calculate the major 2.00 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
ACCT 201	Principles of Financial Accounting	3	ACC 121
STQM 260	Introduction to Statistics	3	MTH 131
MGMT 301	Applied Management	3	MGT 241
MKTG 321	Principles of Marketing	3	MKT 201

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Major Courses

57 Credits Required. These courses are used to calculate the major 2.00 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
ISIN 121	Digital Security Awareness	3	CIT 112
ISIN 200	Secure Digital Technologies	3	CIT 256
ISIN 209	Network Security	3	CIT 213
STQM 270	Introduction to Data Mining	3	No Equivalent
ISIN 300	Link and Visual Analysis	3	No Equivalent
ISIN 301	Data and Intelligence Competitive Theory	3	No Equivalent
ISIN 306	Security Informatics	3	No Equivalent
ISIN 308	Principles of Information Security	3	CIT 240
DFOR 310	Digital Forensics and Analysis	3	No Equivalent
ISIN 312	Applications of Information Security	3	CIT 263
ISIN 317	Fraud Examination	3	No Equivalent
PROJ 320	Project Management Fundamentals	3	No Equivalent
ISIN 325	Database Security	3	No Equivalent
STQM 360	Risk Analysis and Strategy	3	CIT 266 *Approved Substitution
ISIN 380	Current Issues in Information Security and Intelligence	3	No Equivalent
ISIN 409	Network Forensics and Analysis	3	CIT 264
ISIN 429	Legal and Ethical Issues in Information Security	3	No Equivalent
ISIN 491	Information Security and Intelligence Internship	3	No Equivalent
ISIN 499	Capstone Experience	3	No Equivalent

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CONCENTRATION OR MINOR – 12-18 Credits Required

A minimum of 12 credits is required, choose one of the following: 1) A prescribed concentration from within this section; 2) A custom concentration that can be developed with an advisor; 3) An advisor approved minor. It is important to note that all courses and concentrations may not be available at all campuses.

Digital Forensics and Penetration Testing Concentration (DFPN)

12 Credits Required. These courses are not used to calculate the major 2.00 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
DFOR 315	Advanced Digital Forensics	3	No Equivalent
ISIN 335	Penetration Testing and Cloud Security	3	No Equivalent
ISIN 430	Penetration Testing and Mobile Security	3	No Equivalent
DFOR 454	CyberSec Incident Response	3	No Equivalent

Data Mining Concentration (DTMN) (Available at the Big Rapids Campus Only)

12 Credits Required. These courses are not used to calculate the major 2.00 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
STQM 322	Inferential Statistics	3	No Equivalent
ISIN 335	Penetration Testing and Cloud Security	3	No Equivalent
STQM 342	Data Mining Tools	3	No Equivalent
Varies	Directed Elective (Advisor Approval)	3	No Equivalent

Foreign Language Concentration (FRL)

12 Credits Required. These courses are not used to calculate the major 2.00 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
Varies	Varies (Advisor Approval)	12	Varies

Custom Concentration (CUST)

12 Credits Required. Choose 4 classes. These courses are not used to calculate the major 2.00 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
ISIN 2--	ISIN General Credit	3	CIT 215

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
ISIN 2--	ISIN General Credit	3	CIT 243
ISIN 2--	ISIN General Credit	3	CIT 247
ISIN 2--	ISIN General Credit	3	CIT 260

Minor

18 Credits Required. These courses are not used to calculate the major 2.00 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
Varies	Varies (Advisor Approval)	18	Varies

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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Ferris Statewide - Northwestern Michigan College

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Ferris Online

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

New Student Admission Requirements

- Minimum 3.00 High School GPA (on a 4.00 scale)
- Minimum Composite ACT score of 22 and ACT Math score of 22 or SAT Math score of 550.
- All students applying for admission to the Information Security and Intelligence program will have to submit a 750 to 1,000 word essay that addresses the following:
 - Who they are and why they desire admission to the Information Security and Intelligence program.
 - A description of a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution, or experience.
 - A description of someone that influenced them and why.

Transfer Student Admission Requirements

- Combined college or university GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) from all institutions attended.
- GPA is based on completion of 24 credit hours or more.
- Completion of the transfer equivalency for Ferris State University's MATH 115 with a grade of C or higher or have either a minimum ACT Math score of 22 or SAT Math score of 550.
- All students applying for admission to the Information Security and Intelligence program will have to submit a 750 to 1,000 word essay that addresses the following:
 - Who they are and why they desire admission to the Information Security and Intelligence program.
 - A description of a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution, or experience.
 - A description of someone that influenced them and why.

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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.