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SOCIAL WORK TRANSFER GUIDE FOR NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE

Ferris Program: Social Work
Degree Type: Bachelor of Science
Ferris College: College of Arts, Sciences, and Education
Transfer School: Northwestern Michigan College (NMC)
Consortium Eligible: Yes
Total Credits Required: 120-121
Catalog Year: 2024-2025

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS — *20-21 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

The Communication (COMM) course chosen depends on the Communication (COMM) course taken in the Major Courses section.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
ENGL 150	English 1	3	ENG 111
ENGL 250	English 2	3	ENG 112
ENGL 321 or ENGL 323	Advanced Composition or Proposal Writing	3	No Equivalent

* 3 Credits Required: COMM 105, 121, or 221 is met in Major Requirements.

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

MATH 114 or 117 is recommended.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
MATH 114 or MATH 115 or MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning for Professionals 2 or Intermediate Algebra or Contemporary Mathematics	4 or 3 or 4	MTH 120 or MTH 111 or MTH 120

Natural Sciences Competency

Two courses are required with a minimum of 6 credits: must have at least one lab course. The Biology (BIOL) course chosen depends on the course taken in the Major Courses section.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
Varies	Natural Science Elective	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 200 level or higher course. The Religion (RELG) course chosen depends on the course taken in the Major Courses section.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
Varies	Culture Electives	6	Varies

Self and Society Competency

Three courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from two different disciplines, have at least one 200 level or higher course, and at least one Self and Society Foundation course. The Political Science (PLSC) and Sociology (SOCY) courses chosen depend on the courses taken in the Major Courses section.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS — *100 Credits Required*

Major Requirements

88 Credits Required.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
BIOL 101 or BIOL 103 or BIOL 109 or BIOL 111	Genetics Human Aspects or Biological Concepts or Basic Human Anatomy and Physiology or Environmental Biology	4	No Equivalent or BIO 110 and BIO 110L or BIOL 106 and BIOL 106L or No Equivalent
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
SCWK 110	Introduction to the Social Work Profession	3	SWK 121
PLSC 121 or PLSC 122	American Government 1 - People and Politics or American Government 2 - Policy Making	3	PLS 101 or No Equivalent

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
SOCY 121 or ANTH 122 or SOCY 122	Introductory Sociology or Introduction to Cultural Anthropology or Social Problems	3	SOC 101 or ANT 113 or SOC 201
SCWK 130	Social Work Interviewing Skills 1	3	SWK 211
PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 101
SCWK 170	Agency and Program Orientation	1	SWK 170
SCWK 191	Introductory Field Experience	3	SWK 290
SCWK 210	Introduction to Social Welfare	3	SWK 221
RELG 215 or RELG 325 or RELG 326	Comparative Religions or Eastern Religions or Western Religions	3	No Equivalent or PHL 122 or PHL 121
SCWK 220	Individual and Family Practice	4	No Equivalent
ECON 201 or ECON 202 or SOCY 443	Principles of Microeconomics or Principles of Macroeconomics or Social Stratification and Inequality	3	ECO 202 or ECO 201 or No Equivalent
SOCY 225 or SOCY 230	Marriage and the Family or Gender Roles in Society	3	SOC 211 or SOC 220
PSYC 226 or EDUC 251	Lifespan Human Development or Human Growth Development	3	PSY 211 or No Equivalent
SCWK 240	Foundations of Practice	3	No Equivalent
SCWK 310	Social Work Policy and Political Advocacy	3	No Equivalent
SCWK 320	Group and Community Practice	4	No Equivalent
SCWK 330	Social Work Interviewing 2	4	No Equivalent
SOCY 340	Race and Ethnicity in the United States	3	No Equivalent

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
SCWK 350	Applied Social Research Methods	3	No Equivalent
SCWK 370	Field Instruction Orientation	1	No Equivalent
SCWK 380 or SCWK 381 or SSCI 450	International Social Work or International Engagement in Haiti or Intercultural Competence	3	No Equivalent
SCWK 450	Applied Social Research Statistics	3	No Equivalent
SCWK 481	Field Instruction Seminar 1	2	No Equivalent
SCWK 482	Field Instruction Seminar 2	2	No Equivalent
SCWK 491	Field Instruction 1	6	No Equivalent
SCWK 492	Field Instruction 2	6	No Equivalent

Electives

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

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

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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Social Work
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SocialWork@Ferris.edu

Ferris Statewide - Northwestern Michigan College
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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

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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

Select courses may be delivered online and/or in a mixed delivery format (i.e. a mix of online and face-to-face instruction at the Ferris Main Campus or at a statewide location).

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 Sores; 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.