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ACCOUNTANCY TRANSFER GUIDE FOR SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE

Ferris Program: Accountancy
Degree Type: Bachelor of Science
Ferris College: College of Business
Transfer School: Southwestern Michigan College
Consortium Eligible: Yes
Total Credits Required: 120
Catalog Year: 2025-2026

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – 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 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	SPEE 102
ENG 150	English 1	3	ENGL 103
ENGL 250	English 2	3	ENGL 104
ENGL 325	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

MATH 115 may not be substituted for MATH 114. However, students must substitute General Education elective credits for MATH 114 if their Math ACT score is 24 or higher or their SAT score is 580 or higher.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
MATH 114	Quantitative Reasoning for Professionals 2	4	No Equivalent

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	6	Varies

Culture 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 have no more than 5 credits from Culture Competency Activities.

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 200 level or higher course.

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

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS – 80 Credits Required

Business Core Requirements

30 Credits Required. These courses are used to calculate the core 2.00 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
ACCT 201	Principles of Financial Accounting	3	ACCO 201
ACCT 202	Principles of Managerial Accounting	3	ACCO 202
STQM 260	Introduction to Statistics	3	MATH 150
MGMT 301	Applied Management	3	BUSI 201
BLAW 321	Contracts and Sales	3	BUSI 207
MKTG 321	Principles of Marketing	3	BUSI 220
MGMT 370	Quality and Operations Management	3	No Equivalent
FINC 322	Financial Management 1	3	No Equivalent

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Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
ISYS 321	Business Information Systems	3	No Equivalent
BUSN 499	Integrating Experience	3	No Equivalent

Accountancy Major Requirements

36 Credits Required. These courses are used to calculate the core 2.00 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
ACCT 310	Intermediate Accounting 1	3	ACCO 211
ACCT 312	Intermediate Accounting 2	3	ACCO 212
ACCT 321	Cost Accounting 1	3	ACCO 214
ACCT 350	Federal Income Tax-Individual	3	ACCO 203
ACCT 410	Advanced Accounting	3	No Equivalent
ACCT 431	Accounting Systems and Controls 1	3	No Equivalent
ACCT 441	Auditing	3	No Equivalent
ACCT 450	Federal Income Tax-Corporate	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 4 of 8) ACCT 322	Advanced Managerial Accounting	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 4 of 8) BLAW 322	Commercial Law and Transactions	3	BUSI 208
(Choose 4 of 8) ACCT 370	Forensic Accounting	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 4 of 8) ACCT 372	Forensic Accounting 2	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 4 of 8) ACCT 414	Financial Accounting Theory	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 4 of 8) ACCT 461	Governmental Accounting	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 4 of 8) Varies	Business Elective-300 Level or Higher	3	Advisor Approval
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Additional Requirements

An internship is highly recommended for one of the Free Elective courses. Credits over 120 can be applied to the 150 hours. These courses are not used to calculate the major 2.00 GPA requirement.

Ferris Course	Ferris Course Title	Ferris Credit Hours	Transfer Course
ISYS 105	Introduction to Microcomputer Systems and Software	3	ISYS 110
(Choose 1 of 4) COMM 221	Small Group Decision Making	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 4) COMM 251	Argumentation and Debate	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 4) COMM 332	Persuasive Speaking	3	No Equivalent
(Choose 1 of 4) COMM 336	Technical and Professional Presentation	3	No Equivalent
Varies	Free Elective	8	Advisor Approval

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

College of Business

Accountancy, Finance, & Info Systems Department
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Ferris Statewide - Southwestern Michigan College

(269) 782-1214
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

New Student Admission Requirements

- 2.50 High School GPA (on a 4.00 scale)
- SAT Scores Two of the Three Criteria:
 1. ERW SAT score of 450 or higher.
 2. Math SAT score of 500 or higher. Placement in MATH 109 or 110 will be considered (Math SAT score of 480 or higher).
 3. Composite SAT of 900 or higher.
- ACT Scores Two of the Three Criteria:
 1. English ACT score of 16 or higher.
 2. Math ACT score of 19 or higher.
 3. Reading ACT score of 19 or higher.

Transfer Student Admission Requirements

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.35 (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 & online location requires 48 transferable semester credits to be admitted.

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- Transfer equivalency for Ferris State University's ENGL 150 or placement during the first semester at Ferris State University which would require an English ACT score of 16 or higher; or ERW SAT score of 450 or higher; or English Accuplacer score of 6 or higher.
- Transfer equivalency for Ferris State University's MATH 114 or 115 or placement during the first semester at Ferris State University which would require a Math ACT score of 19 or higher; Math SAT of 500 or higher; or Math Accuplacer scores: Elementary Algebra score 75 or higher and College Level Math 0 to 49.

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.

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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.