

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Big Rapids 49307

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About Ferris State University

Ferris State University is a public university with an 880-acre main campus in Big Rapids. Ferris also has a vibrant statewide presence with 21 regional campuses throughout Michigan, concurrent classes offered at Michigan high schools, and online programs. Enrollment at Ferris State University for the fall 2016 semester was 14,187 students. Ferris attracts students from every county in Michigan, the majority of whom remain in the state after graduating.

Founded in 1884, Ferris is distinguished by its strong heritage of opportunity, commitment to diversity and inclusion, and focus on providing a professional education that links theory to practice. Ferris offers more than 180 programs, ranging from associate to doctoral degrees, through eight degree-granting academic colleges: Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Human Services, Engineering Technology, Health Professions, Kendall College of Art and Design, Michigan College of Optometry, and Pharmacy.

Many of Ferris' offerings are tailored to prepare students for careers aligned with occupations experiencing a shortage of skilled workers. A large number of these are professions requiring expertise in science, technology, engineering and mathematics areas, for example, information security and intelligence; digital animation and game design; and heating, ventilation and air conditioning. Examples of strong programs at Ferris include construction management, criminal justice, finance, hospitality management, nursing, optometry, pharmacy, professional golf management, risk management, social work, and welding.

Ferris has the fewest number of classes with 50 or more students among Michigan's 15 public universities. This gives students more direct contact with faculty, more opportunity for hands-on learning, and greater engagement. More than 50 percent of Ferris classes have fewer than 20 students, and the student-to-faculty ratio is 16-to-1. Full-time tenure-track faculty members with experience in their respective fields teach the majority of classes, providing real-world relevance. Ferris also is committed to creating an environment in which learning and collaboration take place both inside and outside of the classroom.

Ferris partners with Michigan community colleges to create a regional campus network where students can earn their bachelor's degree on the community college campus near where they live. The University's online programs also offer students flexibility in completing their degrees, which can be especially helpful to nontraditional students already employed and professionals looking to upgrade their skills. Ferris has become a transfer school of choice for students, facilitating expansion of their first two years of study at regional sites into four-year university degrees. Ferris' largest regional campus is at the Grand Rapids Community College Applied Technology Center.

Ferris State University is home to the state-of-the-art Michigan College of Optometry and completely renovated University Center, both in Big Rapids, as well as a facility on Grand Rapids' Medical Mile for third- and fourth-year Pharmacy students. In Grand Rapids, the University also has transformed the historically important Federal Building into the Woodbridge N. Ferris building, serving students in its Kendall College of Art and Design, which now includes the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts. A new 402-bed residence hall on the Big Rapids campus will be completed Fall 2017 and an expansion to the Swan Annex serving Welding Engineering Technology and Manufacturing programs will be completed in August 2018. Other recently upgraded facilities include Ferris' popular Rock Café; the Ferris Library for Information, Technology and Education; the Interdisciplinary Resource Center; and the Granger Center for Construction and HVACR.

Ferris is the only university in Michigan named after its founders, Woodbridge Nathan Ferris (two-term Michigan governor and United States senator) and Helen Gillespie Ferris. Founded as the privately owned Big Rapids Industrial School, Ferris became a state institution in 1950, undergoing several name changes before becoming Ferris State University in 1987. The Ferris' founding philosophy of a practical, hands-on approach to education that enables students to learn practical skills for new jobs in a changing world still resonates today.

<i>Credit Enrollment (fall head count)</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>
On-campus . . . . .	9,957	10,216	10,016
Regional campuses . . . . .	2,222	2,183	1,977
Online . . . . .	983	988	980

## STATEMENT OF OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

<b><i>Operating Revenues (all funds)</i></b>	<b><i>2014-2015</i></b>	<b><i>2015-2016</i></b>
State Appropriations . . . . .	\$50,263,844	\$50,657,682
Net Student Fees . . . . .	\$120,715,410	\$125,540,140
Gifts, Grants, and Federal Contracts . . . . .	\$36,383,250	\$30,490,330
Other Income . . . . .	\$38,247,948	\$38,913,338
TOTAL REVENUES . . . . .	\$245,610,452	\$245,601,490
<b><i>Operating Expenditures (all funds)</i></b>	<b><i>2014-2015</i></b>	<b><i>2015-2016</i></b>
Instruction and Research . . . . .	\$96,586,439	\$102,908,061
Public Service . . . . .	\$4,832,786	\$5,013,185
Student Services and Aid . . . . .	\$36,176,774	\$37,866,230
Other Expenses . . . . .	\$110,741,825	\$118,517,346
TOTAL EXPENDITURES . . . . .	\$248,337,824	\$264,304,822