

**SUBPART 3-3
ADMISSIONS POLICY**

Sec. 3-301. Principles and Purposes. Woodbridge N. Ferris founded Ferris Industrial School in 1884 on three basic educational principles; which are still a part of the University's philosophy today. These ideas are that:

- (1) Higher education should be available to anyone wishing to profit from it;
- (2) Students should be counseled so they can be helped to make the most of their abilities;
- (3) While college admission should pose few obstacles to students, the institution should not compromise the quality of work it expects once the student is enrolled.

In keeping with this philosophy, the University is dedicated to educating the student who possesses the academic preparedness to learn. The purpose of its educational programs is to prepare a student with the skills needed for a chosen occupation or profession and to help fulfill career objectives. The University also seeks, through its educational programs, applied research, and expertise, to support and strengthen the economy of Michigan and the nation.

Cross Reference:

Sec. 1-101. University Mission Statement.

Prior Board Action:

July 8, 1995.

Sec. 3-302. Admissions Policy -- General.

(1) The University has an admissions policy which, within the limits of its resources, allows applicants, including some who need additional preparation, the advantage of being able to achieve a university education. This policy is backed by the University's commitment to provide students the opportunity for a successful experience by offering provisional admission and making developmental classes available.

(2) Admission to the University does not guarantee admission to individual programs, many of which have additional entry requirements. Acceptance in a particular program is based upon an individual's qualifications. In most instances where enrollment demand for an undergraduate program exceeds capacity, the date on which the University receives the paid application of a qualified applicant serves as the determining factor for admission to the program. Programs have separate admission criteria and application deadlines.

(3) Under some circumstances, admission decisions may also involve other considerations. An applicant, particularly a non-traditional student, may have acquired

competencies beyond those reflected in the high school grade point average, ACT scores, or previous college level work. For that reason, consistent with the University's role and mission, an applicant may be admitted on the basis of an assessment of the skills and knowledge the applicant may have acquired outside the traditional educational setting. The University will also consider the criminal, juvenile and disciplinary history of the applicant and the University reserves the right to deny admission based on those considerations.

(4) The University reserves the right to deny admission to an applicant who, in the judgment of the admissions staff, is not prepared to benefit from the course of study offered. An applicant denied admission may appeal the decision as set out in the University's Admissions Policy. The decision to admit or to uphold denial of admission will be based on the individual merits of each case and will be presented to the applicant, in writing.

Cross-Reference:

Academic Affairs Policy, *Admissions Policy*

(5) In most undergraduate programs, a student may enter the University at the beginning of any regular enrollment period: Fall, Winter, or Summer Semester. However, the University cannot guarantee completion of the admissions process in time for enrollment unless the application is received at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the desired semester. Even though the normal application deadline for on-campus associate degree or bachelor's degree program admission is 30 days prior to the first day of classes for the semester, the University reserves the right to establish earlier application dates, by program or University-wide, as necessary.

(6) Admission and enrollment are privileges bearing certain responsibilities. The University reserves to itself, and the student concedes to the University, the right to cancel admission and/or enrollment and to require withdrawal whenever evidence indicates the student has not satisfied the University's established standards of scholarship or conduct.

(7) All Ferris State University admissions applications shall require applicants to provide information about their prior criminal conviction record, pending criminal charges, juvenile determinations of delinquency, and disciplinary records from other universities or secondary schools. Admission may properly be denied or revoked based upon a review of prior criminal, juvenile or disciplinary actions of the applicant. Failure of the applicant to accurately and completely provide this information may result in denial of admission, revocation of admission, or discipline, up to and including permanent dismissal from the University.

Prior Board Action:

February 17, 2001.

Sec. 3-303. Admissions Policy -- First-Year Students

(1) The First-Year Student Admissions Policy pertains to an applicant who has not attended any college or university, and may apply to an applicant who has successfully completed fewer than 30 semester credits or fewer than 45 quarter credits of college level work.

(2) An application may be submitted only after completion of the junior year of high school.

(3) Beginning Fall 2002, admissions standards will be increased gradually every two years for a four-year period, contingent on annual evaluation of the impact on enrollment. A First-Year Student applicant is admitted to the University and considered in good standing if:

Fall 2004: the First-Year Student has either an ACT composite score of 16 or a high school grade point average of 2.35;

Fall 2006: the First-Year Student has either an ACT composite score of 17 or a high school grade point average of 2.5;

Fall 2009 and beyond: the First-Year Student has either an ACT composite score of 18 or a high school grade point average of 2.7,

as determined by the University. Some academic programs have additional admission requirements. Consequently, an applicant should refer to the appropriate academic program section in the University Catalog and consult the Office of Admissions.

(4) An applicant who does not meet the minimums for admission in good standing may nevertheless be considered for conditional admission to any of the University's programs, including the Collegiate Skills Program and/or University College.

(5) The ACT composite requirement shall not apply to international students and non-traditional students aged 23 and older.

Prior Board Action:

May 4, 2001.

November 8, 2007.

Sec. 3-304. Administration of Admissions Policy. The University's Department of Admissions and Records shall be responsible for administering policies and procedures governing admission to the University that are consistent with this subpart. Such policies and procedures shall include the University's admissions requirements and shall also include criteria for first-year students, transfer students, transfer students under the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRO) Agreement, former students, transfer equivalency evaluations, credits in residency, and mechanisms to appeal denial of admission.

Such policies and procedures shall be issued by the Vice President for Student Affairs and approved by the President.

Cross-Reference:

Academic Affairs Policy, *Admissions Policy*

Prior Board Action:

Entire Subpart 3-3 included in October 19, 2001 Codification, Phase I.

Entire Subpart 3-3 included in October 22, 2004 Codification, Phase II.