Advice for Parents and Students:
Finding a University

Plan Early

- Work conscientiously on your high school studies, develop the types of effective study and learning skills that prepare you for college success, and earn good grades now.
- Getting involved in extracurricular activities can help you get accepted into the university of your choice.
- Talk with high school guidance counselor.
- Make sure you take the necessary entrance exams. If they indicate any developmental needs, address them now.
- If your high school offers dual or concurrent-enrollment classes, this can be an excellent opportunity to earn college credit and demonstrate that you are academically ready for college. Ferris has a number of very exciting early college enrollment programs in partnership including our programs with schools across Michigan; Rockford High School is an example.

Do Your Research

If you know what you want for a major, make certain the school you are considering has this program, and then ask if that program is well-regarded.

Some of Ferris’ highly regarded programs include Criminal Justice, Forensic Biology, Social Work, Clinical Laboratory Science, Construction Management, Digital Animation and Game Design, Information Security Intelligence, Nuclear Medicine, Optometry, Pharmacy, Surveying Engineering, and Welding Engineering Technology.

- Make sure the university has the resources you need for the ways you learn best. For example, courses at Ferris are taught by faculty members, not teaching assistants. We offer structured learning assistance for classes where students may need additional assistance beyond traditional tutoring. 80% of our students have an internship experience.
- Inquire about job placement and graduate placement rates.

Visit Campus

- Ferris has a virtual tour of the university on its website for student who might not be able to visit in person.
• However, the best way to get a feel if a particular college is a fit is to visit in person. Try to find time to talk with students at the university. Ferris offers many opportunities for students to visit and learn about the university generally, and also find out more about particular programs.
• Visiting campus and perhaps attending an event on campus can be especially helpful to potential students who do not have role models who have attended college.
• Ferris has “Dawg Days” during which prospective students can visit with admissions representatives, talk to faculty members, tour campus, and more.
• On December 3 from 10am to 2pm, Ferris has a special Veterans Resources Day for potential students.
• The best source of information for apply to Ferris is at ferris.edu/admissions. There are links to filing a FAFSA form, financial FAQs and other information.