

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Big Rapids 49307

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Ferris State University is a public university with a 941-acre main campus in Big Rapids. Ferris also has a statewide presence with 22 regional campuses throughout Michigan, concurrent classes offered at Michigan high schools, and online programs. Enrollment at Ferris State University for the fall 2018 semester was 13,250 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 190 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 professionals. A large number of these require expertise in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. 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.

More than 50 percent of Ferris classes have fewer than 20 students, giving students more direct contact with faculty, more opportunity for hands-on learning, and greater engagement. Full-time tenure-track faculty members with experience in their respective fields teach the majority of classes, providing real-world relevance. Ferris 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 adult learners who are currently employed and professionals looking to upgrade their skills. Ferris is a transfer school of choice for these 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, the completely renovated University Center, and the nationally renowned Jim Crowe Museum, in Big Rapids. A facility on Grand Rapids' Medical Mile hosts 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 includes the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts. A new 402-bed residence hall on the Big Rapids campus was completed in fall 2017, an expansion to the Swan Annex serving welding engineering technology, advanced manufacturing, and mechanical engineering technology programs was completed in August 2018, a major renovation to the University Recreation Center was also completed in August 2018, and the Ken Janke Sr., Golf Learning Center was completed in spring 2019. Other recently upgraded facilities include Ferris' popular Rock Café, the Ferris Library for Information, Technology and Education, additions to the West Campus Apartments, and the East Campus Suites.

Ferris is 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, where theory meets practice, enables students to learn practical skills for new jobs in a changing world still resonates today.

<b><i>Credit Enrollment (fall head count)</i></b>	<b><i>2016</i></b>	<b><i>2017</i></b>	<b><i>2018</i></b>
On-campus . . . . .	10,016	9,868	9,553
Regional campuses . . . . .	1,977	1,854	1,742
Online . . . . .	980	1,005	944

## STATEMENT OF OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

<i><b>Operating Revenues (all funds)</b></i>	<i><b>2016-2017</b></i>	<i><b>2017-2018</b></i>
State Appropriations . . . . .	\$53,159,620	\$54,797,535
Net Student Fees . . . . .	\$122,091,696	\$119,303,790
Gifts, Grants, and Federal Contracts . . . . .	\$30,017,994	\$33,983,446
Other Income . . . . .	\$49,262,118	\$44,800,765
TOTAL REVENUES . . . . .	\$254,531,428	\$252,885,536
<i><b>Operating Expenditures (all funds)</b></i>	<i><b>2016-2017</b></i>	<i><b>2017-2018</b></i>
Instruction and Research . . . . .	\$98,678,739	\$101,037,360
Public Service . . . . .	\$5,050,060	\$4,981,880
Student Services and Aid . . . . .	\$35,942,946	\$38,603,271
Other Expenses . . . . .	\$104,535,087	\$111,796,188
TOTAL EXPENDITURES . . . . .	\$244,206,832	\$256,418,699