Facility Management

Official Program Checksheet

Why Choose Facility Management?

Facility Management is the practice of coordinating the physical work place with the people and work of a particular organization. Specifically, it is the management of facilities to maintain a safe, healthy, and well-designed work environment. Facility Management integrates principles of business administration, architecture and the behavioral and engineering sciences.

The Facility Management bachelor's degree program is a two-year, upper-division program designed for students who have already earned an associate degree in Architectural Technology or a related program.

Ferris' Facility Management curriculum combines a core of general education and business studies with building technology and facility coursework. The mission of the program is to provide students with the educational concepts, skills and values necessary to successfully enter the employment market in facility management or related built environment professions.

This innovative Baccalaureate degree program is one of a select group in North America accredited by the International Facility Management Association as meeting the highest academic standards for professional education in facility management.

Between their junior and senior years, students complete an internship, for a minimum of 10 weeks. This experience is an integral part of the student's formal FM education by providing 'real-life' learning for the student.

In addition to the Bachelor of Science degree in Facility Management, other options are available to students. These include:

- a certificate in facility management, designed for the working professional
- a minor in facility planning management
- a minor in facility operations management

The minors are designed for students pursuing degrees in other Ferris baccalaureate programs.

Of students entering the Facility Management program as juniors, approximately 95% graduate with the majority completing the program within two years. Job placement rate for graduates of the facility management program ranges from 94 - 98% each year.

Career Opportunities
The demand for facility management graduates is high and a career in facility management offers many opportunities. The responsibilities of facility management are varied and numerous. A facility manager may supervise numerous aspects of a company's facilities, including architecture, interior design, computer systems, telecommunications, real estate acquisition, security and more. As such facility managers wear many professional hats and must be knowledgeable and skilled as follows: communicators, environmentalists, designers & space planners, strategic planners, financial planners, "tekkies" and team leaders (International Facility Management Association - IFMA).

In compliance with standards set by the IFMA Foundation, the accrediting body for this degree, the Facility Management program is designed to meet the following objectives:

- Provide a foundation in mathematics and physical science, behavioral science, written and verbal communication, and computer skills.
- Provide a solid foundation in business and management and its application to Facility Management.
- Develop an ability to use the tools and techniques of the facility manager.
- Develop an understanding of facility analysis, planning and design.
- Develop knowledge of the architectural and construction process.
- Develop knowledge of contemporary office technology and philosophy.
- Develop knowledge of building systems technology and the proper operation and care of those systems.

Entry-level positions offer competitive salaries ranging from $48,000-$72,000 depending on geographic location, company size and position. With five years of experience average salaries range between $60,000 and $95,000. Academically prepared graduates of Ferris' Facility Management program have successfully transferred to Master of Architecture programs. The technology emphasized at Ferris complements the theory and design emphasis at architectural schools to provide a well-rounded professional education. Some graduates pursue other degrees such as an MBA (Master of Business Administration.) This degree complements the technical aspects of the Facility Management degree providing opportunities to assume leadership roles.

Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the upper-division sequence of Facility Management, students must have completed the Architectural Technology program at Ferris or a similar program at a recognized, regionally accredited institution. A 2.75 GPA is required for admission into the program. Applications should be submitted by February 1 prior to fall semester requested.

Students who don't meet the above criteria still may be accepted into the Facility Management program. Their academic background will be reviewed by the program faculty committee, and if deficiencies are noted, students may enter the program on a conditional basis. Upon completion of courses to remedy the deficiencies, students will be accepted into the program.

General Education Requirements

All University General Education requirements can be found here: http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/requirements/BA-BS.htm
Please consult this link for a complete listing of General Education Electives: http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/courses/index.htm

Consult the official checksheet or program advisor for program specific General Education requirements.

**Graduation Requirements**

The Facility Management program at Ferris leads to a Bachelor of Science degree.

Students must

- maintain a 2.00 cumulative FSU GPA
- have 40 credits at the 300/400 level
- have 30 credits of Ferris classes (FSU Residency requirement)
- have a minimum 120 total credits to earn a bachelor degree
- complete all general education requirements as outlined on the General Education website.

**More Information**

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The College of Engineering Technology Facility Management program is an accredited program of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) The next accreditation review is scheduled for 2019.  
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