

Facility Management

Required Courses

Facility Management, BS Program Checksheet

Includes:

- Major Courses and General Education Courses
- Admission and Transfer Requirements
- Graduation Requirements

Why Choose Facility Management?

Facility Management is the practice of coordinating the physical workplace with the people and work of a particular organization. Specifically, it is the management of facilities to maintain safe, healthy, and well-designed work environments. 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 (IFMA) 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 education that provides a valuable 'real-life' learning experience.

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, 95% complete the program within two years. The 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 many different aspects of a company's facilities, including architecture, interior design, technical infrastructure, real estate acquisition, security, environmental, safety issues, and more. Because of this, 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.

In compliance with standards set by IFMA, 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, 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-\$78,000 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.

More Information

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