DegreeWorks

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As you begin to explore the Student Educational Planner (SEP), this guide will assist you with learning how to use the system to plan future classes, keep track of requirements, and record notes for students regarding their academic records.

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Accessing DegreeWorks

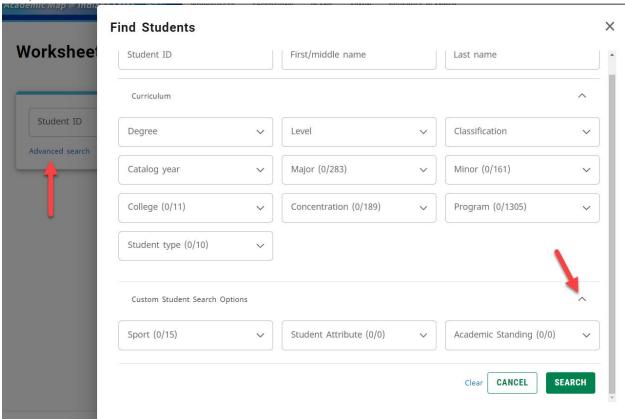
DegreeWorks can be accessed through one of the following

- In Faculty Self-Service
 - o Degree Audit Tools-MySam
- Advisee search
 - Click on student
 - o In their profile click Degree Evaluation

Finding a Student or Group of Students

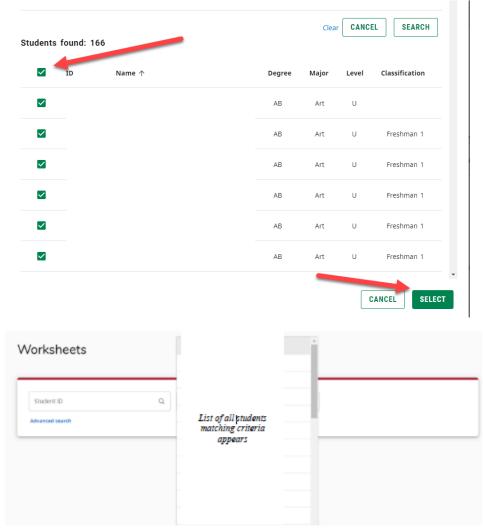
If you don't have a student ID or a full name, or you want to pull audits for a group of students, use this method

Click the "Advanced Search" link below student ID. There are multiple search criteria that you may use:



- First and Last Name
- Degree
- Level (e.g. undergraduate/graduate)
- Classification (e.g. senior, junior, etc.)
- Catalog Year (i.e. the year the student started their current major, minor or concentration)
- Major
- Minor
- College
- Concentration
- Student Type (continuing, new freshmen, etc.)
- Custom Search Options
 - o Sport
 - o Student Attribute (e.g. 21st Century Scholar, Project Success, etc.)
 - Academic Standing (e.g. probation, good standing, etc.)

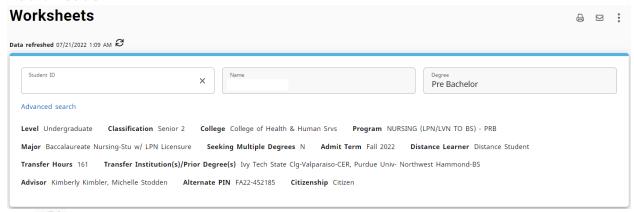
To view the individual audits of all students who fit the criteria you have entered, click "select" to be taken back to the search page. This time, however, there will be a drop-down box for selecting an individual student who meets the search criteria. Select a name to view the degree audit of that student.



To view only the records of select students, un-check the box at the top left and select only those for whom you want to view records and then click "select" to be taken back to the search page. This time, however, the drop-down will contain only the names of the selected student(s).

Sections in the Audit

Audit Header



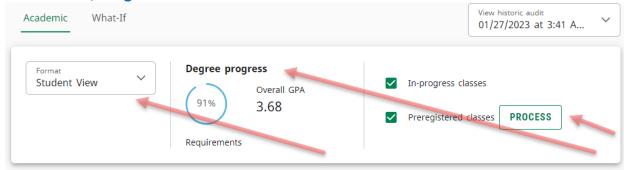
The buttons in the upper left corner refreshes student data pulled from the Banner system. Utilize this button to see Banner changes made since the last nightly refresh (e.g. new courses added/dropped/withdrawn, new grades posted new concentration added).

The contact/e-mail icon on the upper right will bring up an e-mail window for the student the advisor is currently looking at. If the student is looking at their MySam, the e-mail window will populate with all advisors' e-mails for that student.

The icon allows the user to view the student's class history. This is similar to an unofficial transcript, although it displays no overall GPA information and no repeat codes. It will only display coursework that matches the level of the audit, so as an example, only undergraduate courses would show on a class history accessed from an undergraduate audit.

The header is now dynamic and will adjust to fit your screen. If students do not have specific attributes or characteristics that can be shown in the header, they will not show. The only item that will show if it is blank will be the advisor section. This is to show that the student does not have an advisor assigned.

Format Box/Progress Bar

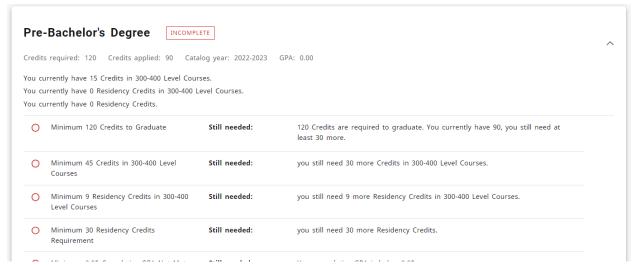


- Format: This drop-down box lists the different types of audits that are available. The student view is the typical view of audit utilized by advisors. If you want a different view (graduation checklist, registration checklist) select it from the dropdown box.
- Degree Progress: These indicators illustrate student progress as 1) a percentage of total course requirements completed; and 2) a percentage of minimum total credits completed
- Process: Refreshes the audit after a change to audit programming has been made.

DegreeWorks Audit Components: Block

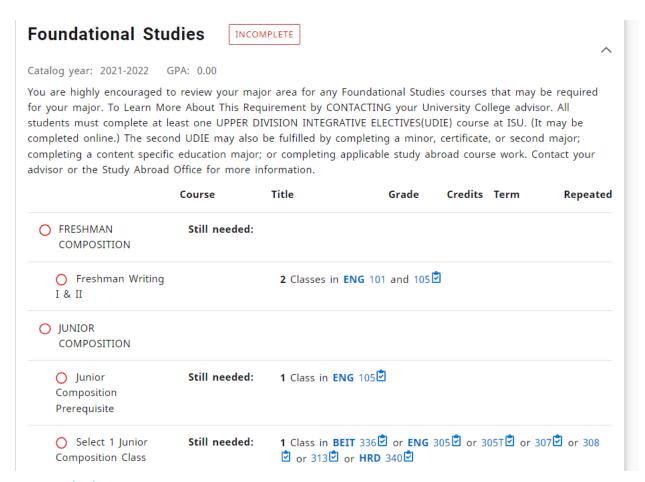
Degree Blocks

Lists basic requirements for earning a degree (minimum credits requirements, GPA requirements, etc.) in addition to all the blocks that are required to complete the student's declared program. The block also included the student's catalog year



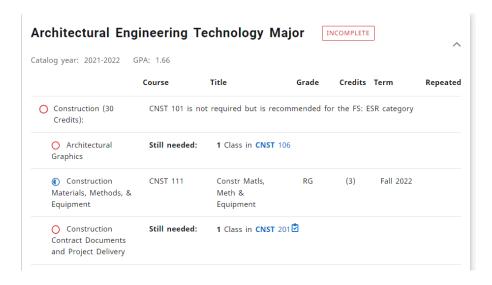
Foundational Studies Core Block

Breaks the Foundational Studies Core into sections mirroring the FS curriculum guide. Foundational Studies Core GPA can also be found in the first, summary block.



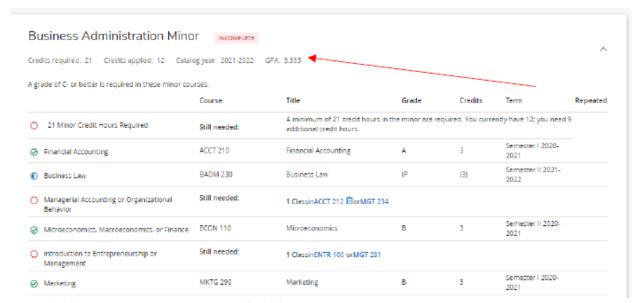
Major Block

Lists credits and courses required to complete the student's declared major. Major GPA can be found at the top of the block



Minor/Concentration Blocks

Lists requirements to complete the student's declared minor and/or concentration. Minor/concentration GPA can be found at the top of the block.



Remedial Courses Not Degree Applicable

Lists remedial courses that are registered or have been completed.



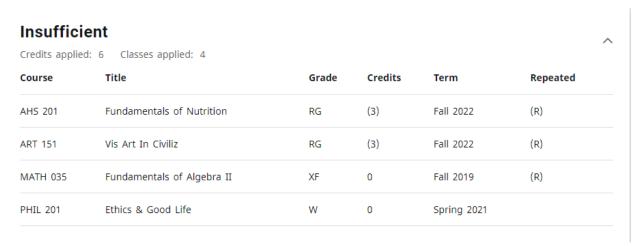
Counts Toward Degree Requirements

This block will list electives that are counting toward the 120 credits needed to graduate

Credits applied: 2 Classes applied: 2					
Course	Title	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated
UC 110	Issues and Ideas	C+	1	Fall 2021	
UC 150	Academic Competencies	Α	1	Spring 2022	

Insufficient

This block will show courses that the students have failed, withdrawn, or have not received a high enough grade for their major. If a requirement has been met for the student and they register for the same course again, the registered course will be shown here.



In-Progress and Preregistered

This block will list classes the student is currently taking and registered in for the next semester

In-progress and Preregistered Credits applied: 27 Classes applied: 9 Title Course Grade Credits Term Repeated COUN 425 Career Development for Women RG (3) Spring 2022 **ELED 324 Emergent Literacy** (3) Spring 2022 RG ELED 335 Ear Chldhd:Tchg Lrn Kinderg (3) Spring 2022 RG

Exceptions

Lists exceptions entered for the student, including the type of exception, a description of it, who entered the exception, and when they entered it.

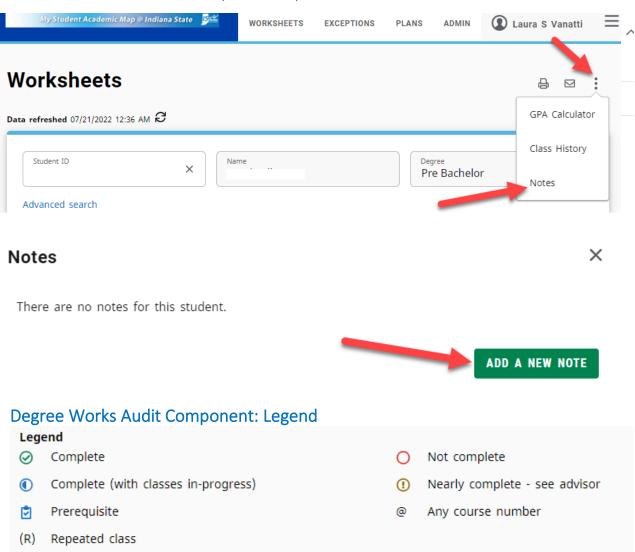
Departments sometimes will substitute or waive a course requirement. Department heads and authorized designees may enter exceptions through the exceptions tab for their department's majors, minors, and certificates only. They are not authorized to make exceptions to University

degree requirements and/or general education. Those types of changes must be authorized by the corresponding authority or committee.



Notes

This section will show notes, when they were created, and who it was created by. In order to add a note to the student's worksheet, click the ellipsis at the top of the worksheet and add note.

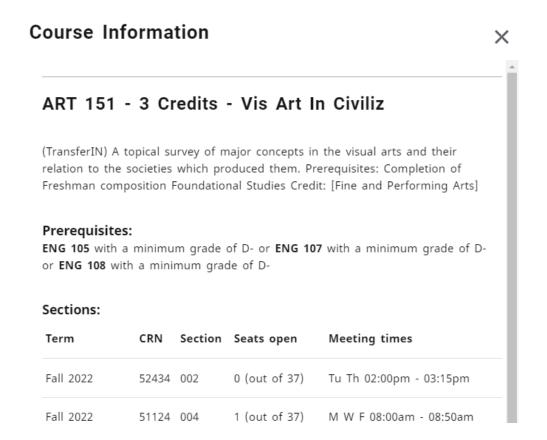


 Complete-This symbol will appear beside all requirements within the audit that have been completed.

- Not Complete- This symbol will appear beside all requirements within the audit that have not been completed.
- Complete (with classes in-progress)- This symbol will appear for requirements where students are currently registered for the classes needed to fulfill the requirement.
- Nearly complete-see advisor- This symbol will appear when requirements almost complete, however there's a component that may not be met.
- @ Any course number- The "@" symbol represents all classes when used as a course subject prefix and can also be used to represent all course numbers within a course subject when it follows the course subject.

Degree Audit Course Link

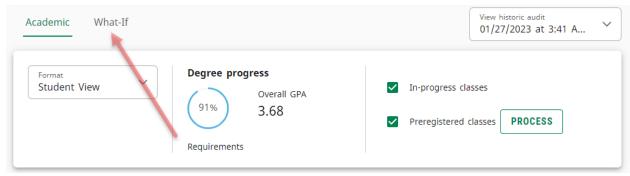
If you click on a hyperlinked course anywhere in the degree audit, it will bring up a block of information that shows the course prerequisite (if applicable), catalog descriptions, and class schedule information including date and times that courses are scheduled to be offered along with the number of seats available in each section.



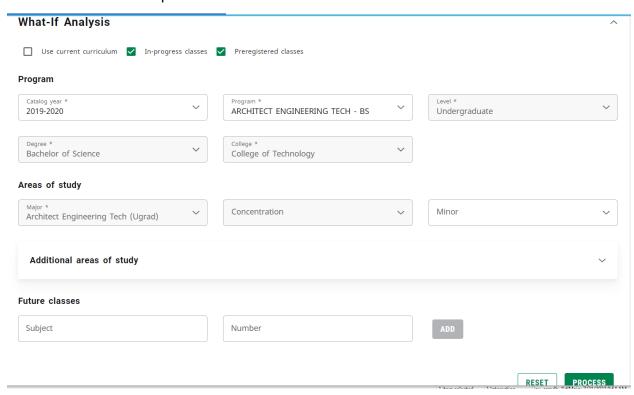
What-If Audit

The "what-if" audit allows students and advisor to see how credits a student has already earned/registered would fit into an alternate academic program, or to see how courses taken in the future would fit into the current program.

Within a student's audit, click from 'Academic' to 'What-If'



Use the dropdown boxes to select the desired Program: Catalog Year (Always change to current academic year if running an audit on an alternative program), Degree, Level, Major, Minor and Concentration (Catalog Year, Degree Level and Major are required fields. If you are simply determining how future courses will fit into the existing program, ensure that these fields match the student's current record). Check or uncheck the 'In-progress Classes' and 'Preregistered Classes' boxes. If desired, enter Future Classes the student is considering. If trying to add a second major you will need to click on the "Additional areas of student" block. The two majors need to have the same Degree Type. If students want to have two degrees those will need to be separate audits. Click the 'Process' button near the bottom of the screen.



Student Educational Planner Introduction

What is the SEP?

The DegreeWorks Student Educational Planner (SEP) is an advising tool that students and advisors can use to map out a clear pathway for a timely degree completion. Advising plans created in SEP will show students the required courses within their program(s) and a recommended timeline of when they should be completed. The plan will be used for compliance in the Sycamore Graduation Guarantee.

Why use it?

The SEP helps advisors and students work together to plan each term of coursework to ensure student success. By developing a plan, students will have a clear path of coursework needed in sequential order. In addition, advisors can use the features in the plan to identify courses that are essential to students' timely degree completion. With the implementation of Schedule Builder it will be imperative to have an accurate plan so students can bring their courses into Schedule Builder automatically for easy registration.

Reporting Capabilities

With the use of plans we are now able to report on them. This will help in several ways

Course Demand

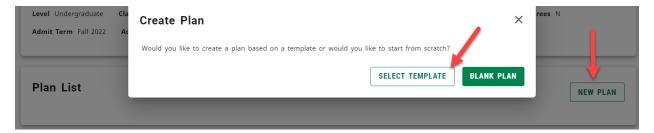
- We will be able to pull reports based on a student's plan as well as multiple students
 - We will be able to see for a specific semester, x number of students are planned to take x course
 - This will help departments know if sections need to be added
- We will not be able to pull report for FS place holders in plans
 - Student might start with FS COMM, but once an advisor has the discussion with the student, the FS COMM should be edited to be that specific course
- BEST PRACTICE: Foundational studies should be planned out (actual course in the plan) 1
 ½ years in advance

Getting Started

- 1. Log into the Portal
- 2. Select Faculty Self-Service
- 3. Select Degree Audit Tools-MySAM
- Select a student by either entering their student ID or clicking "Advanced Search" (below student ID)
- 5. Once you have selected the student it will default to the Plans tab.



- a. If a plan exists, you will see the plan under "Plan List".
- b. If a plan does not exist, you may select "New Plan" and have the choice of "Select Template" or "Blank Plan".



Assigning a New Plan

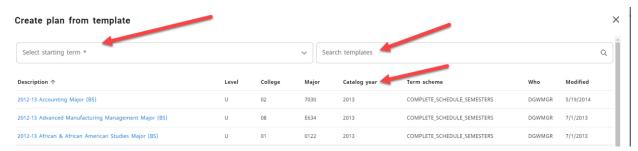
There are two different options for creating a new plan: "Select Template" or "Blank Plan". Blank Plans are useful for transfer students who have completed most of their degree requirements already. Templates are the most beneficial for all other students (new and transfer with fewer hours).

Creating a Plan from a Template

After clicking "Select Template" you will be brought to a list of templates.

You may search templates using the "Search Templates" box. You can us the major name or catalog year to help you find the correct template.

Make sure to select the starting term.



Once you have found the correct template you would like to use, click the blue description link.

Creating a Blank Plan

After clicking "Blank Plan" you will be asked to select a starting term. Select the term the student has been admitted for.

Continue to the Editing Plans section to learn more about modifying plans.

BEST PRACTICE: We recommend that you select a department-approved template for the chosen major and edit that plan to meet individual student circumstances.

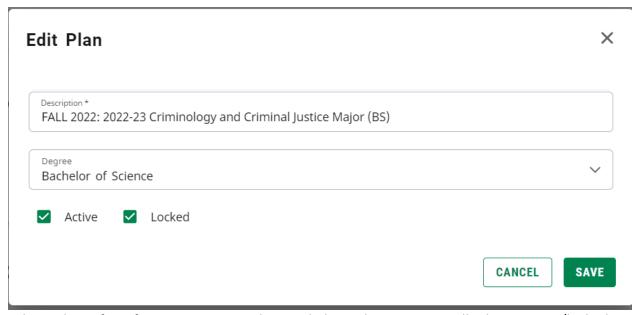
**Note: Advisors have access to edit the plan after a template is selected or once a blank plan is created.

Editing Plans

For most students, Student Educational Plans will require adjustments after selecting the template. For example, the template for the typical freshman does not assume the student will need to fulfill their foreign language requirement. Students who do not come in with credit for this requirement will need their plan adjusted to reflect this requirement.

To edit Description, select the pencil. Under Description, add the term which you are making the plan for followed by the catalog year and description. For Example: Fall 2022: 2019-20 Elementary Education Majors (BS).

At this time the Advisor will then check the "Active" and "Locked" boxes. A plan being "active" and "locked" allows tracking status to display checking if student is "On Track" (has taken courses planned) or "Off Track" (has NOT taken courses planned).



When editing for a future semester, Advisors do have the access to still edit an active/locked plan and save changes. **Only one plan can be active.** If you need to create a new plan, inactivate the old one first by viewing all plans created for the student under "Plan List".

Editing Tools

Edit plan By selecting you may enter text in the Description box to re-name and check off the Active and Locked boxes once all course edits are complete/planned.

Expand all Terms Click in the plan header if you would like to see planned requirements in all terms.

Previous and Next icons allow you to scroll through the terms left and right.

Add notes to the plan by clicking the icon. There are three areas you may add notes, in the Plan header, Term header, and at Course level. After a note is added, it will change to a blue outline.

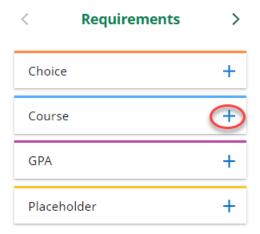
Add terms to the plan by clicking in the plan header (displayed at the top right of the plan next to expand icon).

Expand or collapse the plan sidebar by clicking . On the sidebar (top left next to the term headers) you will be able to select previous and next icons to scroll to the list of "Requirements" (choice, course, and placeholder) or "Still Needed".

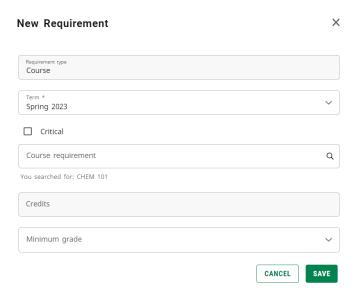
Add a Course by Drag & Drop: Click the arrow under "still needed" or "courses" section at the left of the screen. If you do not see "still needed" at the left, you will be able to select previous and next icon to scroll to "still needed". Drag and drop courses into desired terms.

Still Needed: Users can see a "list view" of unmet requirements by navigating to the "Still Needed" lists. This will show requirements that do not have a specifically planned courses associated with it.

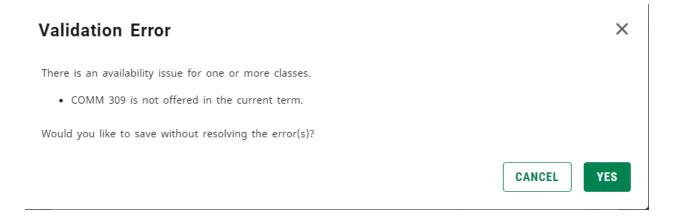
Add a Course manually under "Requirements" listed on the sidebar by clicking the + icon next to course. When the New Requirement box pops up you will need to



- Enter the term which you would like to add the course
- Type in the course subject and number, it will take a second and then you will need to select the actual course
- If the course is an elective you will need to add the number of credits
- Select save



- If you receive an error for availability it means that the course is not offered in the term you are trying to add it to
 - This information came from departments initially
 - If you know something is incorrect, please report this to OR so it can be fixed



Add a Choice Requirement under "Requirements" listed on the sidebar by clicking the + icon. A choice is useful when multiple courses can fulfill requirements. More on this in the next section.

Move Requirements between semesters by selecting the desired course. Once requirement is grabbed, drag and drop it into appropriate term.

Reassign and Delete terms as needed by clicking the "more" icon at term header. Selecting "Reassign" allows requirements on a term to be moved to another term.

More Information: To see course information (prereq, course description, date/time offering, etc.) click the ellipse next to the course and select the "More Information" link.

Edit This Requirement: click on the ellipse next to the course and select the "Edit this requirement" link to take you back to the original entry screen.

Delete a course by selecting icon next to the course planned and select "Delete this requirement".

Choice Requirements

When there are several course options that can fulfill a planned requirement, a Choice requirement can be used; the plan has all choice requirements come up in orange. An option can be any combination of actual courses, wildcards, or ranges.

Most templates include foundational studies requirements that will be needed to be replaced by a course. See below for examples of choice requirements and how to select a course.

Examples of Choice Requirements

If the department did not mention which core course would be applied to each core area, the choice requirement will list the core options until the advisor selects the course for the student's plan.

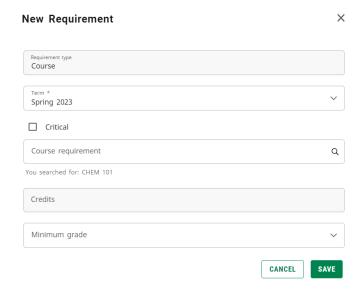
You also may have choices that require any course number (@) with the prefix (ACCT, BIO, etc.); in this example this is to fulfill the elective of that department.

Foundational Studies: When adding a foundational studies requirement a pointer must be set so that the course will show as planned in the audit.

- Select choice to be added
- Select term it will be added
- The course will start with FS and then pick the FS to add. Add the attribute for the FS
- Enter credits (enter the lowest number of credits that will fulfill this choice)
- Pointer needs to be selected
- Save

How to Select a Course

• When there are choice requirements, advisors will select/plan a course for the student by clicking the "more" icon.

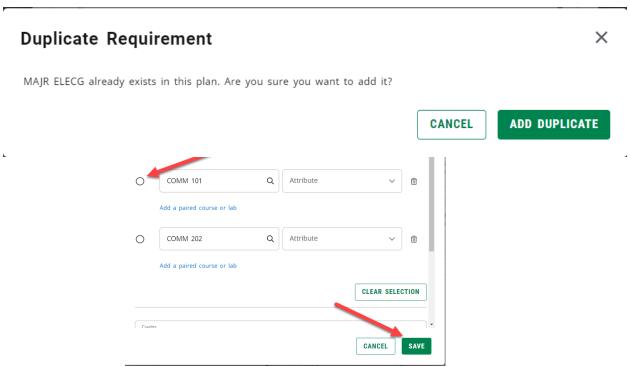


SAVE

- Click the radio icon next to the desire course and select
- If you would like to add another course to the choice.
 - Click Add at the top right of the "Edit Requirement" page.
 - At the bottom of the choice requirements, you have the option to type in course
 OR search another using the magnifying glass.
 - The search will filter when you start typing the course and allow you to select the one you are wanting.

Duplicate Requirement Message

For course requirements you will be receiving the following "Duplicate Requirement" message if you try to add/plan the same course twice.



You will be able to add the same course, like in the above instance if it is a major elective.

To make sure the course you have added is not selected twice, or you have not planned a course that is not needed, you may view the "Audit" (located at top left of the plan above the "sidebar"). If the planned course is not needed because the student already took the course, you will see the planned course go in the not counting toward degree requirements block.



Plan Views

Edit View

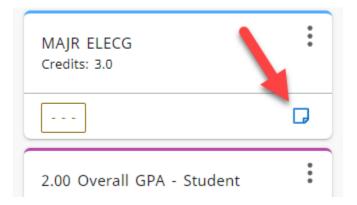
After selecting a plan, you will notice it will allow you to edit the plan right away. When you make changes, the changes save right away as well. The only "edit view" you will ever need to select is the pencil to edit the description and make a plan active and locked (or deselecting the indicators).

This is the default view. As an advisor, this is where you will likely spend most of your time helping students update their plans. This view should be used for advanced editing of plans; student will see this view but not be able to make changes.

Notes View

The notes view includes key information provided by departments for each degree program. This view highlights recommended advising notes or explanation of what the requirement is. As users scroll, they may see advising notes assigned to the degree, term, or to course requirements. If a requirement shows the blue note, then there is a note to view. If it is greyed out, then no note has been made.

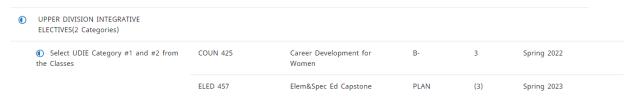
FALL 2022 / 2022-23 Criminology and Criminal Justice Major (BS)



Audit View

The audit view allows users to view a plan alongside a students' degree audit. This differs from the traditional degree audit because the audit view includes the courses a student "plans" to take, not just their current and past courses. In instances, where an advisor notices the audit

does not display a requirement planned, the advisor will have to make sure to add the course in the student's plan as it will be needed to graduate. The audit view is only meant for viewing and no editing. All planned coursework will display "PLAN" (for planned) in addition to the "RG" registered courses.



Choices on the Audit

In the audit view if there is a choice requirement with no selected course or no pointer with the choice, then course will not pull up as planned in the audit.

Degree Progress

You may notice while in Audit View, even though all is "planned" in the audit, the requirements percent may not be 100%; this is because grades have not been processed (it is "in progress") so the percent is reduced to 98%.

Exceptions

Exceptions allow users to make an exception to the catalog requirements of a student's current degree program. The following types of exceptions are available from the Exceptions tab in Degree Works.

Substitute

This exception allows you to substitute one course for another, replacing the catalog required course with an alternate.

Apply Here

This exception allows the user to apply a specific course to a rule regardless of the Catalog requirements. The auditor will not move courses applied to rules with this exception type unless a block or rule qualifier overrides the exception.

Also Allow

This exception appends a course to a course list on a rule. Using this exception allows you to add an additional course to an existing rule, while still allowing the original course to count. This is a good option to add a course before a student has taken the course, as it would still allow the student to complete the original requirement.

Force Complete

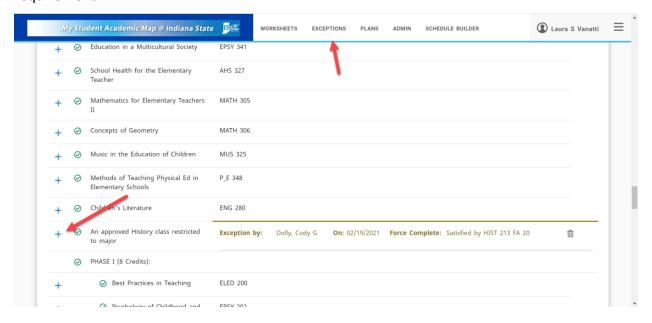
This exception allows you to force a requirement to be marked off as completed. Force complete may be used on rules or qualifiers (e.g., Minimum Residency Requirement, Minimum Grade, Minimum Classes, etc.) Once Force Complete is applied it will not affect the total credits or GPA for a set of requirements.

Remove Course/Change the Limit

This exception allows you to remove a class from a course rule or qualifier or to change the number of classes or credits required on a rule or qualifier. For example, change the minimum residency requirement from 50 credits to 45; change the rule for major directed electives in an area from 3 classes to 2 classes.

Adding an Exception

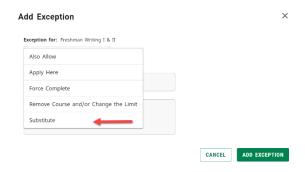
Select the Exception tab at the top of the screen. From there you will scroll until you find the requirement you want to add the exception for. Click the plus sign to the left of the requirement.



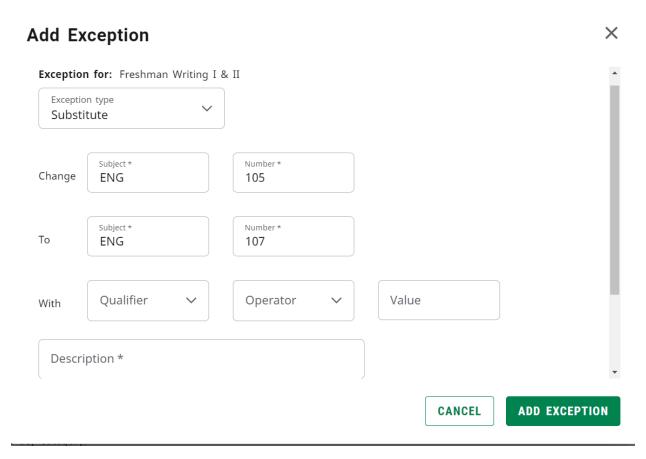
Substitution

In this example we will be substituting (replacing) ENG 105 with ENG 107. Remember a substitution will remove the existing course and replace it with a new one. The old course will no longer be an option.

1. Choose Substitute from the Exception Types drop down



2. Type in the Subject and Number for both the course you are replacing and the substitution. A description is also needed. Click Add Exception.



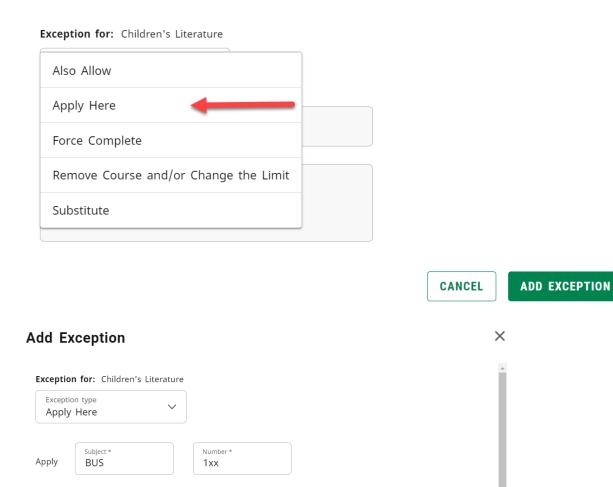
3. The exception is now viewable from the Worksheets tab on the main student audit as well as in the Exceptions section at the bottom of the audit worksheet.

Apply Here

Using the Apply Here exception type, we will process an exception to apply BUS 1xx, a transfer course, toward BUS 100, the standard major requirement. This should be used sparingly because if the course is truly coming in to meet a specific requirement this should have been done through the transfer process.

1. Find the course you wish to use the Apply Here exception. Click on the plus to the left of the course and select Apply Here from the drop down.

Add Exception ×



2. Type in the Subject and Number of the course you wish to apply. Add a description. Click Add Exception

CANCEL

ADD EXCEPTION

Value

If you are using a course that is listed multiple times (I.e. ELEC 1xx, HIST 1xx, etc.)

Select a qualifier: DW Transfer Course

Qualifier

With

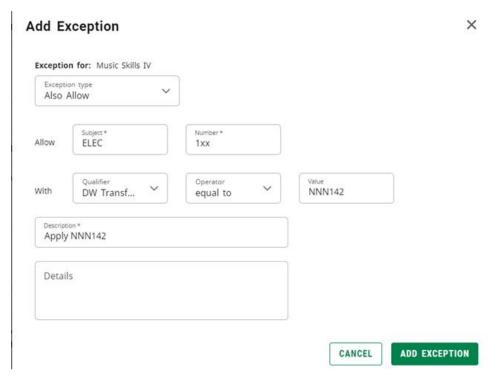
Description *

Details

Operator

Operator: Equal to

Value: Subject and Number of course with no space (this is the subject and number of the course from another college)



3. Refresh and Process New.

Also Allow

This exception is handy for allowing a new course to fulfill a requirement (i.e., the student's catalog term requires a course that was banked but a new (or different) course is acceptable.)

1. To add an additional course option to a requirement, find the course and select the plus sign to the left. Select Also Allow from the drop down menu.

Add Exception X Exception for: Children's Literature Exception type Also Allow Number * Subject * Allow Qualifier Operator Value With Description * Details **CANCEL ADD EXCEPTION**

- 2. Type in the Subject and Number, add a description and select Add Exception.
- 3. Refresh and Process New

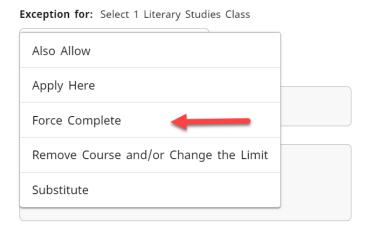
Note: Also Allow does not work with requirements in which students must complete a specified set of courses, for example, Science lecture and lab. If you use Also Allow for that, you will get a note at the bottom that the exception is not enforced.

Force Complete

Most frequently Force Complete exceptions are used for block or rule qualifiers (i.e., Minimum Credits, Directed Electives) but can also be used to complete a course or noncourse rule. This tpe of exception can be used with Classes, Credits, and Minimum GPA/Classes/Credits/Disciplines/Residence, etc.

1. Find the course or requirement you are wanting to complete and select the plus sign next to it. Select Force Complete

Add Exception ×



CANCEL ADD EXCEPTION

- 2. Add in a description and click Add Exception
- 3. Refresh and process new

Note: It is important to enter a valid description of what is being Forced Complete. When Forcing Complete a Block Qualifier, the Exception text prints below the last Block Qualifier. Although the exception checks off the appropriate requirement, the text may not show up next to it. As that may be confusing, use the description field to clarify the exception.

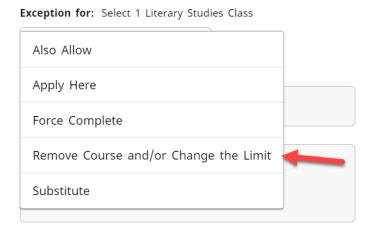
Remove Course and/or Change the Limit

Most frequently they are used for block or rule qualifiers, but can also be used to reduce or increase the number of classes, credits, groups, etc. that are required on a rule. The Remove Course is typically used to remove a specified course from a list of courses in a rule.

1. Find the course or requirement you are wanting to remove or change, click the plus button and select Remove Course and/or Change the Limit.

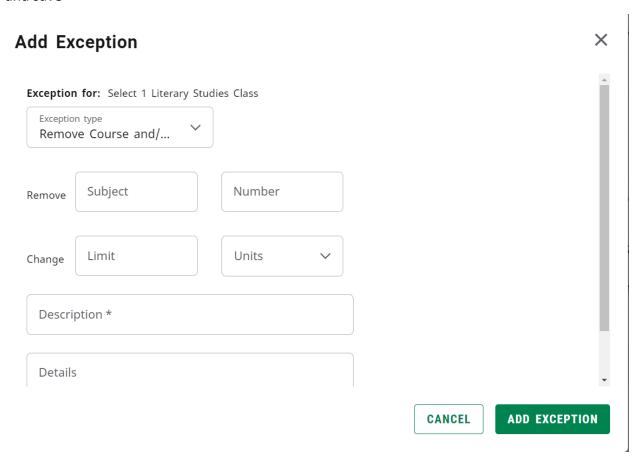
Add Exception







2. If you are wanting to remove the course, type in the subject and number. Add a description and save



3. If you are wanting to change the credits or number of courses, add the limit and then select the units. Add a description and save.

Note: When changing a qualifier (i.e., Minimum Credits), provide a detailed description of the change in the Description field as the exception prints at the bottom of the block.