# Degree Works Student User Guide

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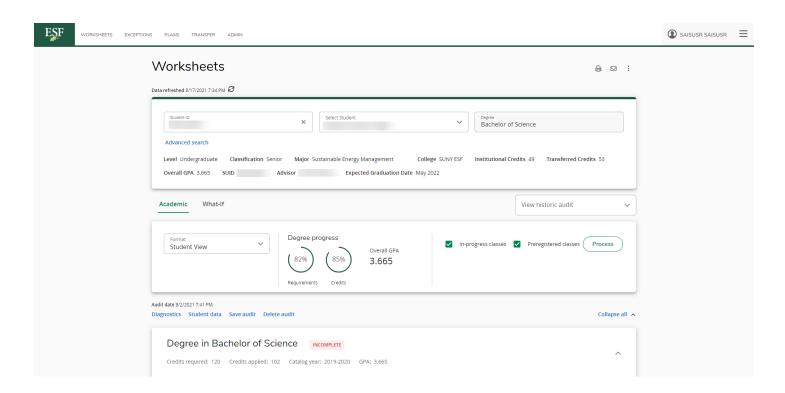
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## What is Degree Works?

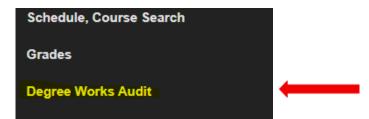
Degree Works is a degree auditing tool used to track a your progress towards degree completion based on your academic history and the academic requirements of your program. This user guide will explain how to read a degree audit along with how to use the additional functionality such as performing a what-if audit or using the three GPA calculators.



## **How to Access Degree Works**

#### **Banner Self-Service**

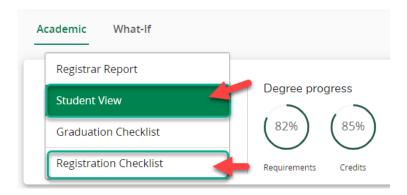
- 1. Log into the ESF Student portal.
- 2. You will be taken to your Student Profile. Click the Degree Audit link in the lower-left corner.



## **Degree Works Audit Overview**

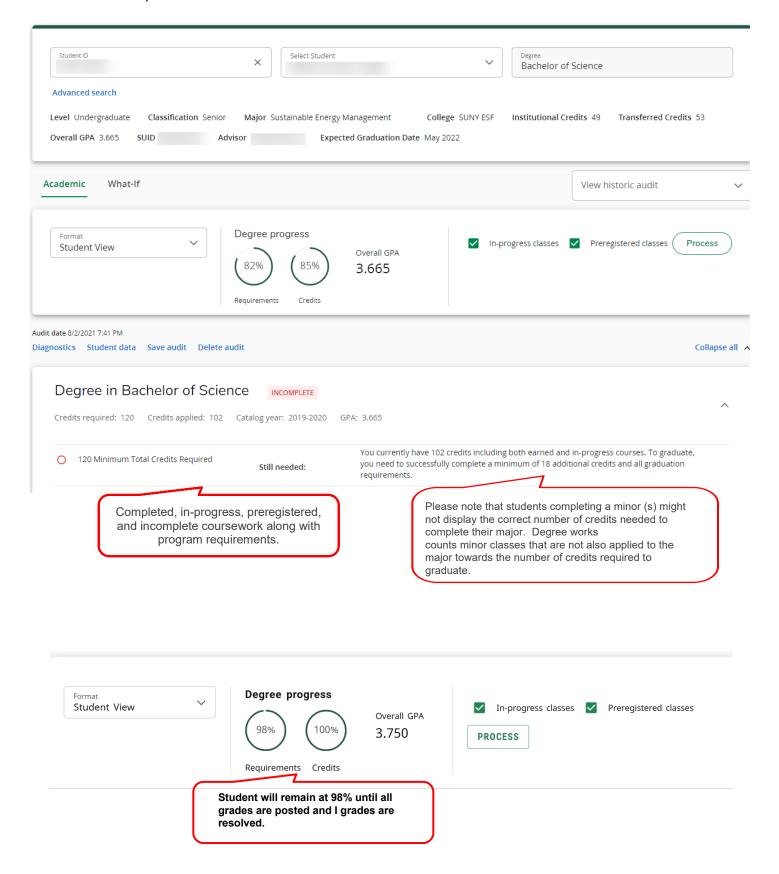
#### **Audit Views**

- 1. Degree Works offers two views the **Student View** and **Registration Checklist**. The Student View is the default view and consists of the student's degree audit. The Registration Checklist is a future-oriented view that will only display requirements that have not been met. As you progress through your program, the Student View will display more green checkboxes and the Registration Checklist will be shorter.
- 2. To move to another view, click the down-arrow by your current view and select your desired view. The view selection dropdown menu is located on the left-hand side of the Degree Progress card.

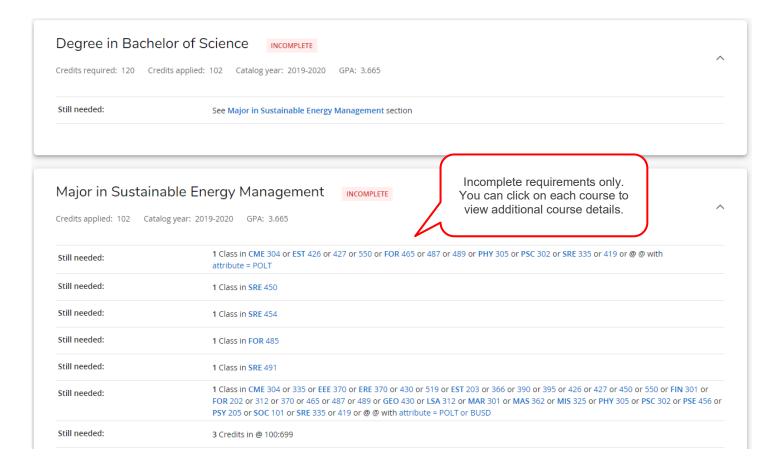


3. Select the desired view and the audit page will automatically adapt to the selected view.

#### Student View Example

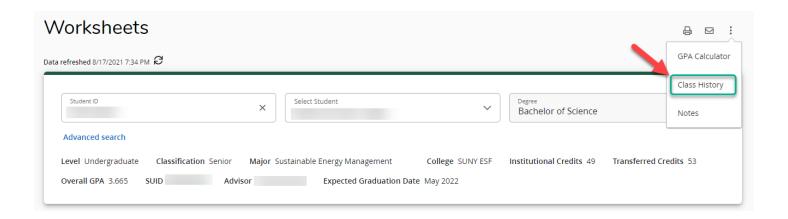


#### Registration Checklist Example



### **Class History**

1. The Class History option in the dotted menu displays a term-by-term list of your courses.



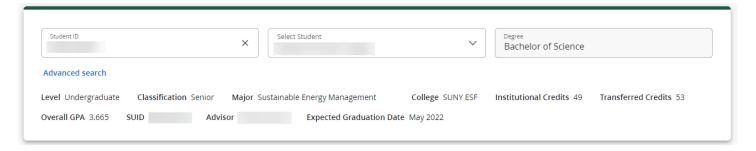


## Class History

Summer :	2015 - Full		
Course	Title	Grade	Credits
APM 104	Pre-Calculus	TR	3
	Satisfied by: MATH110 - Transfer Course Work	- Glendale Cmty College Ca	
APM 391	MAT136 => STATIS	TR	3
	Satisfied by: CNVXXX - Transfer Course Work -	Glendale Cmty College Ca	
CNV 101	GenEd: Foreign Lang	TR	3
	Satisfied by: CNVXXX - Transfer Course Work -	Glendale Cmty College Ca	
CNV 104	GenEd: The Arts	TR	3
	Satisfied by: CNVXXX - Transfer Course Work -	Glendale Cmty College Ca	
CNV 201	ENGR156 => ELECT	TR	3
	Satisfied by: CNVXXX - Transfer Course Work -	Glendale Cmty College Ca	
CNV 201	MATH104 => ELECT	TR	3
	Satisfied by: CNVXXX - Transfer Course Work -	Glendale Cmty College Ca	
CNV 201	ETHS120 => ELECT	TR	3
	Satisfied by: CNVXXX - Transfer Course Work -	Glendale Cmty College Ca	
CNV 201	ETHS121 => ELECT	TR	3
	Satisfied by: CNVXXX - Transfer Course Work -	Glendale Cmty College Ca	
CNV 201	MATH103 => ELECT	TR	3
	Satisfied by: CNVXXX - Transfer Course Work -	Glendale Cmty College Ca	
CNV 201	MATH108 => ELECT	TR	3
	Satisfied by: CNVXXX - Transfer Course Work -	Glendale Cmty College Ca	
CNV 201	POLS101 => ELECT	TR	3
	Satisfied by: CNVXXX - Transfer Course Work -	Glendale Cmty College Ca	

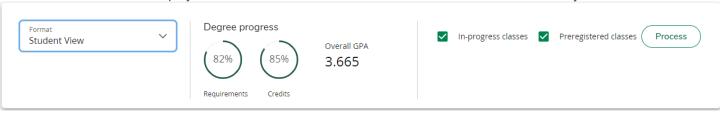
#### Student Header

- 1. The **Student Header** is located at the top of a student's audit and displays relevant curriculum information.
- 2. Names, such as the student and advisor, appear in this section along with selected additional data.
- 3. If you have multiple data points (Ex: additional majors, minors, holds, etc.) those items will all list horizontally next to the respective labels.
- 4. The information that appears in the header is dynamic and may not display if a datapoint is not relevant to your record. For example, you do not have a minor, you will not see a minor label, however one would appear should you choose to declare a minor at some point in the future.



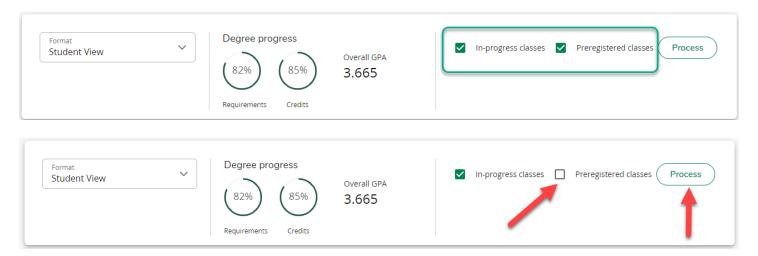
#### **Degree Progression Card**

- 1. The **Degree Progress** graphics are listed under the **Student Header** and before the first section of the audit in a section known as the Degree Progression Card.
- 2. The **Requirements** bar takes into consideration the number of met versus unmet requirements on the whole audit. For example, a student who has 61 credits applying towards their required 120 credits, equaling 50.83% completed. The progress bar is also looking at the minimum GPA requirement and each section making up the audit, causing this number to reflect a holistic view of progress (75% versus 50.83%).
  - a. If you have any in-progress, preregistered classes, or I grades applying in your audit, the Requirements bar will never be 100%.
- The Credits bar takes into consideration the number of completed credits verses required credits for the entire audit.
- 4. The Overall GPA displayed here is the overall GPA from the Banner student information system.



#### In-Progress and Preregistered Checkboxes

- The In-progress classes and Preregistered classes checkboxes are listed near the top of the audit on the right-hand side of the Degree Progression Card. These boxes are defaulted to always include their respective type of courses in the audit. You can choose to unselect a box and view the audit with or without certain types of courses.
  - a. After unchecking a box, click the **Process** button to see the updated audit. This will remove or add in-progress or preregistered courses from the audit and doing so will also update the Degree Progress bar.



#### **Degree Audit**

#### How the Degree Audit Is Organized

- 1. The **Student View** of the degree audit will display your program requirements starting with the overall degree requirements. The order that sections appear will be determined by how they are listed in the degree section.
- 2. Some section headers (area near the top of each section, below the section title) will display information such as Semester you entered the program, GPA, Credits Required, and/or Credits Applied and the Catalog Year.



- a. The GPAs are calculated from the courses that make up that respective section.
- b. The Catalog Year in each section relates to the specific Catalog that the respective section is tied to in the Banner student information system. For example, if a major is tied to the 2019-2020 Catalog year, then this is the year that would display in this section.
- c. The Credits Applied value will consist of: Completed courses, In-progress courses, and Preregistered courses. (Ex: If you have completed three 3-credit courses, in-progress with two 3-credit courses this term and is preregistered for four 3-credit courses next term, then the total credits applied would be 27 credits)
  - i. Completed = (3 courses \* 3 credits) = 9 credits
  - ii. In-progress = (2 courses \* 3 credits) = 6 credits
  - iii. Preregistered = (4 courses \* 3 credits) = 12 credits

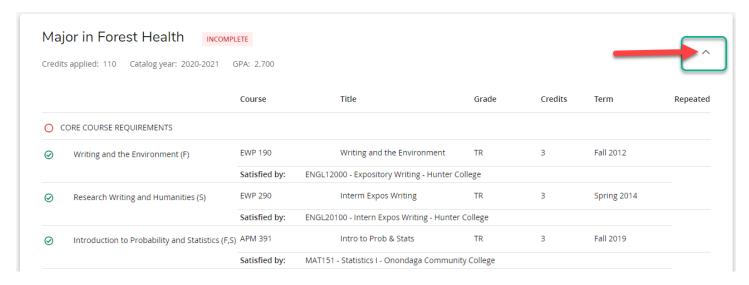


- 3. Each requirement will display a symbol to the left denoting its status.
  - a. Red unchecked circle = Unmet requirement you will see "Still Needed" advice on the right.
  - Blue half-filled circle = In-progress or preregistered you will see the course information on the right.
  - c. Green checked circle= Completed requirement you will see the course information on the right.

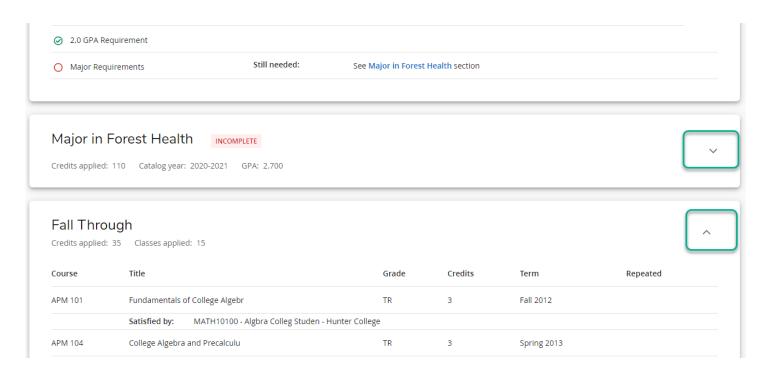
<b>⊘</b>	Dendrology (F)	EFB 336	Dendrology I	C+	3	Fall 2020
0	Forest and Shade Tree Pathology (S)	Still needed:	1 Class in EFB 340			
•	Forest Health (CLBS)	EFB 345	Forest Health	IP	(3)	Fall 2021
<b>⊘</b>	Forest Entomology or Entomology (F)	EFB 351	Forest Entomology	С	3	Fall 2020

#### How to Read A Degree Audit

- 1. An audit is made up of several sections. Each section's requirements will differ based on your program of study. The section header will display the name of that section along with listing its respective Semester Entered (Catalog Year), GPA, Credits Required, and Credits Applied.
  - a. Credits Required will only display on the degree's section header.
- Each section can be collapsed and expanded again by clicking on the up arrow located in the upper righthand corner of each block or section.



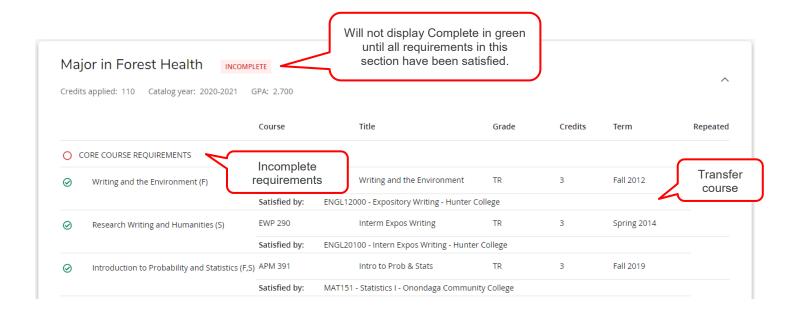
3. Clicking on the up facing arrow once will collapse the section (as seen below). Clicking on the downfacing arrow will expand the section.



4. All requirements with a red unchecked circle must be completed for the indicator in the section header to be completed.



- 5. The labels on the left column will remain stagnant while the advice on the right column will dynamically change based on what you still need in order to complete the requirement.
- 6. Once a requirement has been met, the "Still Needed" advice will disappear.
- 7. Requirements met by transfer courses will display the original course name, course number, transfer institution, and credits earned.



8. Unmet course requirements are linkable. When a course is clicked on, a text box will display that course's title, description, and any other applicable information such as section information, and credits.



#### Course Information



#### EFB 420 - 1 Credit - Prof Internship/Envrn Biology

Full- or part-time engagement as volunteer or employee in professional experience having environmental biology focus. Tenure at outside institution under guidance of external supervisor, but with EFB-based faculty sponsor. Requires initial study plan outlining educational goals, plus record of activities and supervisor's assessment of student's performance upon completion. Grading satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory. Fall, Spring, Summer. Prerequisite(s): Permission of Instructor.

#### Attributes:

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#### Sections:

Term	CRN	Section	Seats open	Meeting times
Fall 2021	16078	01	5 (out of 5)	Su 11:00pm - 11:50pm
Fall 2021	16079	02	10 (out of 10)	Su 11:00pm - 11:50pm
Fall 2021	16083	03	20 (out of 20)	Su 11:00pm - 11:50pm
Fall 2021	16086	04	5 (out of 5)	Su 11:00pm - 11:50pm
Fall 2021	16087	05	5 (out of 5)	Su 11:00pm - 11:50pm

This displays the scheduled sections for the upcoming semester. Please note the seats open is on a one day lag from MySlice. This information will not display if the course is not being offered. Please refer to MySlice for accurate schedule information.

- 9. The end of that audit may display as needed sections such as Fall through, Insufficient, In-Progress, and/or Exceptions. These sections will also display on the printed view so long as they have been expanded on the web view.
  - a. **Fall through** = Lists courses that have been taken and completed with a passing grade, however they had no requirement to apply towards in the student's program.

Fall Thro Credits applied	•					^
creates applied	is 35 Classes applical 15					
Course	Title	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated	
APM 101	Fundamentals of College Algebr	TR	3	Fall 2012		
	Satisfied by: MATH10100 - Algbra Colleg Studen	- Hunter College				
APM 104	College Algebra and Precalculu	TR	3	Spring 2013		

b. **Insufficient** = Lists courses that are not able to fulfill requirements such as Withdrawn, Audit, Failed, Incomplete, or Repeated courses.

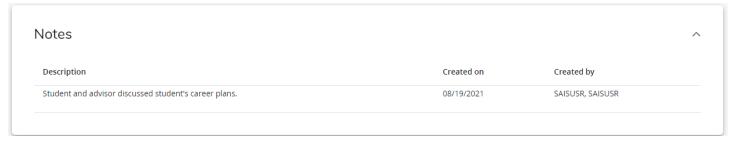
#### Insufficient Credits applied: 0 Classes applied: 6 Repeated Grade Credits Term APM 106 Survey Of Calc & Appl II F 0 Spring 2021 EFB 101 Gen Bio I:Organismal Bio&Ecol F 0 Fall 2020

c. In-Progress, preregistered, and in-progress and preregistered = In-progress lists courses that are in-progress for the current term only. This section may appear as preregistered, which would indicate that there are no in-progress courses for the current term, but the student is registered for courses in a future term. Lastly, this section may display as In-Progress and Preregistered, which would contain courses registered in the current term as well as an upcoming future term.

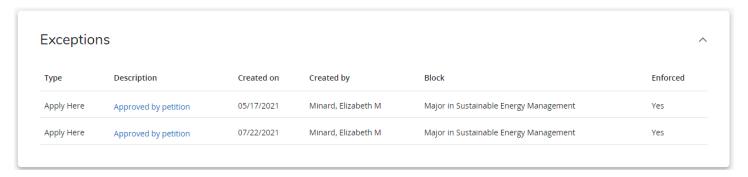
In-progress Credits applied: 16	Classes applied: 7					^
Course	Title	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated	
APM 105	Survey Of Calc & Appl I	IP	(4)	Fall 2021		
EFB 101	Gen Bio I:Organismal Bio&Ecol	IP	(3)	Fall 2021		
EFB 102	General Biology I Laboratory	IP	(1)	Fall 2021		

#### In-progress and Preregistered

Credits applied: 29	Classes applied: 10				
Course	Title	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated
APM 307	Multivariable Calculus	IP	(4)	Fall 2021	
ENS 494	Capstone Seminar	IP	(1)	Fall 2021	
ENS 498	Resrch Prob/Envrn Science	IP	(3)	Fall 2021	
ERE 335	Numerical & Computing Methods	IP	(3)	Fall 2021	
EWP 407	Writing/Env & Sci ProfessionIs	IP	(3)	Fall 2021	
FCH 360	Physical Chemistry I	IP	(3)	Fall 2021	
APM 485	Diff Equat/Engr&Scientist	IP	(3)	Spring 2022	
CHE 356	Physical Chemistry II	IP	(3)	Spring 2022	
EFB 305	Indigenous Issues&the Envrnmnt	IP	(3)	Spring 2022	
FCH 381	Analytical Chemistry II	IP	(3)	Spring 2022	

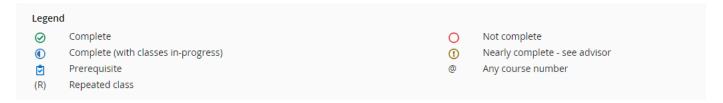


e. **Exceptions** = Lists all exceptions applied to the student's audit (Ex: Substituting one course for another or waiving a requirement). The exception will list the type of exception applied, the description placed by the person who entered the exception, and the date the exception was entered on. The Block and Enforced columns are used by the person entering the exception only. Exceptions are placed on the audit by the Registrar's Office when processing a petition or a substitution approved by the advisor. The Undergraduate Admissions Office can also add an exception prior to enrollment for transfer credits with approval from the Curriculum Coordinator or Department Chair.



#### Legend

- 1. The **Legend** displays icons frequently used in a degree audit.
  - a. Complete = This requirement has been met.
  - b. **Not Complete** = This requirement has not been met. Unmet requirements will display 'Still Needed' advise to the right of the requirement.
  - c. **Complete (with classes in-progress)** = The requirement is pending completion and will be met upon completion of an in-progress or pre-registered course.
  - d. **Nearly complete see advisor** = All requirements within a section are met except for a pending requirements. The whole section will be met upon completion of an in-progress or pre-registered course.
  - e. **Prerequisite** = Course has a prerequisite that must be completed prior to registration.
  - f. Any course number = Requirements displaying an '@' sign in the 'Still Needed' advice represents any course number that could fulfill the requirement. (Ex: EFB @ would represent any EFB course could be used to fulfill the requirement.)
  - g. Repeated class = Course has been repeated in an attempt to earn a higher grade.



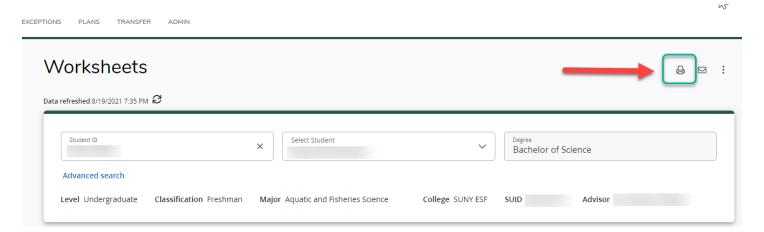
#### **Process**

- 1. The **Process** button refreshes the degree audit after making a change. The button does not update data changes outside of Degree Works (Ex: Banner). Examples of when to click this button:
  - You want to select or deselect the Include in-progress/preregistered classes box and view the updated audit.

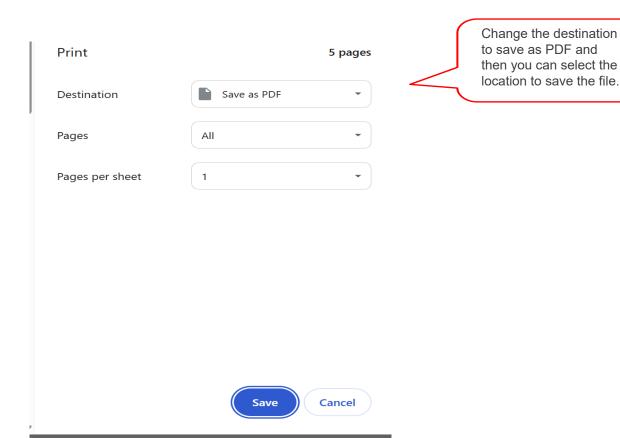


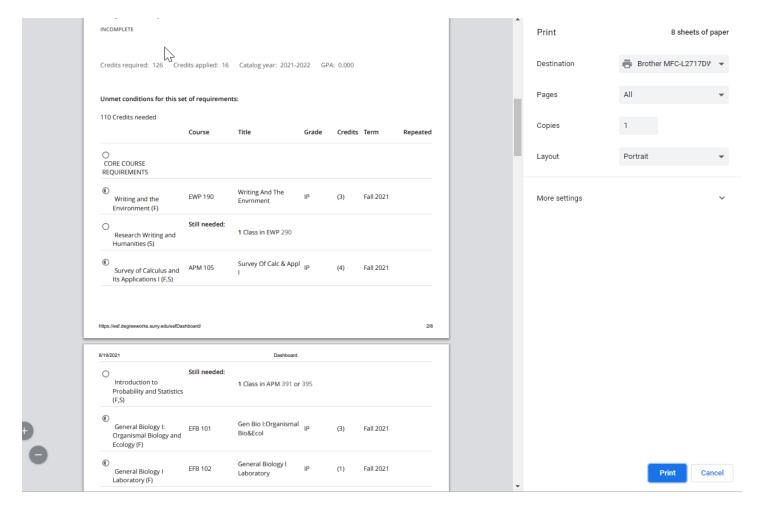
#### **Printing**

1. To print the audit, click the **Print** icon on the upper righthand corner of the page or use the web browsers print menu.



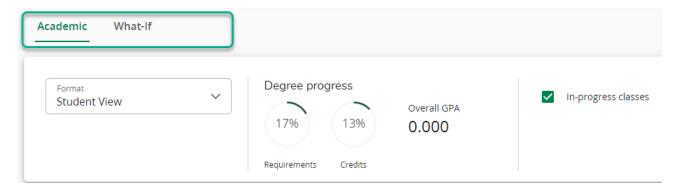
1. A box will open displaying the printer friendly view where you can change the destination box to select the printer attached to your computer or you can select save as a PDF to download this to your device. This view will include everything from the Student View of the web audit such as the sections making up a student's audit and all as needed sections (Courses Not Used, In-progress, Insufficient, etc.).



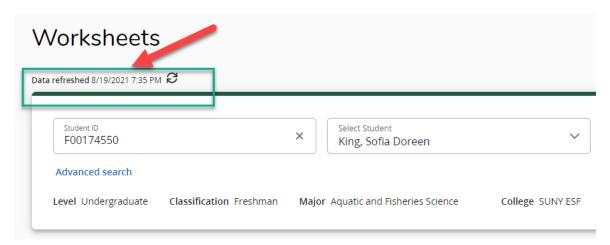


#### **Tabs**

- 1. This row contains the following screens to navigate to:
  - a. Academic = Access the degree audit.
  - b. **What-If** = Allows you to run an audit for another program of study or different Catalog year. You may also run an audit against an added minor or second major.



c. Last Refresh = This is the last date the student's data from Banner was updated.

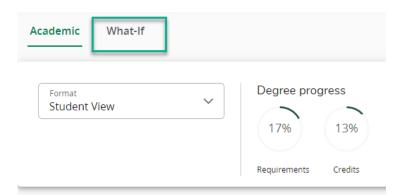


#### **What If Audit**

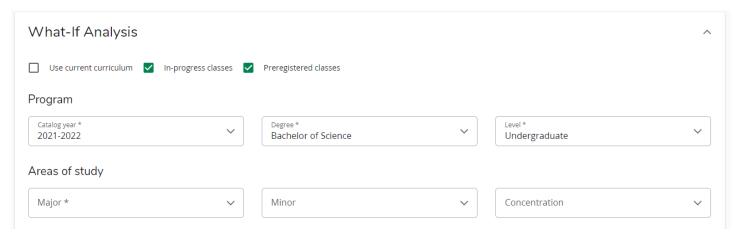
1. The What If functionality allows you to view a degree audit with hypothetical curriculum changes applied.

#### How to Run A What-If Audit

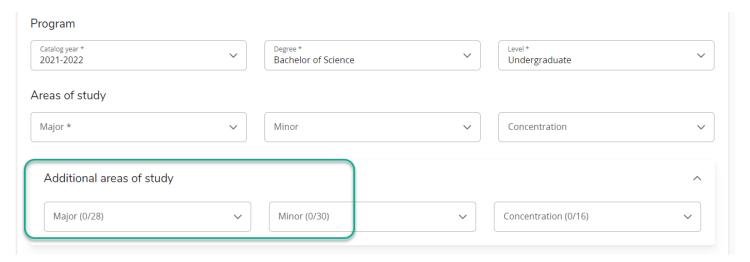
1. From the Student View on the Academic tab, click on the What If tab.



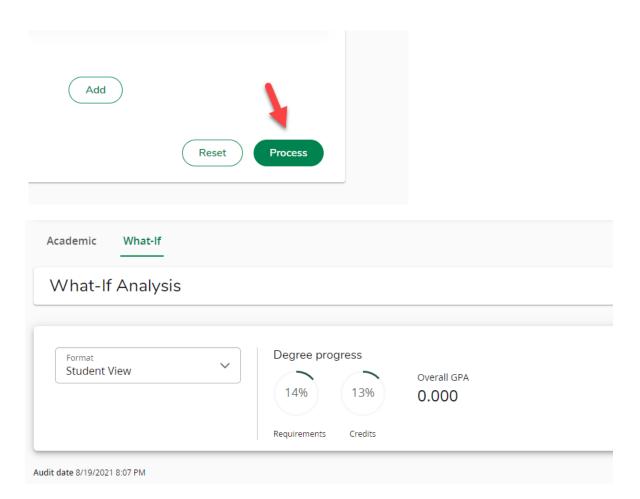
2. Your current program information will be populated in the Program section. Update the Areas of Study section, along with the Program section (if applicable) to run the What-If audit for the new program of study. Please make sure you select the current catalog year because that will changed to the current year for a change of major. If you are running the What-If to add a minor or a concentration then you will need to change the catalog year to the year you entered ESF.



3. If you want to run the What-If audit for 2 hypothetical programs, fill out the Program and Areas of Study sections in addition to the Additional areas of study section. If not, leave this section blank and just fill out the Program and Areas of study sections.

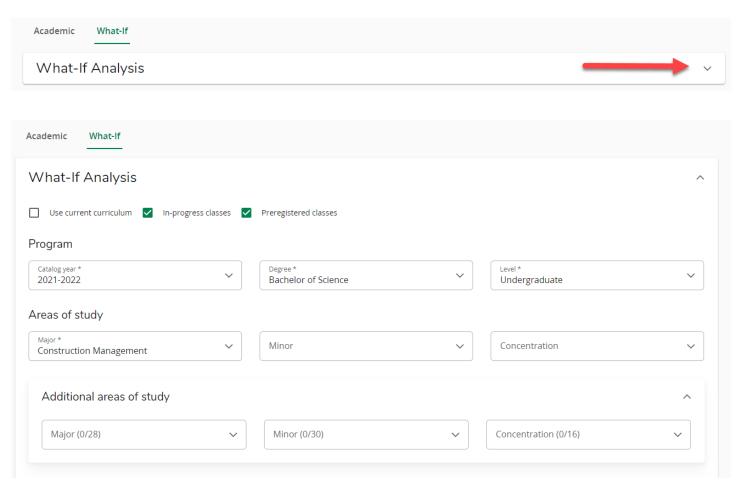


4. Click Process to run the What-If audit.



Please note that exceptions for petitions and other changes to your current major will not appear in a What-if for change of majors. Exceptions will be manually applied to the new major if applicable when the change of major is complete.

5. You will be re-directed to the Student View of your What-If audit. You can print this temporary audit by clicking the **Printer icon** or by using the browsers print menu. When finished, click the **down arrow** to run a new What-If audit or click the **Academic** tab to be taken back to the active program's audit.

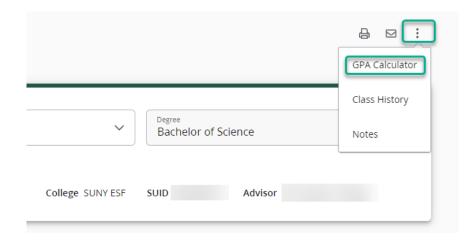


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#### **GPA Calculators**

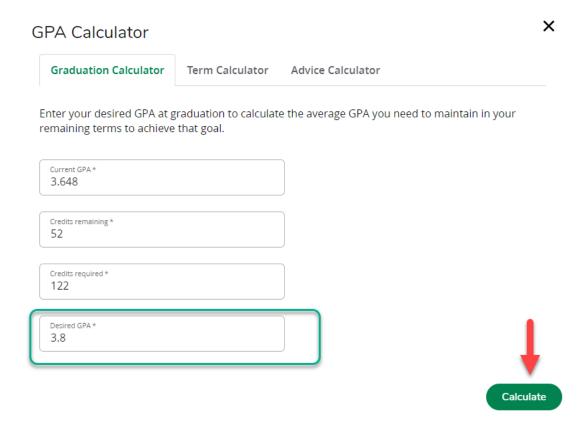
#### **Graduation Calculator**

1. Click the **dotted menu** located in the upper righthand side of the audit. Select **GPA Calculator** from the menu to e taken to the GPA Calculator module. This GPA calculator will inform you if your desired GPA is possible given your current grades and how your desired GPA may be achieved.

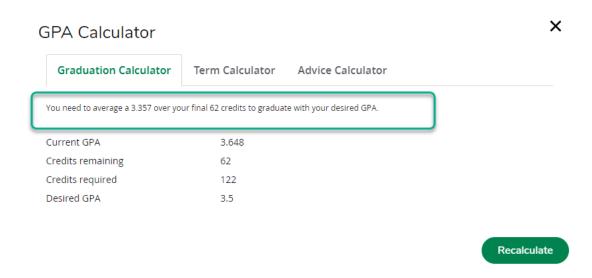


2. Once in the GPA Calculator, you will be taken to the **Graduation Calculator** tab. Your Current GPA, Credits Remaining, and overall Credits Required for your current program of study will be filled in automatically. You will need to enter your Desired GPA.

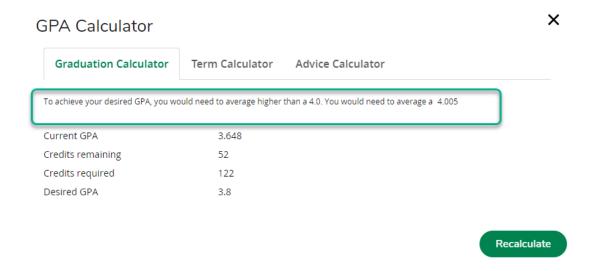
SPA Calculator		>
Graduation Calculator	Term Calculator	Advice Calculator
Enter your desired GPA at g emaining terms to achieve		e the average GPA you need to maintain in your
Current GPA * 3.648		
Credits remaining * 52		
Credits required * 122		
Desired GPA *		
		Calculate



- 3. Click Calculate to see if the Desired GPA is possible.
  - a. Achievable example:

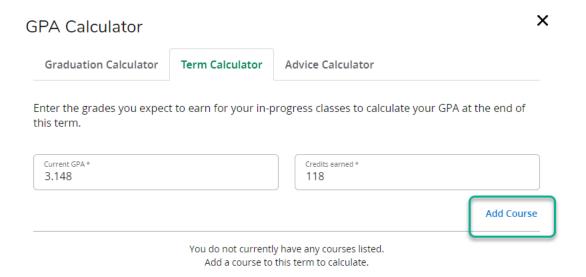


b. Unachievable example:

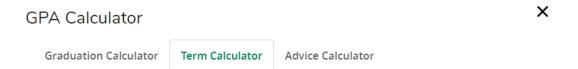


#### **Term Calculator**

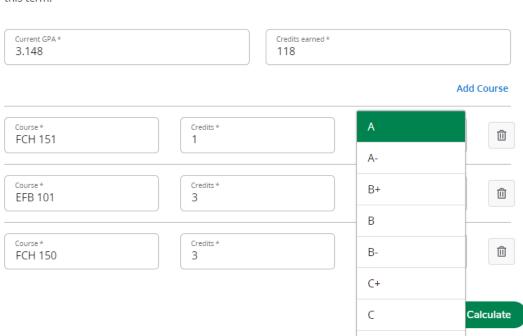
- 1. This GPA calculator calculates your GPA after the current term's grades have been considered. Click on the **Term Calculator** tab.
  - a. If you have in-progress coursework, those courses will auto-populate into the course list along with their credit values. Additionally, you may add courses by clicking on the **Add Course** link in the lower left corner.



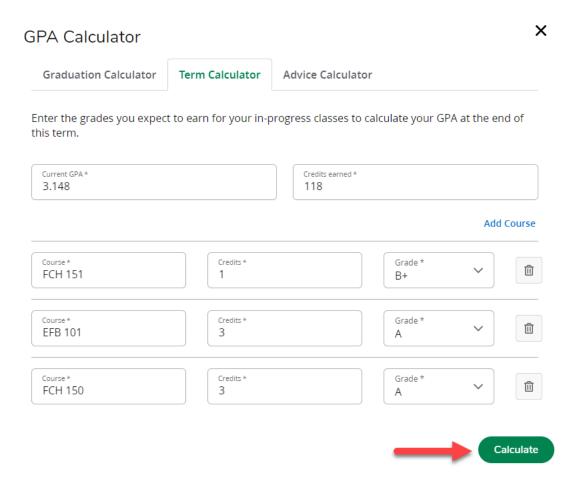
2. Enter the course prefix and number, credits, (if not registered and therefore automatically populated) and estimated grade you wish to have calculated in the GPA.



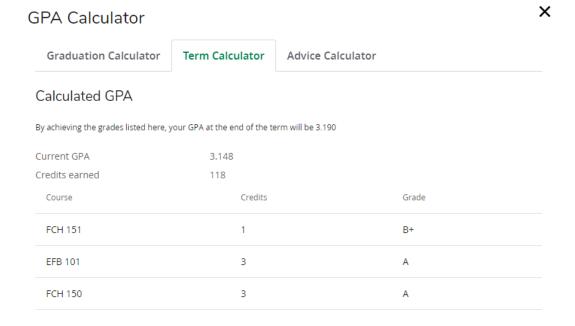
Enter the grades you expect to earn for your in-progress classes to calculate your GPA at the end of this term.



3. Click the Calculate button to view the term's estimated GPA.



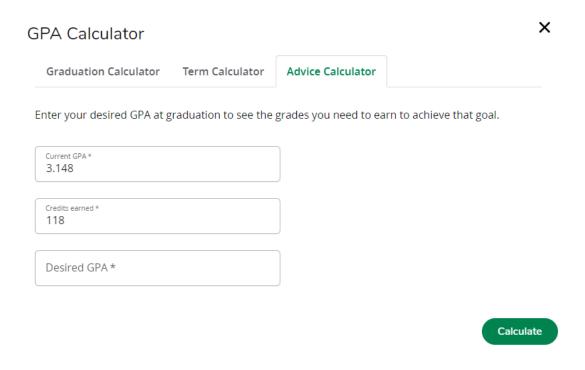
Result displayed from the Term Calculator:



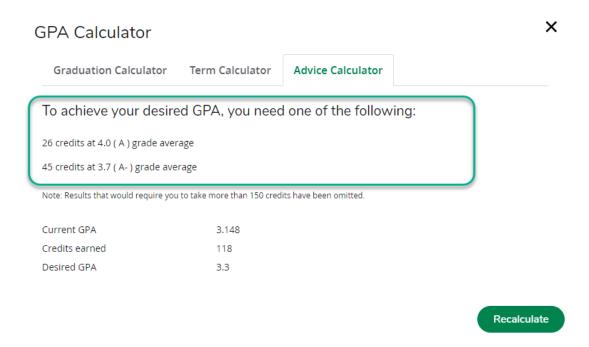
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#### **Advice Calculator**

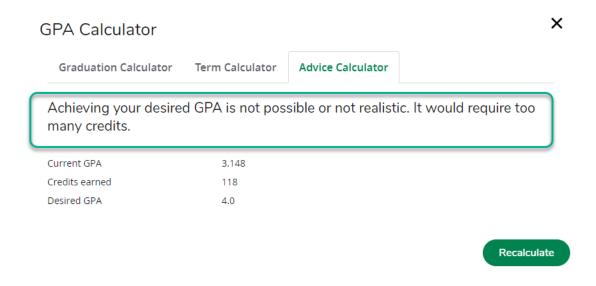
 This GPA calculator displays the various options available to achieve a desired GPA. Click on the Advice Calculator tab.



- 2. The current GPA and credits earned will be auto-populated. Enter the desired GPA and click Calculate.
  - a. Achievable example:



#### b. Unachievable example:



What should I do if I have questions about my audit?

Please review the FAQ for degree works to find answers to your questions. Please contact your Academic Advisor or email Beth Minard at <a href="mailto:emminard@esf.edu">emminard@esf.edu</a> if you still have questions.