

DEGREE WORKSSTUDENT GUIDE

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How to log into Degree Works

Log into Lionet with your credentials.

Scroll to the "Quick Links" section to locate "Degree Evaluation (Degree Works)".



Introduction to Degree Works

Degree Works is an online degree evaluation guide. It is often referred to simply as degree audit or degree evaluation. It is programmed from corresponding published catalog requirements of majors, certificates, and minors. It provides a listing of completed, in-progress, future coursework, and other major, minor, certificate degree requirements. The audit includes completed coursework that may not fulfill any requirements for the declared major or minor. The audit is organized in sections, referred to as cards, with each card outlining specific requirements for fulfilling degree requirements and other supplementary information.

The audit should be used concurrently with the official catalog and consultation with your departmental advisor to ensure all degree requirements are met.

Degree Works is used as the primary graduation checklist tool tracking and displaying the degree requirement completion. However, there may be some requirements that are not able to be documented on the audit therefore, the Office of the Registrar verifies and confirms degree completion.

Which students are eligible to have access to an audit?

Degree Works audits are available to all degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students who have been admitted to MSSU since 2010. Former students and graduates who left MSSU prior to 2010 will be able to access a Degree Works audit if they return to MSSU as degree-seeking students.

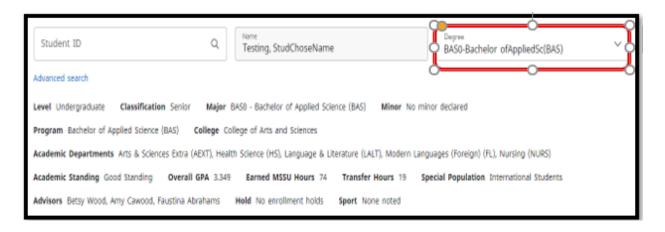
How current is the audit?

The audit is refreshed overnight; therefore, it lags a day with changes and additions applied to the audit.

Header Card - Student Information displays

Student ID, Name, Degree, Level, Classification, Major, Minor, Program, College, Academic Departments (associated with all majors and minors declared), Academic Standing, Overall GPA, Earned MSSU Hours, Special Population (displays only if student is an International student, Benefit receiving Veteran, Athlete, or Honors student) Transfer Hours, Advisors on the student's record, Hold (displays holds that restrict enrollment), and Sport.

The Degree section of the audit can load a maximum of seven active/declared majors accessible through the drop-down feature.



LAYOUT OF AUDIT AND GENERAL GUIDELINES IN INTERPRETING AUDIT DETAILS

Degree Works is organized and laid out as individual **CARDS** that can be expanded or collapsed. The legend below is a summary of how to interpret the characters used in the audit.



Course Information:

- <u>Course description</u>: Most courses are displayed as hyperlinks to the catalog and the online schedule book for future terms if it has been published. If the hyperlink is active, hovering over it will display the full title and the number of credits. Clicking on it will open the course description and future course offerings if published. The future course offerings seat availability posted are usually behind by a day since degree audits refresh overnight.
 - MOTR Missouri Transfer number
 - o Attribute: LOWR Lower division
 - o Attribute: UPPR Upper division
 - Attribute: Alphabet/Numerical# indicates where a course fits in the General Education section
 - o Attribute: M# Office of the Registrar programming coding
- <u>Transfer Equivalencies:</u> Some course descriptions include a list of Transfer equivalences for other institutions. "Transfer equivalences" are tentative equivalent transfer courses that

- may be transferred to MSSU upon the submission of an official transcript. The displayed course is programmed from the published Transfer Guide.
- <u>Transfer courses:</u> Courses that are transferred in will be displayed below the course for which it transferred in as and will have a notation "Satisfied by ...title and course number. transfer institution"
- <u>Prerequisites:</u> Courses that have prerequisites are denoted with the "Clipboard" icon beside them. When you click on the course, it opens the course description.

Card organization and notations displayed

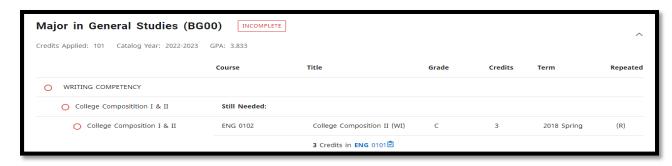
Cards are organized as sections of information meeting degree requirements and other supplemental information. There are cards that all displayed on all audits, while other cards are only displayed depending on the student's major and/or other credits they have.

Most cards display summary information of what is being applied to that card:

- <u>Credits Applied</u> This refers to the total number of credits that are being included in that part of the card and/or into the overall audit.
- <u>Catalog Year</u> It is the catalog year requirements for which the audit is being evaluated.
- <u>GPA</u> This displays the GPA calculated for the courses in that specific card. This could be different from the overall GPA displayed in the header card.
- This notation is displayed on cards with all requirements on that card completed.
- This notation is displayed on cards with some requirements not yet completed.

Within the card, the coursework/requirements are organized in 5-7 columns depending on the card.

- <u>Completion icon</u>: displays if a specific requirement has been completed or not.
- Specific requirement: For example, 1A Social & Behavioral Sciences (6hours)
- Course number: displays the course number if the requirement is met.
 - If the requirement was completed through a transfer course or petition, it will be noted.
 - If the requirement is incomplete, it will be noted by "Still Needed"
- <u>Title:</u> displays the full title of the course. If there are requirements not met, they will be displayed. If the course has a prerequisite, clicking on the course number will display the course description and the prerequisite.
- Grade: displays the grade earned. If it is a course in progress, the grade posted will be "R"
- <u>Credits:</u> displays the number of credits for the course
- <u>Term:</u> displays the term in which the course or requirement was met. If it is one in-progress, it will be in parenthesis. For example, (3).
- Repeated: displays courses that have been repeated with the repeat icon "(R)".



Applied Academic Petitions: An applied academic petition will be posted to the requirement for which it was approved with a notation of the person who processed it and the date it was processed. All applied petitions will be listed together in the "Academic Petitions" card.



TOP RIGHT CORNER RESOURCES



PRINTING/SAVING AN AUDIT

<u>Printing Audit</u>: Click the "Print" icon on the top right corner and follow the print dialog options. Please note that this version of Degree Works prints several pages, (sometimes over 15 pages). You have the option to reduce the print-scale to reduce the number of pages.

You may also save the audits rather than print them.

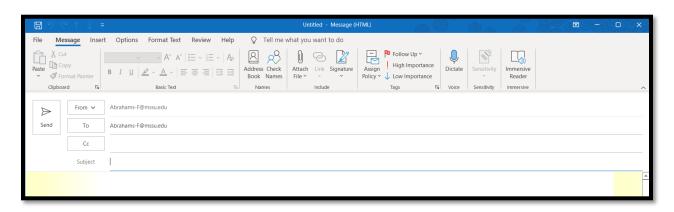
• <u>Saving Audit</u>: Click the "Print" icon on the top right corner, change the default "Printer" destination options to "Save as PDF" option and follow the prompts.

CONTACTING AN ADVISOR

Click on the Envelope icon on the top right. It will open with the names and email address of all advisors listed in the Student Information section.

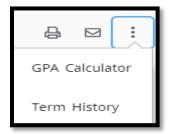


Click on the email address of the advisor of interest to open the outlook email dialogue box.



"ELLIPSE" ICON

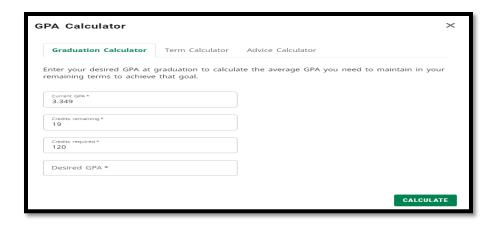
_The Ellipse icon has two features: GPA Calculator and Term History.



GPA CALCULATORS

Students can enter the parameters required for each calculator and the program will calculate an estimated GPA.

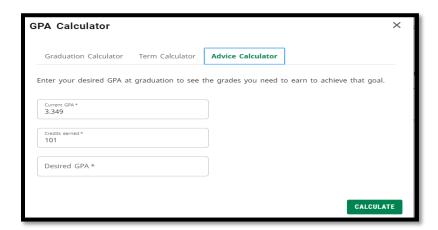
The "<u>Graduation Calculator</u>" accepts current GPA, credits remaining, credits required, and target GPA and calculates the average GPA required to graduate with the target GPA.



The "<u>Term Calculator</u>" accepts current GPA, credits completed, and GPA goals for the term's remaining credits, and projects an end-of-term GPA.

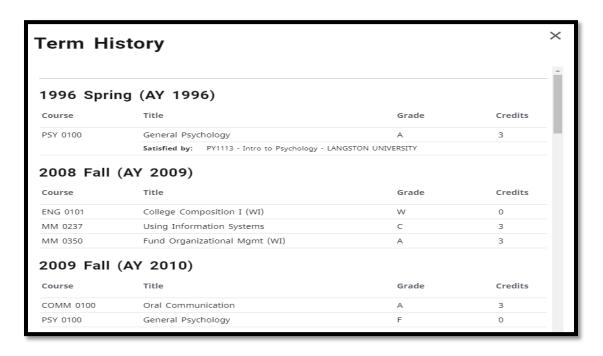


The "<u>Advice Calculator</u>" accepts current GPA, credits earned, and target GPA and returns an average GPA needed to meet target GPA depending on remaining credits requirements.



TERM HISTORY:

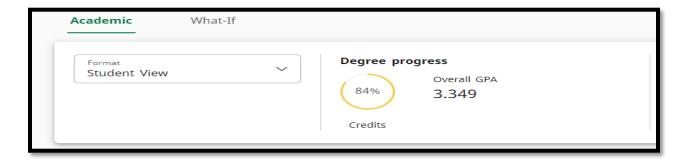
Displays your completed coursework in a semester-by-semester view starting from the earliest to the last semester taken and current in progress courses. Term History can be printed by right-clicking and selecting the print option.



CARDS DISPLAYED ON ALL AUDITS

"ACADEMIC & "WHAT-IF" SECTION

The Academic and What-if card has three features.



DEGREE PROGRESS

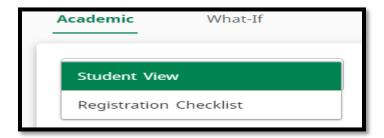
The "<u>Degree Progress – Credits</u>" wheel calculates and displays all credits earned as a percentage of the minimum 120 credits required to graduate. It does not factor in whether the credits completed are credits applicable to the major and/or minor declared or not. The figure SHOULD NOT be used as a measure of how close you are to completing a declared major.

Below is an example of the Degree Progress Wheel showing 100% (student has 126 credits applied), but not all requirements are met as is displayed with the red INCOMPLETE notation in the Program card. Although the Degree Progress Wheel is at 100%, all the degree requirements have not been completed.

The <u>"Degree Progress – Overall GPA"</u> displays the overall GPA also posted in the header card with the student information.

ACADEMIC Tab

This tab has two options, the "Student View" and "Registration Checklist"



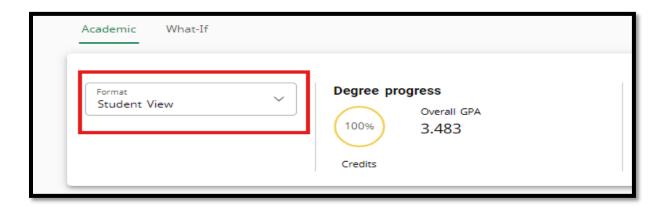
Student View

This is the default audit displaying your current audit. If you have multiple majors, use the drop-down icon in the Degree text field to toggle to the other declared majors.



If you have only one major, there will be no drop-down option.

STUDENT VIEW Cards



PROGRAM CARD

The Program card features a summary of what the student has completed relative to the published catalog of general and degree specific requirements of the Associates/Baccalaureate degree.

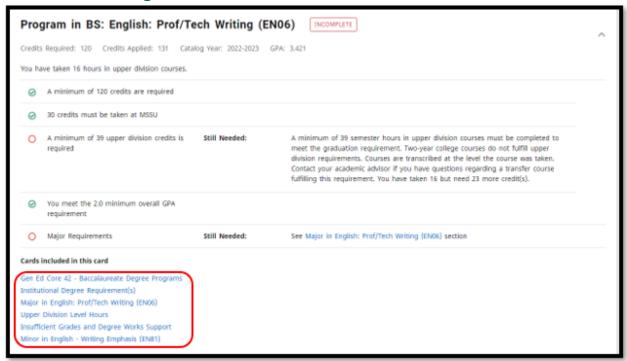
For the general degree requirements, the card displays the requirement, what has been completed, whether it is complete/incomplete, and what is still needed to meet the requirement.

For the program specific requirements, the card displays the link to the program requirements card.

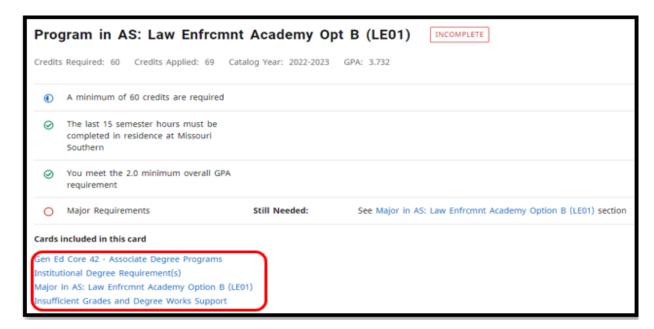
The card displays if all the requirements are completed or not completed with "COMPLETE" or "INCOMPLETE" notations. Hovering on the COMPLETE icon will display the message "Great job, this set of requirements are complete!". Hovering over the INCOMPLETE icon displays the message, "Not complete".

The blue texts in the Program card are hyperlinks to specific cards. Clicking on any of them would take you to that specific card.

Baccalaureate Programs Card



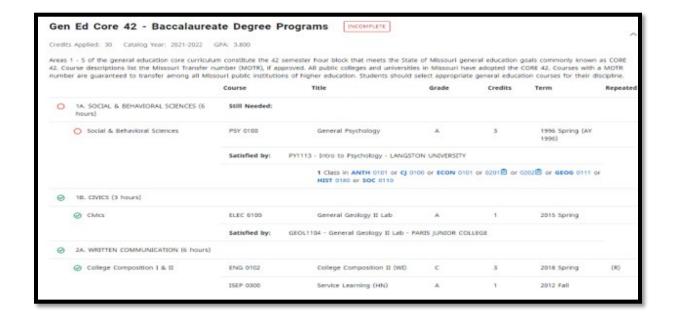
Associate Programs Card



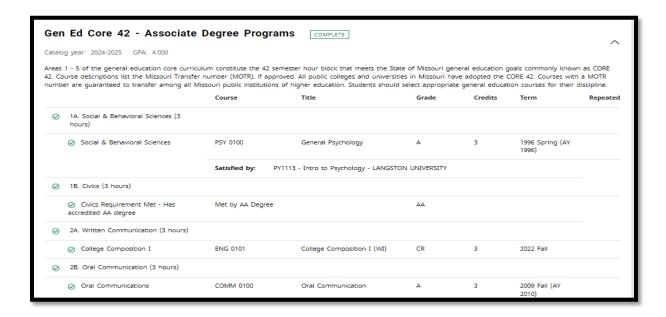
GEN ED CORE 42 BACCALAUREATE/ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS CARD

The Gen Ed Core 42 for baccalaureate programs is different from Gen Ed Core 42 for associates' programs because there are different requirements.

GEN ED CORE 42 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS CARD

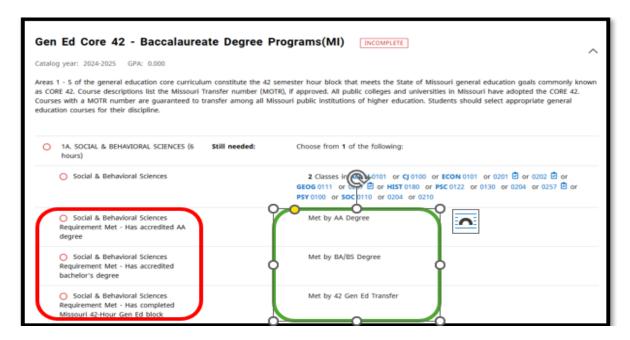


GEN ED CORE 42 ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS CARD



*Gen Ed Core 42 Card Defect Notification on Degree Works Version 5.1.2.1 (creating confusion on Gen Ed Core 42 Card)

On some audits, the Gen Ed. Core 42 card may be displaying statements such as "Met by AA DEGREE", "Met by BA/BS Degree", "Met by 42 Gen Ed Transfer" while the card is still showing red circles indicating "unmet requirements". Typically, these statements are only displayed for students with these credentials met and are programmed behind the scenes. At this time, we have this defect where these statements are displayed even when those requirements have not been met. We know this may be confusing as it is to us as well. Until this defect is addressed, when those statements are displayed, along with the red circles indicating unmet requirements, consider those red circled requirements as unmet requirements. See example below.

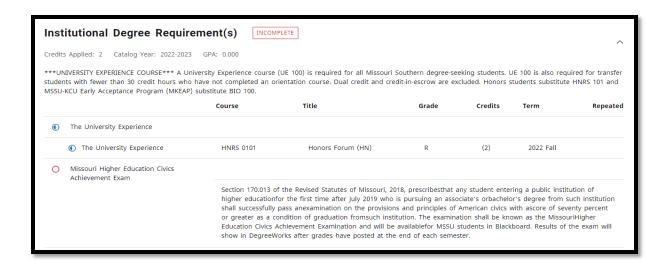


In this screenshot above, note that the green highlighted sections show the Met by statements, yet the red highlighted sections show red circles indicating unmet requirements.

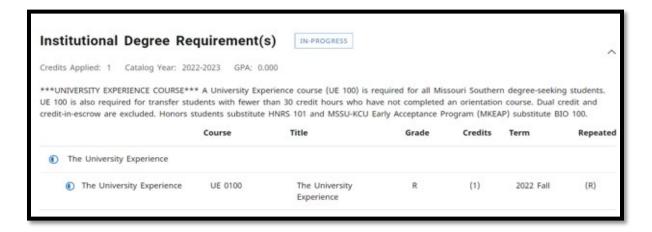
To interpret this card, the requirements with the red circles are unmet.

INSTITUTIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS CARD

- <u>University Experience:</u> The UE 100 is required for all first-time degree-seeking students at
 Missouri Southern and for all transfer students with fewer than 30 credit hours who did not
 transfer in an orientation class. Some specific programs may have substitute classes that
 meet this requirement.
- Missouri Civics Achievement Exam is required for all first-time freshmen pursuing and
 associates or bachelor level programs, admitted to MSSU starting the fall of 2019. Transfer
 students are not required to take it. If a student is required to take the exam, the card will
 display the requirement either as completed or incomplete. See example below of one
 displaying incomplete.



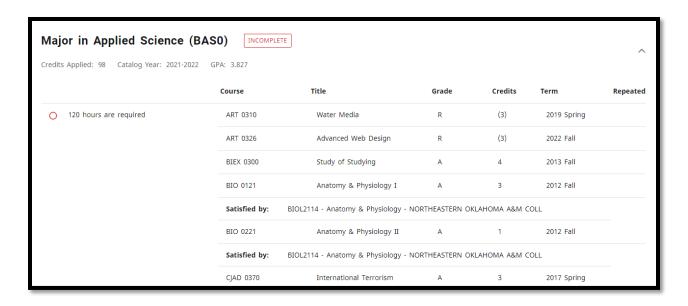
The screenshot below demonstrates the same card for transfer students. Notice the card does not populate Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement Exam section.



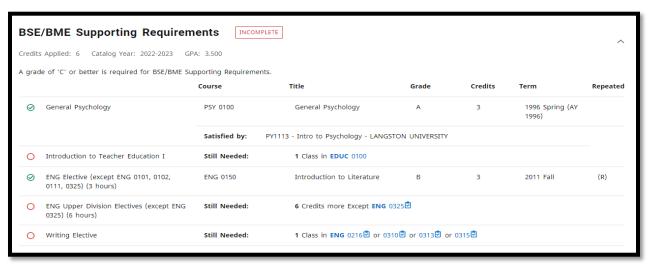
If a transfer student transfers in the Civics exam, we post it to their transcript.

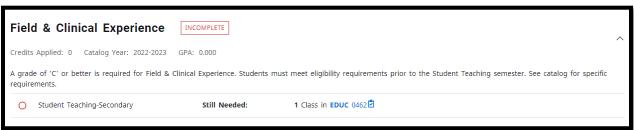
MAJOR CARD(S)

In general, this card displays the major specific requirements. However, if the major requirements are organized in sections such as majors with a separate supporting requirements section, then there may be multiple cards for each of the required sections. For example, Education majors may have other Major cards such as BSE/BME Supporting Requirements



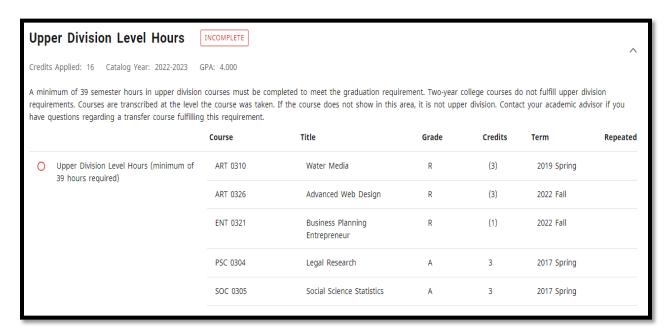
Examples of other Education majors' cards





UPPER DIVISION (UD) LEVEL HOURS CARD

- This card is displayed only for bachelor level programs. Students pursuing a bachelor's degree must complete at least 39 upper division credits.
- Upper division courses are courses that are 300 level and above.
- This card displays the first 39 upper division credits earned to meet the 39 Upper Division graduation requirement. It does not factor in program specific upper division requirements completed.
- Any UD credits completed after the first 39 credits will be populated in the major and "Additional Courses" cards as applicable.



Transfer courses from 2-year colleges:

- Transfer courses are transcribed at the level the course was taken.
- Transfer courses that are articulated as upper division courses at MSSU will not be automatically given the UD attribute and will not count towards the upper division requirements. This means such courses will not be displayed on the Upper Division card.
- Students may work with their advisor to explore submitting an academic petition to have the course count as meeting the 39 UP requirements.

INSUFFICIENT GRADES AND DEGREE WORKS SUPPORT CARD

This card tracks and displays courses for which the student has an Incomplete (IN), In-Progress (IP), or No (NO) Grades.

Apart from Certificate only seeking students, all other degree earners, cannot graduate with an "IN", "IP", or "NO" grades regardless of the major they are graduating with.

Both the support information and grade section will show complete unless the student has an "IN",

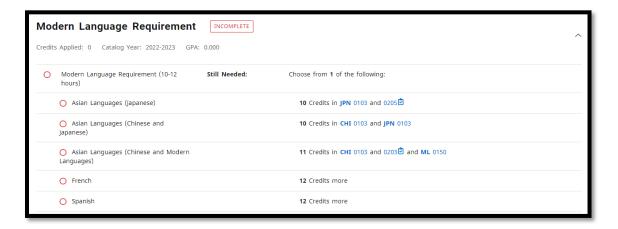
"IP", or "NO" grade.



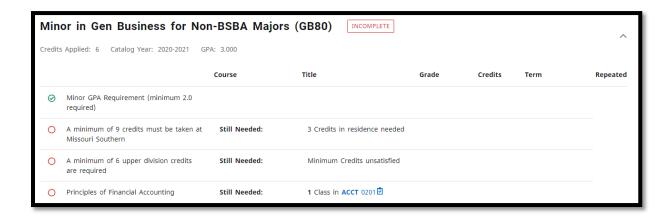
OTHER DISPLAYED CARDS

Other displayed cards are dependent on factors such as, Bachelor of Arts majors requiring Modern Languages credits, majors that have other specific requirements, minors, students with notes, etc.

MODERN LANGUAGES REQUIREMENT CARD (displayed if BA major)

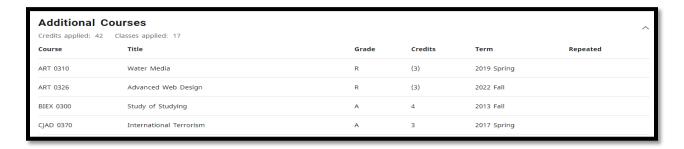


MINOR CARD (IF DECLARED)



ADDITIONAL COURSES CARD

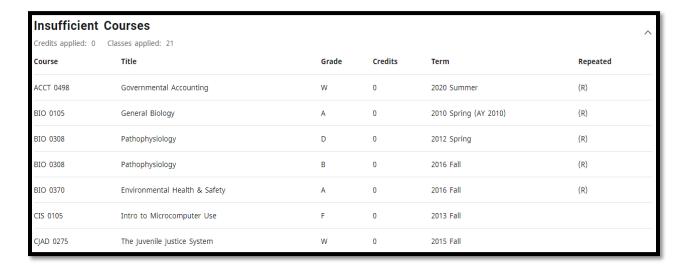
The "Additional Courses" card displays transferred associate's degrees with a notation showing "Met", and courses which are not required or used in any of the other degree requirement cards. Courses in this card count in the student's GPA and toward the total hours required for graduation.



INSUFFICIENT COURSES CARD

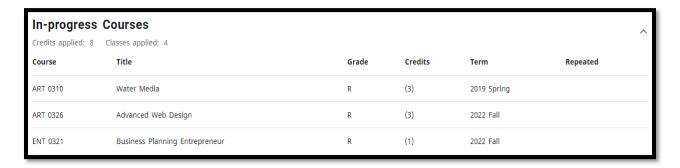
The "Insufficient Courses" card will show courses that have "F" grades (Fail), "W" grades (Withdrawn), "IN" grades (Incomplete), "IP" grades (In Progress), "NO" grades (grades not reported), and "(R)" grades (Repeated Courses). Courses listed on this card are not counted toward degree requirements.

In some instances, a repeated course will be displayed on this card, until it is completed at which time the audit updates and moves it to the appropriate position applying the MSSU repeat policy. Courses in this card do not count in the student's GPA or toward the total hours required for graduation.



IN-PROGRESS COURSES CARD

The "In-Progress Courses" card of the audit shows courses for which you have registered but not completed. This section also includes courses that you have pre-registered for a future term that has not yet started.



NOT COUNTED COURSES CARD

The "Not Counted Courses" card lists courses that are below the 100 level which are generally excluded from degree requirements. For example, ENG 80.



ACADEMIC PETITIONS CARD

This section displays all approved academic petitions that have been programmed for your audit. Disregard the Block and Enforced column information. Those columns are informational notifications intended for the Office of the Registrar staff.



NOTES CARD

The notes card displays informational notes that advisors or staff have posted to your record.

Notes		
Description	Created on	Created by
Student was advised to apply for graduation.	05/27/2021	Cawood, Amy Noel
testing	03/09/2021	Callari, Mariah M
Testing-Degree Works 2020	11/19/2020	Callari, Mariah M

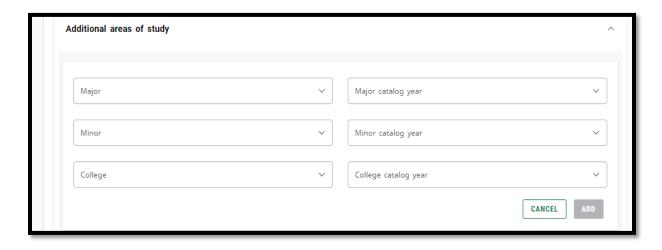
"WHAT-IF" TAB

The What-If tab serves two functions:

- i. For students with multiple majors/credentials, it is used to view the full degree requirements for each of the majors independent of the others.
- ii. It is used to explore requirements of another major, minor, or catalog year without officially making changes to the major/minor/catalog year.

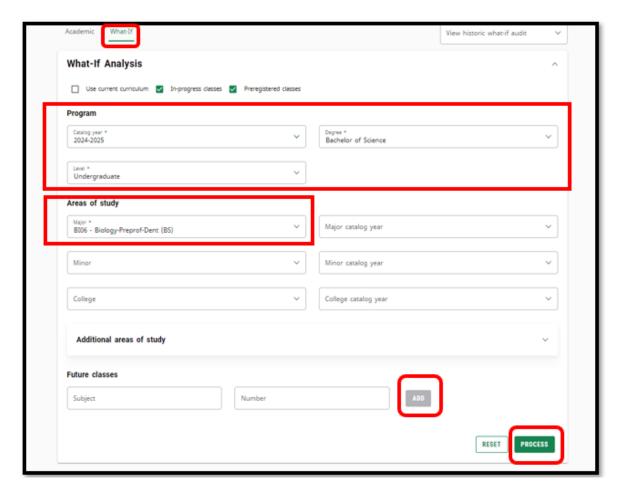
When processing a "What-If" analysis, there are multiple items to enter: Some items are required, and some are optional, but you can choose also. Items that are required have * beside them and noted as red in the section below

- a. Determine whether to use Current curriculum, In-progress classes, preregistered classes.
 The system defaults to n-progress classes and Preregistered classes already selected for you.
 It is recommended that leave it with the default, but you can choose to uncheck those to see what the audit will look like without those.
- b. Program
 - a. Catalog year (choose the catalog year of your declared major or the major you are exploring)
 - b. Degree type (For example, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Associate of Science, etc.)
 - c. Level (Undergraduate or Graduate)
- c. Areas of Study
 - a. Major (This starts with the major code, the major description, and the degree type. For example, BIO6 Biology-Preprof-Dent (BS))
 - b. Major catalog year (will default to what you selected in the Program area)
 - c. Minor (if exploring a minor)
 - d. Minor catalog year
 - e. College
 - f. College catalog year
 - g. catalog year College
- d. Additional areas of study this allows you to add other majors or minors

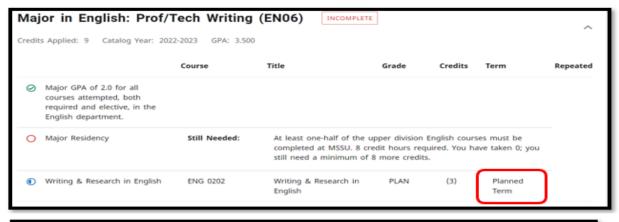


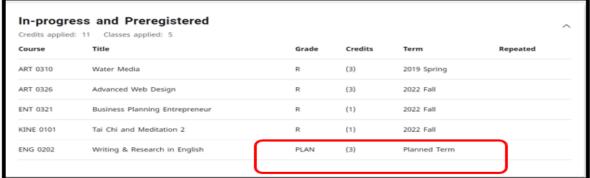
- e. Future classes (optional if you want to explore adding future classes)
- Subject enter 3-4 letter Subject prefix. For ex., BIO
- Number enter 4-digit Course number. For ex., 0108

If adding future classes, click on "Add"
When all the criteria have been selected, click on "PROCESS"



If Future courses are processed in a "What-If" analysis, it will show up as a "Planned Term" on the card where that requirement was needed, and in the "In-progress" card as a "Planned Term". In the example below, ENG 202 is a required course for the student's major. A "What-If Future course" ENG 202 was processed, and it was posted to the "Major" in English card and in the "In-progress" card as seen below.





If the ENG 202 were not a requirement, but an elective, it will show up in the "Additional Courses" card.

To process another "What-If" analysis, you have two options:

- i. Click on the "RESET" button to refresh the page and give you a new "What-If" audit page.
- ii. Click the **Academic** tab to get out of the "What-If" tab and then click back on the "What-If" tab.

The system saves the last three "What-If" audits processed.

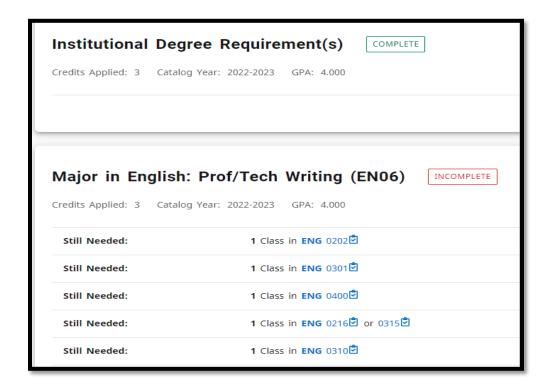
ACADEMIC - REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

This is the drop down displays summary of completed requirements and incomplete requirements organized in cards.

For cards with completed requirements, the program does not list them individually.

For cards with incomplete requirements, it lists only the requirements not yet met.

The card does not list electives needed to meet graduation requirements.

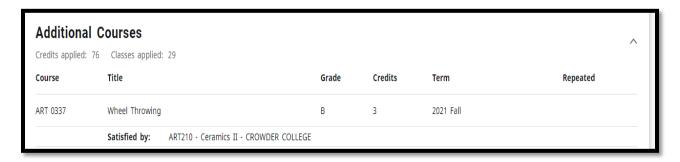


TROUBLESHOOTING AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

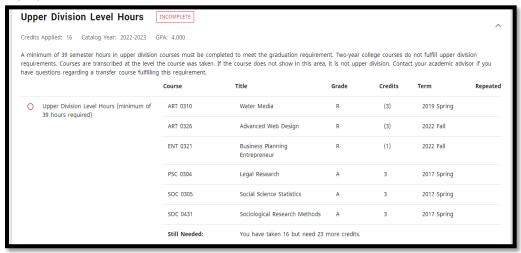
Upper Division Credits related to transfer credits from 2-year colleges

As published in the catalog, transfer courses will be granted lower or upper division attributes based on how the course was originally taken. Credits from two-year colleges will be accepted for lower-level credit only. Students may receive course credit for a 300 or 400 level course, but the credit will not count toward the upper division credit required for a baccalaureate degree.

For example, a student transferred in ART 210 from Crowder and the course is equivalent to MSSU ART 337 so that class is applied to the student's transcript and audit.



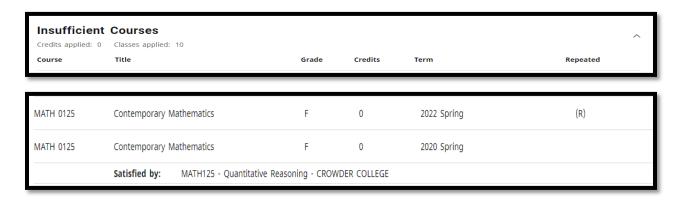
The course is not a degree requirement, so it is posted to the "Additional Courses" card as ART 337. However, since the course was taken at a 2-year community college, it is not eligible to receive upper division attribute and therefore, it is not posted to the "Upper Division Level Hours" card as displayed below.



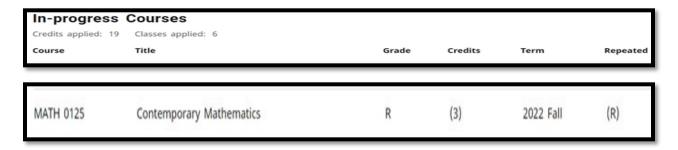
Repeated Courses

The Degree Works auditor places repeated courses into the audit based on grades of previous attempts. Below are two examples of the most common type of placement.

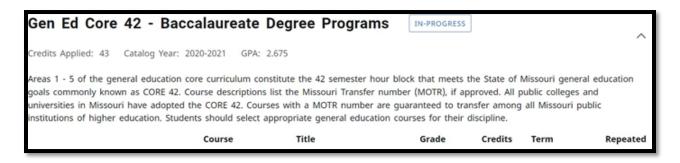
Example 1: The student has two previous attempts for MATH 0125 with grades of "F" placed in the Insufficient Courses card.



When the student has a failing grade, you can expect the next attempt to show in two places on the audit, the In-Progress Courses card, and the area that it fulfills within the major (such as a Gen Ed requirement or a specific course for the major). In this case, the course is applied to the Gen Ed. The student is currently enrolled in MATH 0125 as indicated on the In Progress Courses card.

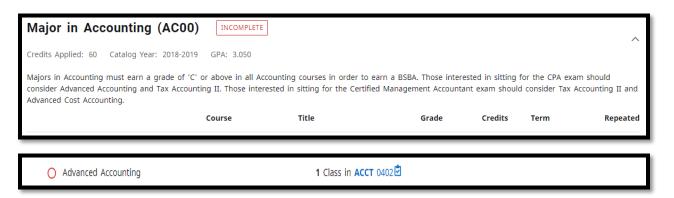


The in-progress course also shows up on the Gen Ed Core 42-Baccalaureate Degree Program card.





Example 2: The student is required to take ACCT 0402 for the Major in Accounting. The requirement does not show met because the student received a "D" grade but needed to have a minimum of a "C" grade.



The student is now currently enrolled in the course again. The new attempt shows up on the In-Progress Courses card.



The course can also be found on the Insufficient Courses card. It will stay there until a new grade posts. If it is a "C" grade or better, it will move to the Major in Accounting card and show the requirement as met.



Academic Petitions that occasionally seem to disappear

Approved petitions are usually applied to specific degree requirements. Petitions can fall off or become unhooked due to one or more reasons:

- Because the programming behind the scenes drops an applied petition when there is a change in major, minor, or catalog year on the premise that the petition no longer applies.
- Petitions may unintentionally become unhooked due to periodic Degree Works updates, and it may be unknown to the audit programmers.
- Though petitions may get unhooked from its applied position, it will remain listed in the Academic Petitions card of the audit.

If you notice that a once approved petition has disappeared from where it used to be, contact the Office of the Registrar to discuss reapplying it, if it is still applicable to the degree.

Missouri Civics Achievement Exam

The Missouri Civics Achievement Exam Card is only displayed if a student is required to take the exam and has not passed it with the minimum score of 70%.

- The Civics achievement exam is a state of Missouri graduation required effective fall of 2019 for first-time college students pursuing an associate or bachelor's degree.
- At MSSU, this applies to all first-time degree seeking students admitted starting Fall 2019.
- Dual credit students who transfer in credits are still required to pass the exam if they are admitted as first-time freshmen.
- Transfer students are excluded.
- Students must pass with at least 70% score on the exam.
- Applicable students will not earn their degree if they don't pass the exam. The requirement is included on the graduation checklist.
- This exam is different from other civics exams taken in high schools.
- At Southern, the exam is delivered through the CIVX 100 resource course on Blackboard.
- All students required to take the exam will be automatically enrolled in the course the Friday before the semester starts.
- Every semester, students who have not passed the exam will be enrolled in the course, until they pass.
- The audit and transcript of students who pass the exam will be updated at the end of the semester.
- Students are not to be dropped from the class. The Office of the Registrar is the only department that enrolls and drops students from the class if needed. Students are only dropped if they drop all their classes and are therefore not enrolled.

Also available for reference is the "Degree Works Frequently Asked Questions" and the Degree Works video tutorials posted on the Office of the Registrar website.

For general questions regarding an audit, contact the Office of the Registrar at degreeworks@mssu.edu