# **DEGREEWORKS 101**

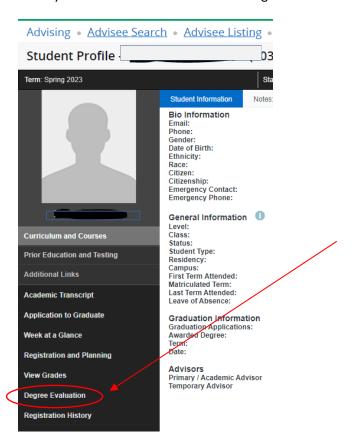
## Navigating to an audit

You can get to DegreeWorks from either 1) go to <a href="www.canton.edu">www.canton.edu</a>, use the Students drop-down menu to find the link to DegreeWorks, 2) use the Degree Evaluation link in your Advisors menu or 3) go to your Advisee Listing and click on the view link for each student under the Degree Evaluation column or 4) just go directly to <a href="can.degreeworks.suny.edu">can.degreeworks.suny.edu</a>

#### Advisor Menu:



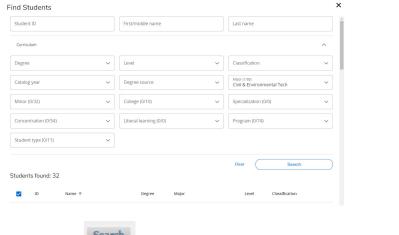
Faculty advisors can also find a link to Degree Evaluation in their students' profiles:



Once logged in, if the student does not come up automatically, you can type in a student ID and press enter or click 'Advanced Search' to look up a student



Find students by name/ID, or search for all of your students within a specific major, minor, class standing, academic year, or attribute code:



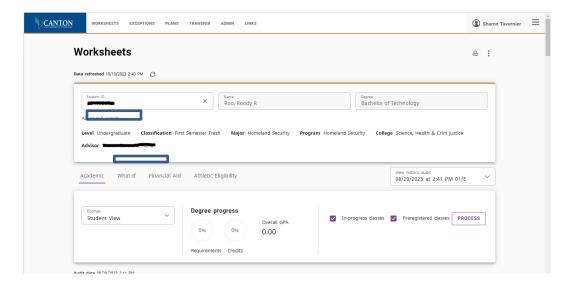
Press the button. You can choose the whole list or just certain individuals

## Interpreting the Degree Audit:

#### Audits are separated into "blocks" of information

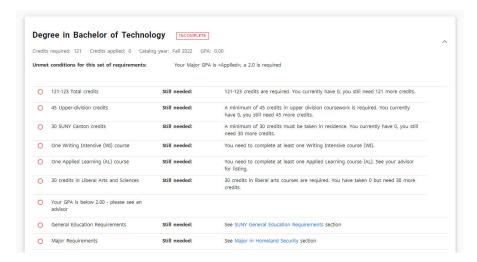
The first block contains the Student Information: This is what is currently in the student's BANNER record. Advisor, major, minor and overall GPA are listed here. Note the Requirements and Credits bars that help the student get a sense of what percentage of the requirements are done. The Registrar's office uses the Requirements bar to sleuth out students that are close to completing their degrees.

Note: Can toggle on/off both In-progress courses and preregistered courses as needed



**Note the Degree Progress "speed dials".** This gives the student and advisor a ballpark idea of where they are at towards degree completion. DegreeWorks mostly counts in-progress and pre-registered courses into the Requirements percentage. However, the student who is in their last semester will sit at 98 or 99% until that semester is totally complete. Audit will not reach 100% while courses are still in progress.

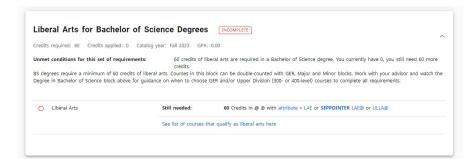
**Degree Block: Overall degree requirements** – how many total credits needed, if courses are still needed in GER's or in the major, if the GPA is sufficient for graduation or not, residency credits, Writing Intensive (WI) and Applied Learning requirements, upper division and liberal arts counters.



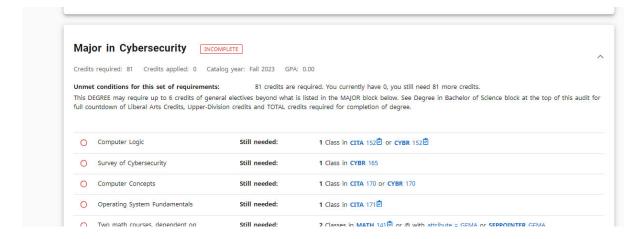
**General Education Block**: Listed for informational purposes in Associate's degrees, part of the requirements for Bachelor's degrees. If course is still needed then advice lists all of the courses that could fit that requirement. This block will count any courses that are GER's not solely the ones that have been designated as required for your degree program.



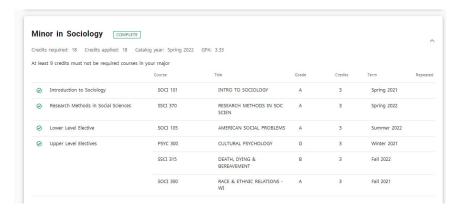
**Liberal Arts Block:** Only listed for BS degrees. The Bachelor of Science requires that 50% of the degree is in Liberal Arts. However, the liberal arts courses can be used to meet any other degree requirements. This block is solely used to reach the total count of liberal arts:



**Major Block:** Will list all of the courses specifically required for the degree. There can be duplication with the above block, since often a course that is specifically required also meets a GER.

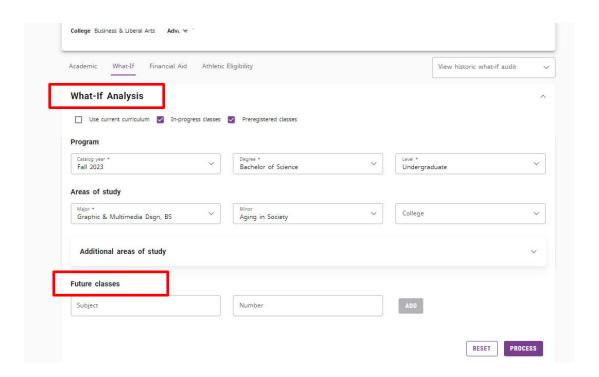


Minor Block: If the student has a Minor declared, then a minor block will be listed as well:



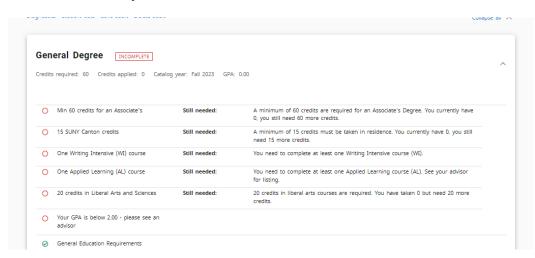
What If allows the student (or advisor) to view their completed and in-progress course work against other possible majors or minors:

Future Classes can be used to plan ahead to see where anticipated courses will fit into the audit



### Common points of confusion:

- **The Worksheet view (initial view)** is not meant to be a semester-by-semester planning tool. It is a degree audit and reviews the courses that have been taken against the courses that are required. It is not meant to dictate the exact 5 courses that the student should be taking next semester. See PLANS for that functionality
- **CATALOG YEAR** Degree requirements do change over time, but the student has the right to complete the requirements that were in place when the student entered the program (typically up to seven years). However, if it is to the student's advantage to switch to a newer catalog year and set of requirements, THE STUDENT is allowed to make that change.
- **TRANSFER CREDIT** If transfer credit does not appear, be sure that it is on the student's record at Canton. See **Class History** at top of audit or look up transcript in UCanWeb to determine if the course shows up here. Check with the dean's office first, to determine if the issue needs to be fixed in Banner or done by petition.
- COURSES used differently on the electronic audit than what the advisor expects. Naturally, there will be some variability when the degree offers flexibility. The auditor attempts to fill the audit as much as possible (achieve the highest percent complete it can). This does not mean DegreeWorks is wrong. We can adjust the programming some to push certain courses to be used before others. Contact one of the DegreeWorks administrators to discuss.
- **UNDECLARED/001/PRE-MAJOR** students who are not fully admitted to their intended degree program will not have a degree audit for their intended major. Instead, they will get a block that tells them to declare a major and use the What-If feature.



BEYOND THE AUDIT (covered more in DegreeWorks 201 or in additional handouts)

Plans – blank planning worksheet or find a template. <u>See details in separate document.</u> https://www.canton.edu/media/pdf/DegreeWorksPLANS.pdf

Transfer – Students can use this to see how courses taken in Canton could be transferred to other campuses.



**GPA Calc** – There are three kinds of GPA Calculators:

The **Graduation Calculator** lets students figure out what they need to do to achieve a specific GPA upon degree completion.

The **Term Calculator** should automatically fill in the current semester's courses, and allow the student to estimate their grade in each course.

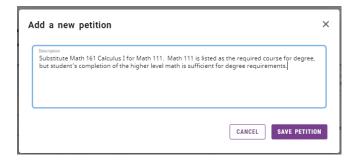
The **Advice Calculator** lets the student know what it will take to attain a specific GPA.

Class History – displays the student's course history in chronological order (looks much more like a transcript)

**Notes** – Advising Notes – can be free form. Helpful for documenting conversations with the student as you meet with them, especially those that relate specifically to degree progress. NOTES BECOME PART OF THE STUDENT RECORD AND CAN BE SEEN BY THE STUDENT UPON REQUEST.

**Petitions** – Use this page to submit individual requests for exceptions to published degree requirements. **Text is free-form, but a clear request and rationale are critical to approval.** Advisors submit on behalf of their students. Students cannot submit these. Upon save, the petition will be in the dean's queue for review to approve or reject.





#### Examples:

"Substitute JUST 299 JUST Elective for JUST 350 Victimization. Course content is similar, but taught at a lower division so cannot transfer directly."

"Waive FYEP 101 because student completed BASK 051 with a grade of B." or "Waive FYEP 101 based on completion of 30 college-level credits".

"Substitute Math 161 Calculus I for Math 111. Math 111 is listed as the required course for degree, but student's completion of the higher level math is sufficient for degree requirements."

Deans can approve or reject petition requests. Updates can be found under the "View petitions" link. If the dean approves the request, the substitution can be updated directly on the student's audit. This will be handled by the staff in each dean's office.

The audit will indicate that the requirement is met and what substitution was done:

