Degree Works: Auditing Student Progress in the Digital Age

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How it works

Banner Data Extract
- Nightly automatic refresh with Banner data with on-demand manual refresh available
- Curriculum (degree(s), majors, concentrations, and minors) and all academic records (transfer work, current registration, etc.) included

Scribe Programming Language
- Published degree requirements are translated to Scribe, a proprietary programming language
- Recognizes all courses in current OSU catalog

Degree Audit Process (DAP)
- Complex algorithm evaluates coursework and applies it to requirement with the “best fit”
- Re-evaluates after any change in the student record

Tools available now

Advising
- Digital – all students, faculty, and staff have access online
- Transparent – all aspects of a students record clearly displayed with accurate progress toward graduation
- Dynamic – data updated nightly to reflect current curriculum and academic record status

What If & Look Ahead
- Shows students new audit based on hypothetical program changes (e.g. new major, added minor) and/or registration choices

GPA Estimators
- Three distinct GPA estimators that auto-populate with student-specific information and current registration

Transfer Equivalency Self-Service
- Prospective student portal that uses self reported transfer work to generate an OSU degree audit like the What If tool

Student Educational Planner
- Integration of Finish in Four advising plans and Banner registration plans
- Provides semester-by-semester registration guide with accompanying customized audit

Course Program of Study
- Automated review of current registration degree applicability to evaluate Federal financial aid eligibility

(Near) future tools

Reading Degree Works

A – Overall Requirements Summary
- All OSU and State Regents’ requirements calculated live
- Overview of each section of the degree (e.g. General Education, Major) with ADA compliant color-coded display of status:

Legend

- Required
- Required except for classes in progress
- Prerequisite(s) required
- Not complete
- Nearly complete – see advisor
- Willed/see FAQ

B – Substitutions/Waivers
- Individual substitutions/waivers entered directly into the system
- Clear long before graduation whether or not approval was granted

C – Dynamic Advice
- Automatically displays which course options are available along with a live remaining credit count
- Full functionality with course catalog; links to course descriptions, offerings, prerequisites, etc.

D – Non-Degree Applicable
- Collects courses that cannot be counted toward degree requirements
- Exception – “In-progress” courses repeated in audit and independent of degree applicability