Wake Forest University DegreeWorks Training User Guide Students

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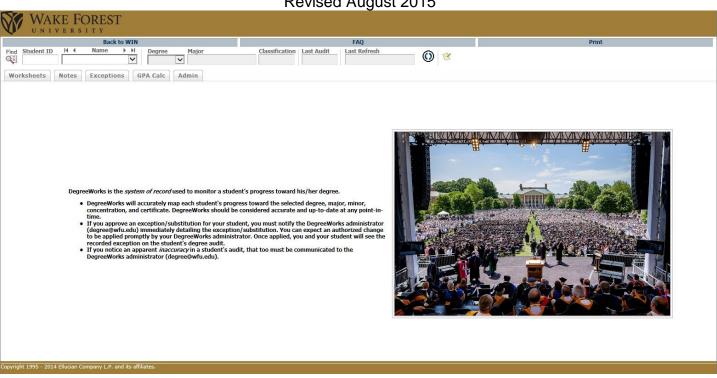


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Introduction

Content Intentions

This manual is intended to be used by the students at Wake Forest University. Some of the information and instructions below are similar, if not the same, for all users across the university; however, some of the features and functions are specifically for students. Therefore, it is advised that users find and use their designated manual according to their position at the university. The other manuals and additional information are listed on the DegreeWorks page: http://registrar.wfu.edu/degreeworks

What is DegreeWorks?

DegreeWorks is the **system of record** used to monitor a student's progress toward his or her degree. DegreeWorks will accurately map each student's progress toward the selected degree, major, minor, concentration, and/or certificate.

DegreeWorks will replace the Degree Evaluation function provided in students' WIN accounts to view students' audits. DegreeWorks is similar to Degree Evaluation. However, DegreeWorks will provide an easy-to-read worksheet that will help the student see what courses and requirements he or she will still need to complete. In addition, DegreeWorks will present more functions and options for a student to accurately view his or her progress towards his or her program degree, major, minor, concentration, and/or certificate.

What are the Functions provided in DegreeWorks?

Administrators, Advisors and Students will be able to:

- View the academic requirements for the students' major(s) & minor(s)
- Learn the academic requirements for the students' degree program(s) and see how all completed courses apply to degree requirements
- Identify courses needed to complete their program(s)
- View their cumulative grade-point-average (GPA)
- View transfer credit hours earned
- Calculate a GPA based on their performance for the term
- Create What-If (e.g. "What-If" the student wants to change his or her major) audits/evaluation based on current class history
- Estimate how many semesters it will take to graduate

NOTES: If you notice an apparent inaccuracy in the audit, you must communicate to the DegreeWorks administrator (degree@wfu.edu).

The purpose of DegreeWorks is to assist and facilitate academic advising and track a student's progress towards his or her degree program(s) and requirements. It is not intended to replace face-to-face academic advising sessions.

DegreeWorks is not an official academic transcript; it is an official system of records.

DegreeWorks Features & Functions

Definitions & Descriptions by Sections

DegreeWorks TABs

Worksheets (Default Tab) (pg. 13)	This tab will display the student's degree checklist and will offer most features and functions in DegreeWorks. Students will spend most of their time on this page to access information on progress towards a degree, view History Reports, generate What-If scenarios, and Look Ahead possibilities.
This tab will allow students to plan their academic courses we their advisor for future semester(s). This tab is currently unavailable. It will be available to all users soon.	
GPA Calculator (pg. 31)	This tab will provide different options to calculate GPA based on the criteria the student or advisor enters.

Degree Checklist Viewing Format

Student View (Default View) (pg. 14)	Provides general information about the student's complete and incomplete requirements, in progress and pre-registered courses, grouped into logical sections/blocks.
Registration Checklist (pg. 15)	Shows only the student's unfulfilled requirements that are "Still Needed" on the checklist.

Worksheets Buttons

View (pg. 13)	If users want to view a different format of audit, select the option from the degree format drop-down menu and click the View button.
Save as PDF (pg. 13)	This button will allow users to either save or print the audit while retaining the formatting.

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Worksheets Features

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Look Ahead (pg. 29)	Displays an audit after users enter in projected courses for the following semester(s). The audit will show how the projected courses will be applied to the audit.

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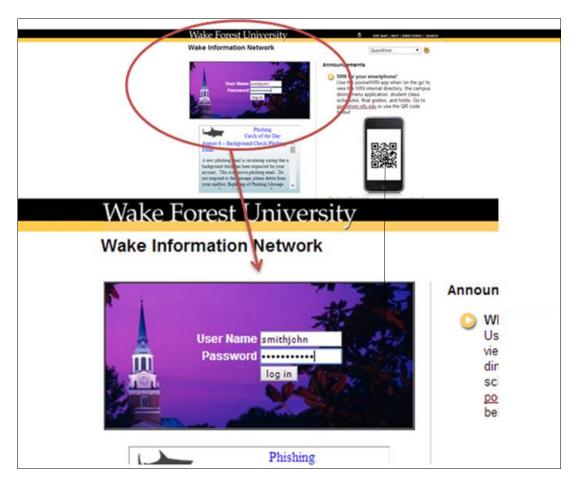
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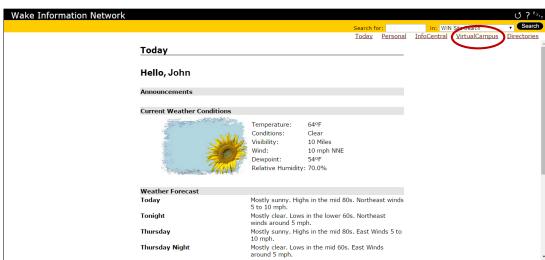
Access to DegreeWorks

Log-In

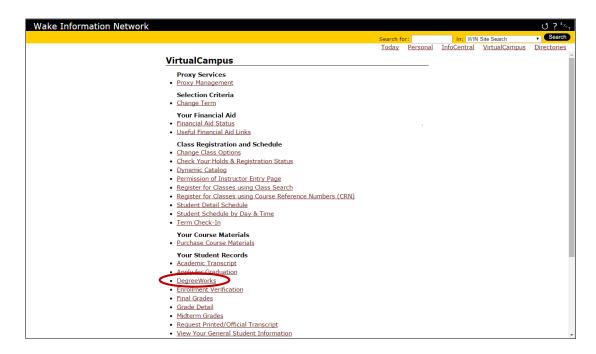
1. Go to
http://win.wfu.edu
and log-in to your
WIN account



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Campus in the
upper right-hand
corner



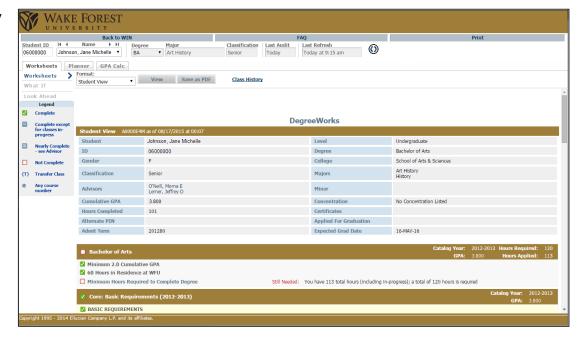
Scroll down and click on DegreeWorks



 Select the current semester **Term** if asked and click **Submit**



You will automatically Access your DegreeWorks page

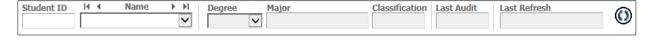


Toolbars

Navigation Toolbar

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FAQ	This will o	directly go to a FAQ webpage	
Print	This will a	allow the user to print the curr	rent page.

Audit Toolbar



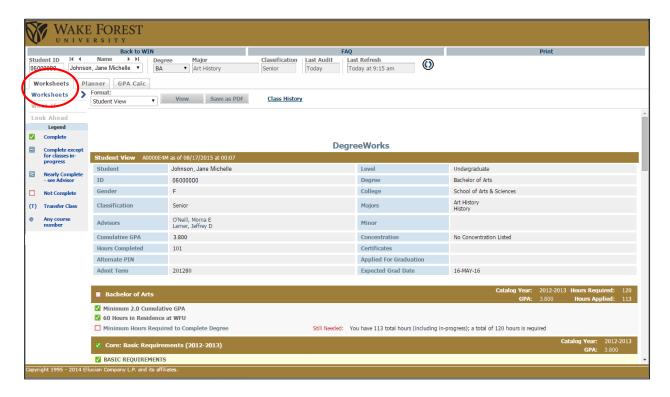
Find	Unless student ID is known, the find button will be used to search for student(s).
Student ID	Here, users can enter a student's Banner ID and bring up their audit.
Name	Student's name will be displayed here. If multiple students are selected, the drop-down will display all the students selected. Users can jump from audit to audit by clicking on the arrows above (Name))
Current student's degree will be displayed here, unless the student has not yet declare his or her major (College Only). drop-down can be used to switch between primary and second degrees if applicable.	
Major	Student's current and first major will be displayed here.

Classification	Student's classification will be displayed here (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior and etc.)
Last Audit	Displays the last date an audit was performed for the current student within DegreeWorks
Last Refresh	Displays the last date and time the audit was refreshed from the Banner system.
Refresh	Bring in new data into DegreeWorks from Banner. This is important if a student is waiting for a change to be made to their degree audit.

Worksheets

What is Worksheets?

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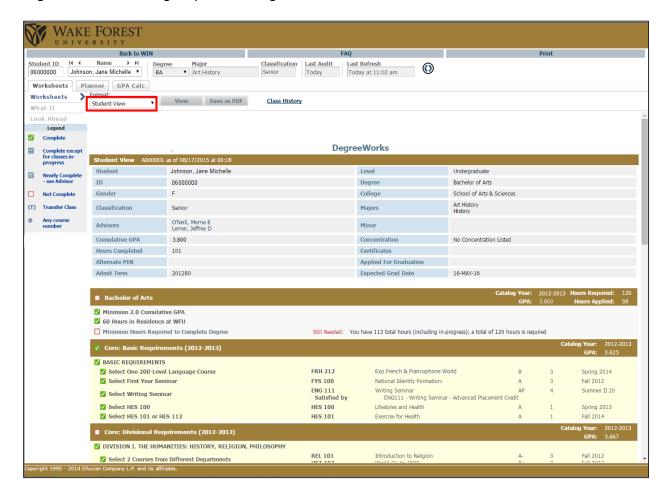
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Format Types

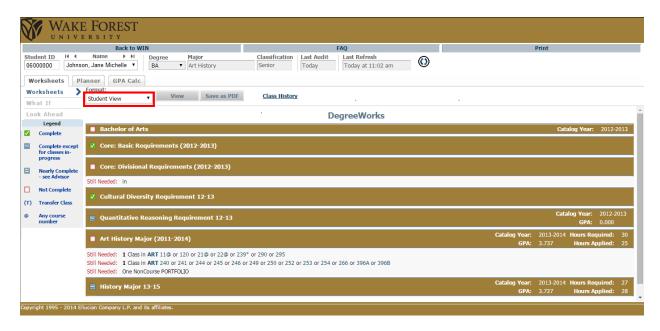
Student View

The **Student View** is the default worksheet format type. It provides general information about the student's complete and incomplete requirements, in progress and preregistered courses, grouped into logical sections/blocks.

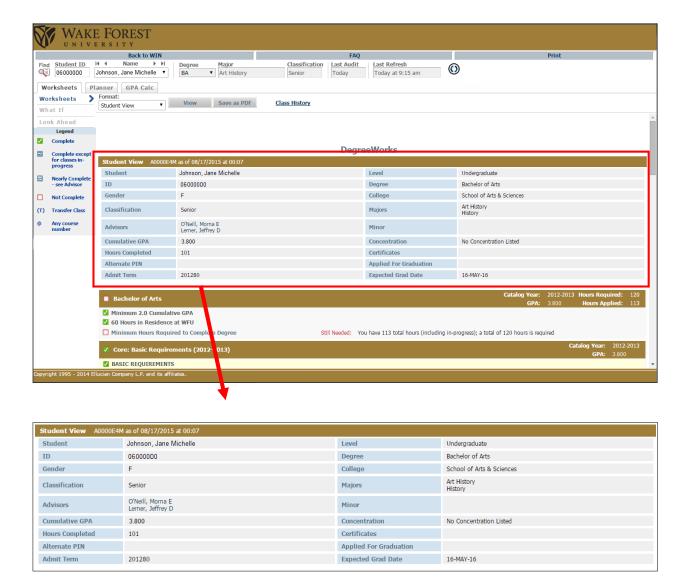


Registration Checklist

The **Registration Checklist** shows only the unfulfilled requirements that are "Still Needed" on the checklist. It does not provide any detailed explanations of requirements that may be found in the Student View.



Student Header Information



The Student Header Information displays a customized view of a student's program of study.

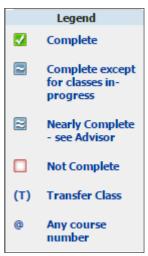
Student	Displays student's Last and First name. Provides the ability to email student directly (Email instructions on page 23).
ID	Displays student's ID.
Gender	Displays student's reported gender.

Classification	Displays student's class level (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior and etc.).
Advisors	Displays all students' advisor(s) (primary advisor is listed first). Provides the ability to email advisors directly.
Cumulative GPA	Displays student's cumulative GPA extracted from Banner.
Hours Completed	Displays student's credit hours completed.
Alternate PIN	Displays student's PIN number for registration when he/she has been advised.
Admit Term	Displays student's term in which he/she was admitted.
Level	Displays student's level (Undergraduate, Graduate and etc.)
Degree	Displays student's degree based on student's level (Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Doctor of Philosophy and etc.)
College	Displays student's school/campus (School of Arts and Science, School of Business, Law School and etc.)
Major(s)	Displays student's major(s). If the student has multiple majors, the first is the primary major.
Minor(s)	Displays student's minor(s). If the student has multiple minors, the first is the primary minor.
Concentration(s)	Displays student's concentration(s).

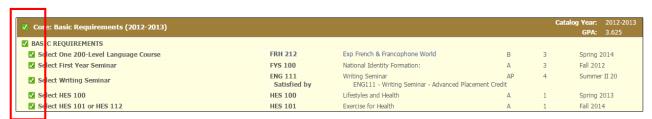
Certificate(s)	Displays student's certificate(s).
Apply for Graduation	Displays when the student completed his/her application for graduation (http://registrar.wfu.edu/academic/graduation-information/).
Expected Grad Date	Displays student's expected graduation date based on admitted term.

Legend

The legend contains all of the unique symbols that are important for interpreting the DegreeWorks audit.



<u>Complete</u> – This symbol will appear besides all requirements that have been completed within the audit. The row will be highlighted light yellow and will display the course(s) that fulfilled the requirement along with the grade and term in which the course was taken. Once all requirements are completed, the gold block category will be checked with a complete symbol indicated that the block has been completed.



<u>Complete except for classes in-progress</u> - This symbol will appear for requirements where the courses needed to fulfill the requirement are currently being taken or are registered to be taken for a future term. The row will be highlighted light blue and will display (REG) in the grade section.



<u>Nearly Complete-see Advisor</u> - This symbol will appear when all the course requirements have been met, but there are additional requirements that have not. Example minimum grade, minimum GPA, and etc.



<u>Not Complete</u> - This symbol will appear beside all requirements that have not yet been completed. The row will be highlighted in pink and will also indicate the course(s) that will be required to complete the requirement.



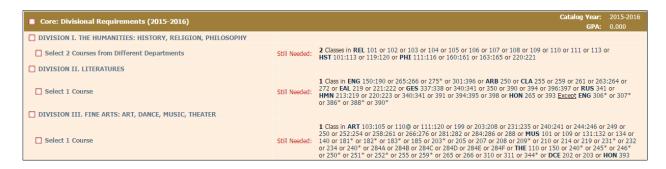
<u>Transfer Class</u> – The "T" symbol will be followed by a letter grade in the grade column. This indicates that the requirement is satisfied by a transfer credit course. The course and university will be displayed below the requirement. In this example, the student completed the requirement with a transfer credit course from Virginia Tech and received an A in the course.



<u>Any Course Number</u> - The "@"symbol in DegreeWorks works as a wildcard. This means that it represents all classes when used as a prefix, and can also be used to represent all course numbers. When a course prefix is followed by the @ symbol (CHM @) this means any course number for that prefix can be used to fulfill the requirement. In this example, the student can take any political science (POL) course in the department to fulfill the requirement.



Other Key Symbols



Asterisk * - Courses with Asterisk indicate that there is a prerequisite course for that course. Click on the course and DegreeWorks will display a note with the course description and prerequisite(s).

Except - Course(s) following the word "Except" are course(s) that do not fulfill the requirement.

Colons: - Course numbers with a colon in between represents a range. For example, if the requirement asks for **1 Class in ART 103:105**, then **ART 103, 104** and **105** will fulfill the requirement.

Requirements

Each section in a DegreeWorks audit is called a "Block". Each block header will contain a title for the block and will also display specific course information for that block such as credits applied and classes applied. Like individual requirements, the block header will also contain a symbol stating the status of all requirements within the block.

Block Types (The majority applies only to the College)

Program Degree - The program degree will appear in the first block when
and once the student declares a major (undergraduate only). The program
degree will automatically appear for all graduate programs. The program
degree will vary based on the major (e.g. Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of
Science, Master of Arts, Doctor of Philosophy and etc.). If the student has not
declare a major, the block will indicate the student has not yet declare a
program degree.



 <u>Core: Basic Requirements</u> - The core requirements are applied to all students in the college (undergraduate only). These specific basic requirements are listed below the block.

■ Core: Basic Requirements

Catalog Year:

GPA:

 <u>Core: Divisional Requirements</u> - The core requirements are applied to all students in the college (undergraduate only). These specific divisional requirements are listed below the block.

■ Core: Divisional Requirements

Catalog Year:

GPA:

 <u>Cultural Diversity Requirement</u> - The cultural diversity requirements are applied to all students in the college (undergraduate only).

■ Cultural Diversity Requirement

Catalog Year:

GPA:

 Qualitative Reasoning Requirement - The qualitative reasoning requirements are applied to all students in the college (undergraduate only).

■ Quantitative Reasoning Requirement Catalog Year:

GPA:

 <u>Major</u> - The major block will appear when the student has selected a major (undergraduate only). If the student has multiple majors, the first major block listed is his or her first major. The specific major requirements will be listed below the block.

■ _____ Major Catalog Year: Hours Required:

GPA: Hours Applied:

 Minor - The minor block will appear when the student has selected a minor (undergraduate only). If the student has multiple minors, the first minor block listed is his or her first minor. The specific minor requirements will be listed below the block.

■ _____ Minor Catalog Year: Hours Required:

GPA: Hours Applied:

Concentration/Certificate - The concentration/certificate block will appear
when the student has selected a concentration/certificate (undergraduate
only). If the student has multiple concentrations/certificates, the first block
listed is his or her first concentration/certificate. The specific
concentration/certificate requirements will be listed below the block.

Language Concentration Catalog Year: Hours Required:
GPA: Hours Applied:

Other Block Types

• Fall-Through/General Electives - Any course that does not fulfill a specific requirement will show up here. These credit hours will count toward graduation, but are not applied elsewhere. Prerequisites courses are an example. In addition, this is a great place to look for areas the student could pick-up an additional major, minor, program, concentration or certificate.

General Electives Hours Applied: Classes Applie

 <u>Insufficient</u> - Courses in which a student does not earn the minimum required grade, in which a student received a non-reported grade (NR) or in which the student audited (AU) the course (rather than taking it for credit) will be displayed here.

Insufficient Hours Applied: Classes Applied

 <u>In-Progress</u> - The course(s) the student is currently enrolled in are listed here for the current or upcoming semester, in addition to displaying where they fit throughout the audit.

In-progress Hours Applied: Classes Applied:

 <u>Exceptions</u> - Any exceptions granted to the student are referenced both where the exception is applied and here.



• <u>Disclaimer</u> - This language will show at the bottom of most screens and is intended to counsel users of the limits of the information presented here and the sources that can provide official confirmation.

Disclaimer

You are encouraged to use this degree audit report as a guide when planning your progress toward completion of the above requirements. Your academic advisor or the Registrar's Office may be contacted for assistance in interpreting this report. This audit is not your academic transcript and it is not official notification of completion of degree or certificate requirements. Please contact the Registrar's Office regarding this degree audit report, your official degree/certificate completion status, or to obtain a copy of your academic transcript.

Direct Email

DegreeWorks provides the capability to email a student and/or advisor(s) directly within the audit.

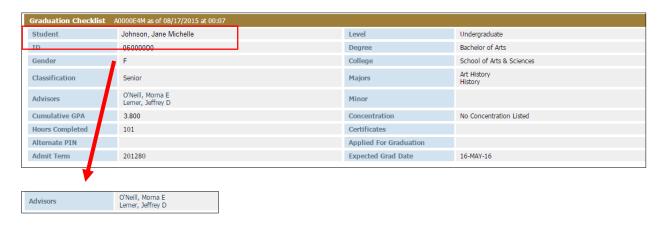
Staff, Administrators, and Advisors Emailing the Student

Staff, administrators, and advisors can email the student regarding his or her audit by clicking on his or her name in the **Student Header Information** and an email pop-up window will appear.



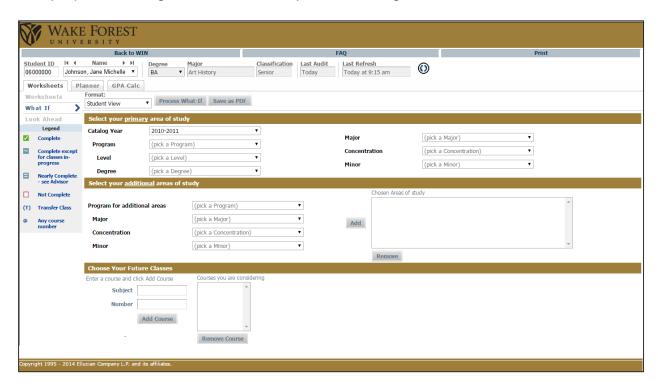
Student Emailing the Advisor(s)

Student can email his or her advisor(s) regarding his or her audit by clicking on the advisor(s) name in the **Student Header Information** and an email pop-up window will appear.



What-If Audit

Students, who plan on changing their degree program (e.g. BA to BS or vice versa), changing or adding a major, changing or adding a minor, and changing or adding a concentration, can access the What-If audit. The What-If audit can be found under the worksheets TAB, on the left menu; it is designed to offer students an opportunity to view how proposed changes can affect their path towards graduation.



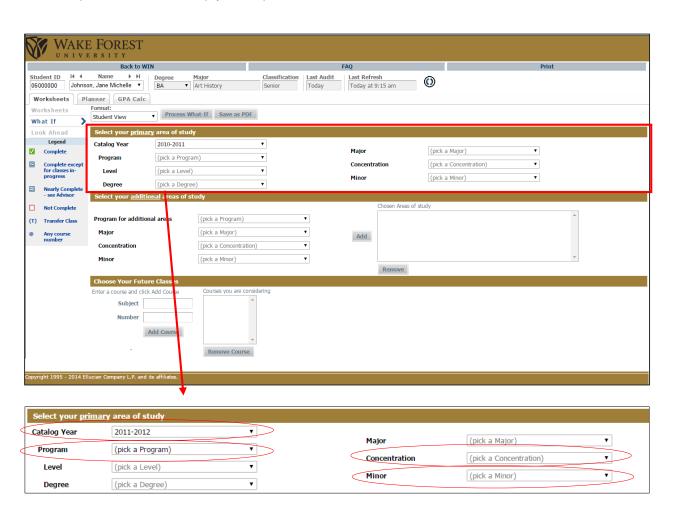
How to Run a What-If Audit

Select a combination within three categories:

1. Select your primary area(s) of study

Here, users can change the students' <u>primary</u> degree program, major, minor or concentration/certificate (optional). Please select the following:

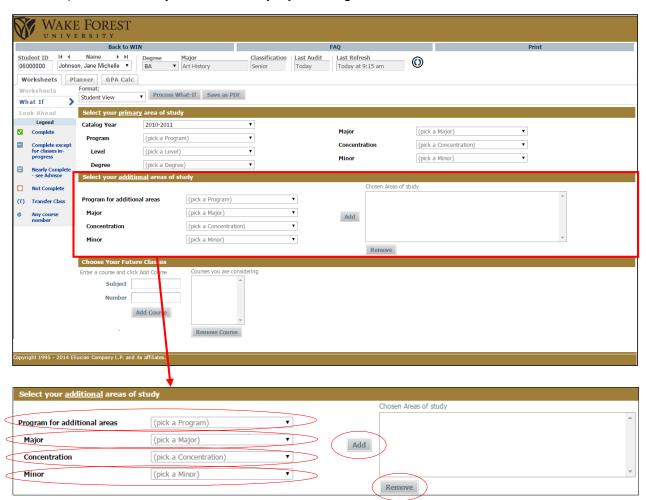
- 1) Select a Catalog Year (Select the most recent Catalog Year is advised in the event that the program has changed from year to year.)
- 2) Select a Program Degree. Note that some majors have multiple programs (BA, BS, MS, etc). Once the Program Degree has been selected, the Level, Degree, and Major will automatically be selected.
- Select a Concentration/Certificate (optional). Note that Concentration(s)/Certificate(s) can only apply if the major offers that Concentration/Certificate.
- 4) Select a Minor (optional).



2. Select your additional area of study

Here, users can add additional degree program, major, minor or concentration/certificate (optional). This will apply to students who would like to double major, double minor and/or have multiple concentrations/certificates. Please select the following:

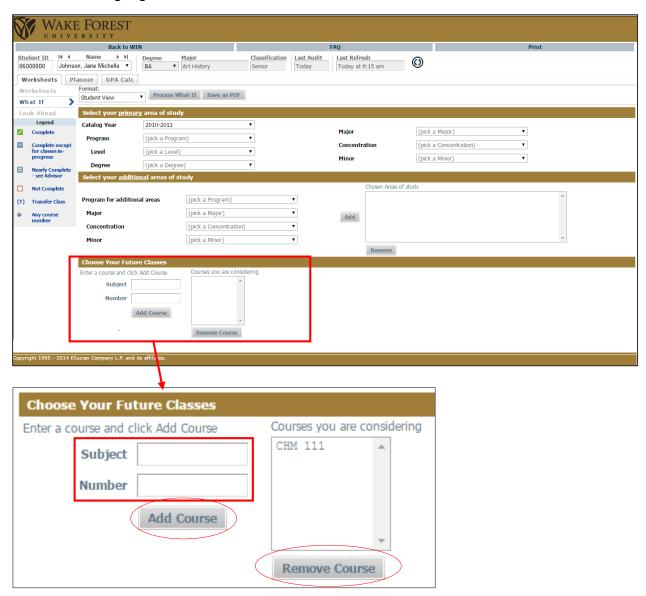
- Select a Program for Additional Area (optional). Note that for an addition major to double major, select the additional Program Degree here. If users do not want to double major, select the same Program Degree as the Primary Area of Study category.
- Select a Concentration/Certificate (optional). Note that Concentration(s)/Certificate(s) can only apply if the major offers that Concentration/Certificate.
- 3) Select a Minor (optional). Note, for a double minor, please select a different minor from the Primary Area of Study category.
- 4) Click on the **Add** button once all are selected.
- 5) Remove any Area of Study by clicking on the **Remove** button if needed.



3. Choose your future classes

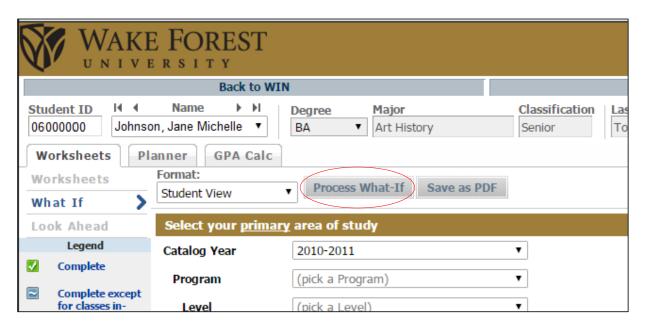
Here, users can add course(s) the student is planning to register for in the future and see how these course(s) can apply to What-If Audit (optional). Please enter the following:

- 1) Enter the subject and number of the course (e.g. CHM 111) in the field. Click **Add Course** to add that course.
- 2) To remove any of the consider course(s) that are added, click on the course to highlight the course and click on **Remove Course**.



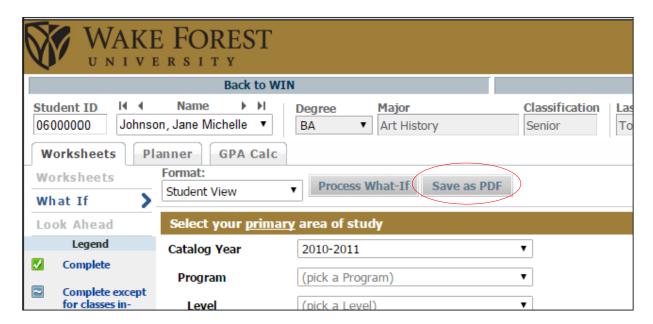
Execute the What-If Audit

To execute the What-If Audit, click on the **Process What-If** button.



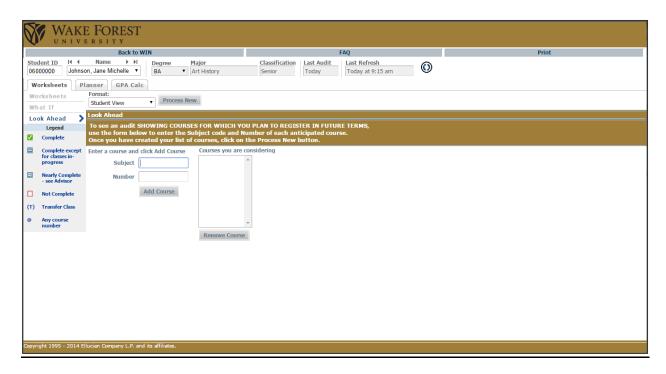
The Student View on the worksheet will appear with the criteria chosen from the What-If audits.

If users would like to save the What-If Audit as a PDF, click on the **Save as PDF** button.



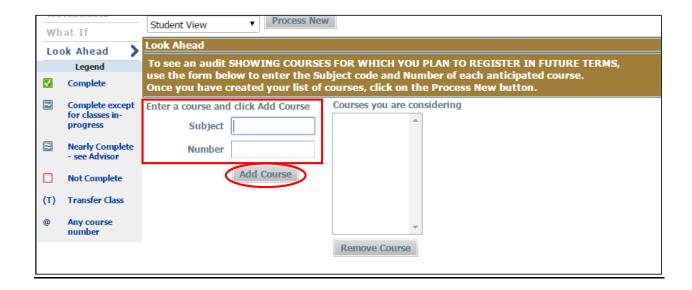
Look Ahead

The Look Ahead allows the audit to reflect unregistered classes the student plans to take in the future. As with the What-If, it is important to remember that these audits are not saved, but can be printed and run again. The Look Ahead function is available on both the What-If and on the left-hand column of the Worksheets TAB.

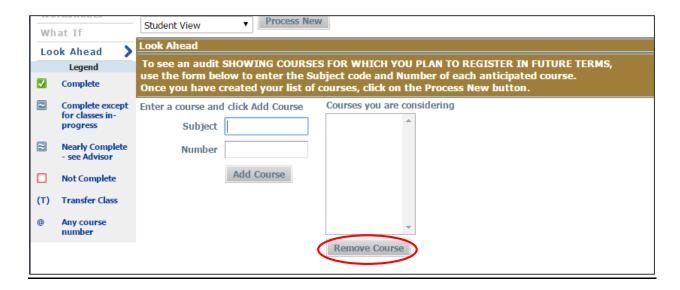


How to Run a Look Ahead Audit

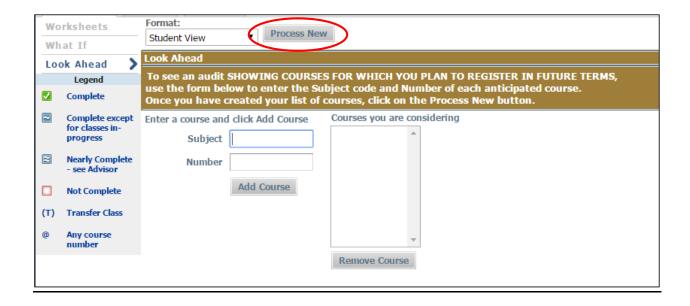
1. Enter a Course by its Subject and Number (e.g. ART 396) and click on **Add Course**.



To remove a course from the considered course(s), highlight the course and click on Remove Course.



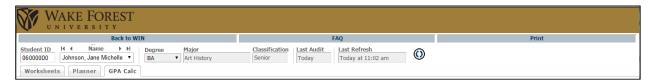
To execute the audit, click on **Process New**. A Student View on the Worksheet will apply these supposed course(s) to the audit.



GPA Calculator

There are three different GPA calculators available in DegreeWorks: Graduation, Term, and Advice Calculators. The calculators, in conjunction with current DegreeWorks functions, can help students in many ways, providing:

- Realistic goal-setting at the beginning of the term or academic career
- Precise calculation of their end-of-term GPA using students' actual academic information
- Accurate mapping of students' paths for achieving honors, avoiding probation, or satisfying personal academic aspirations

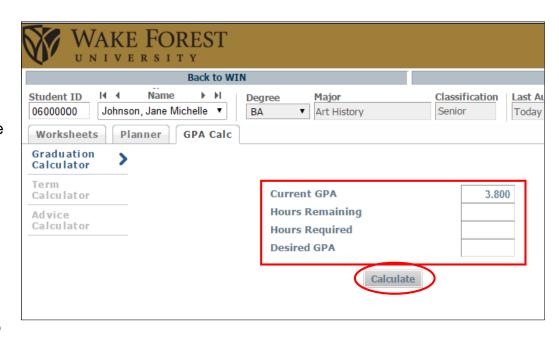


Graduation Calculator

This calculator takes the most "unknown" inputs. Many students may not know how many credits are required for their degree, nor the number of credits remaining. In some cases, this calculator will be useful to inform the student that their desired GPA is not possible to achieve (considering their number of credits remaining). In short, this calculator helps students to set long-term general goals.

To run a Graduation Calculator:

- Enter the number of hours remaining to finish the student's Degree Program.
- Enter the number of hours required for the Degree Program (it will most likely be 120 hours for most undergraduate programs).
- 3. Enter the desired GPA the student wants to graduate with.
- Click on Calculate to calculate the GPA.

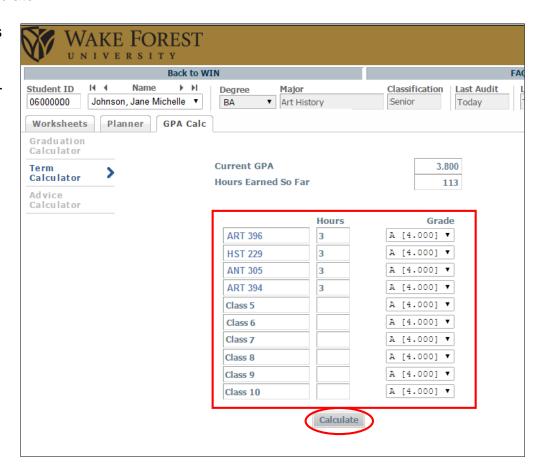


Term Calculator

This is the most specific calculator. It can be used for goal-setting as well as mapping paths to avoid probation, achieve honors, etc. The student's current classes and credits (if applicable) are preloaded into the form. Users can also add course and credits to the class list. When done entering course information with expected credits and grades, click Calculate. The following screen will produce the new calculated GPA.

To run a Term Calculator:

- If the student's courses are displayed in the fields, users do not have to enter any other courses unless the student is planning on changing or modifying their semester schedule. If courses are not enter, please enter these courses in the given fields.
- 2. Enter the credit hours for each course.
- Select the grade the student thinks he or she will earn in the class.
- Click on Calculate to calculate the GPA.



Advice Calculator

This calculator is perhaps the easiest to use. The student need only provide their desired GPA. It is used to figure out how a student can raise/lower their GPA using actual grades as advice. While it is fairly general, it is more specific than the graduation calculator.

To Run an Advice Calculator:

- 1. Enter in the student's desired GPA.
- 2. Click Calculate to calculate the GPA.

