

Check Your Options By Running a What-If Audit



What-If audits allow you to see how your completed and in-progress course work would apply towards a different major. They can help you:

- See how your course work would apply toward different majors
- Understand a major's course requirements before committing to a change
 - See what would happen if you change your concentration

Once you know how, you'll be able to run What-If audits in a flash. You can work with your advising department to further develop your future plans at Temple.

- To run a What-If audit, open your DARS at dars.temple.edu and navigate to the Request an Audit page. When there, click 'Select a Different Program' to expand the What-If options.

Request an Audit

[Run Declared Programs:](#)

School	Degree Program	Title	Catalog Year
TUB	LA-UNLA-BA	UNDECLARED MAJOR - CLA	Fall 2022

[Select a Different Program:](#)

Advanced Settings [click to view available options](#)

[Click here for more info about What-If audits!](#)

You can now run a What-If audit to see how your courses will apply towards a different major. Please click on the presentation above for more details.

[Click here for info about In-Progress course credit!](#)

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[Select a Different Program:](#)

- Select the school or college of the program you want to run the What-If audit for from the 'College' drop-down. Note that the system will be launching with a select subset of schools and colleges available and that more programs will be added to the What-If over time.

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Select a Different Program:

Choosing a degree program here will not change your declared degree program.

College: -

Major: -

Degree: -

Program: -

Catalog Year: [Current Year Term](#)

College: -

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[Run Different Program](#) [Cancel](#)

- Next, select the major from that school or college using the 'Major' drop-down.

Major:

- Finally, choose the degree type using the 'Degree' drop-down. Generally, only one degree type will be offered per major, but some majors, particularly those in the College of Science and Technology, may have multiple options.

Degree:

- Note that the system is set up to automatically process the 'Program' and 'Catalog Year' fields, meaning that nothing will be manually entered for them. The Catalog Year for a What-If audit will always be the newest catalog year possible – What-If audits cannot be run for prior Catalog Years.

Program:

Catalog Year: [Current Year Term](#)

- Once the items have been selected from the dropdowns, the What-If audit will display the current selection, as well as buttons to add required or optional concentrations or second majors. Note that the What-If system currently only displays mandatory second-major options; optional second majors are not implemented in the What-If system at this time.

[Select a Different Program:](#)

Choosing a degree program here will not change your declared degree program.

EDUCATION > SEC/ENG ED > B.S.IN ED SECONDARY EDUCATION/ENGLISH EDUCATION - B.S. IN ED

Catalog Year: [Current Year Term](#) [Clear Selections](#)

Add Required: Required 2nd Major

- A required second major or concentration will be listed in red. These must be added to run a What-If audit for the chosen degree. Attempting to run a What-If without choosing a component listed as Required will result in a message telling the user that selecting the Required components is mandatory.

Add Required: Required 2nd Major

Add Required: Required Concentration

- If a non-mandatory concentration is available for the chosen major, it will appear with black text instead of red, and adding it is strictly optional – choosing whether to do so or not is at your discretion.

Add: Concentration

- To add a Required second major or concentration, first click the button to add it.

Add Required: Required 2nd Major

- Then, on the right-hand side of the screen, select the second major or concentration from the drop-down. Clicking the 'Never mind' button will cancel the addition of the second major or concentration.

Adding a Required 2nd Major:

Required 2nd Major:

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Never mind


- When the required second major or concentration is selected from the drop-down, it will appear on the left-hand side of the screen, displaying below the chosen program. Note that some required second majors may themselves have either required or optional concentrations.

[Select a Different Program:](#)

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EDUCATION > SEC/ENG ED > B.S.IN ED SECONDARY EDUCATION/ENGLISH EDUCATION - B.S. IN ED

Catalog Year: Current Year Term [Clear Selections](#)

Required 2nd Major: English 999999 

Add:

- Clicking the trashcan icon will delete a chosen second major or concentration, removing it from the What-If audit that is being set up.



- Adding an optional concentration is handled in the same way. First, click the button to add the concentration.



- On the right-hand side, two items appear. The first, 'Catalog Year', can be ignored. The system is set up to only accept 'Current Year Term' there, which is automatically selected and unchangeable. The concentration should be selected from the 'Concentration' drop-down. As before, the 'Never mind' button can be used to cancel adding a concentration. In this case, since the concentration is optional, the process can be cancelled and the What-If audit still run.

Adding a Concentration:

Catalog Year:

Current Year Term

Concentration:

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Never mind

- Once all elements of the desired What-If audit have been selected, click the 'Run Different Program' button.

Request an Audit

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Select a Different Program:

Choosing a degree program here will not change your declared degree program.

College:

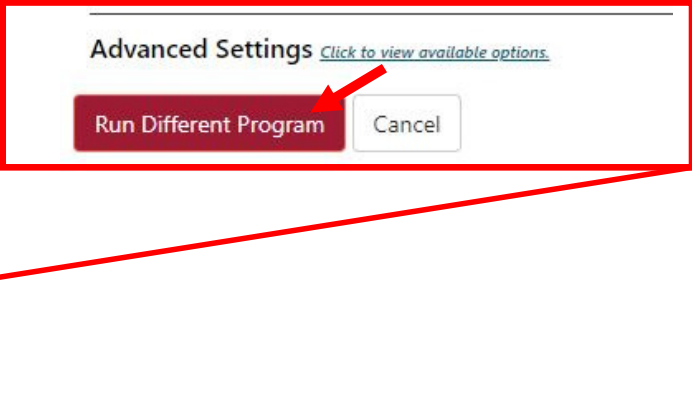
Major:

Degree:

Program:

Catalog Year: [Current Year Term](#)

[Advanced Settings](#) [Click to view available options.](#)



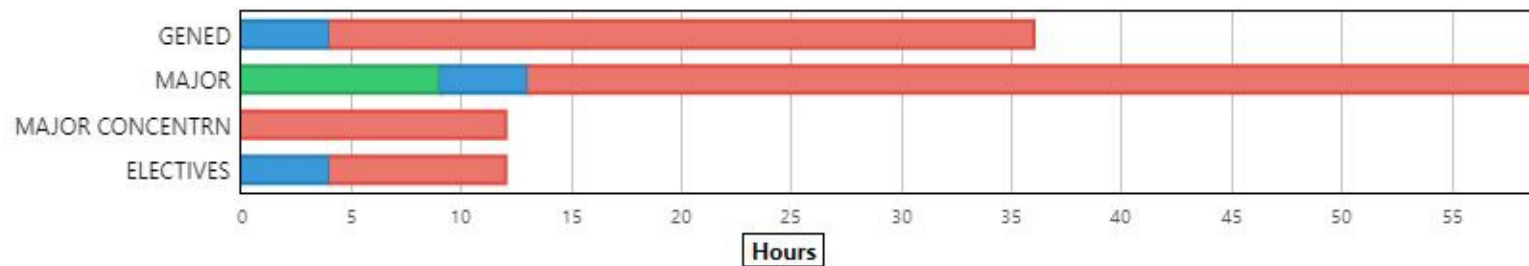
- When the button is clicked, the system will begin processing the What-If audit. This may take a few seconds.

Your Audit is Loading



Your audit will be ready momentarily([more...](#)).

- When it is done processing, the What-If audit will display its results, showing how courses would sort into the chosen major.

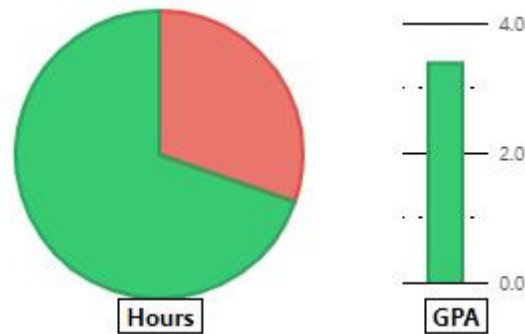


- Note that on a What-If audit, the Catalog Term will display as all-nines to reflect the speculative nature of the audit and how it is being run for the most-current catalog term possible.

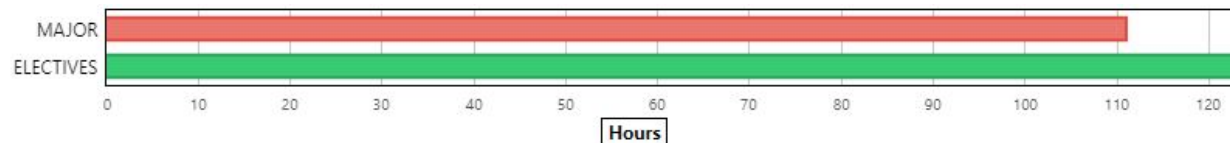
Catalog Year

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- When looking at a What-If audit, it is important to remember how the pie chart and bar graph on a DARS audit differ. The pie chart displays progress towards total credit hours needed for degree completion, regardless of what individual course requirements have or have not been met.

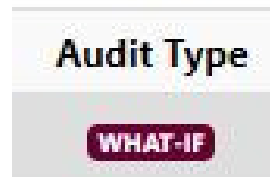


- The bar graph, meanwhile, displays an estimate of how many credits are needed towards specific requirement areas. If you have a large number of completed courses, it could result in a full or nearly-full pie chart regardless of major, which is why it is important to also check the bar graph and individual audit requirements to see what still needs to be completed for the new degree.



- When viewing the list of previously run audits on the 'Manage' page, What-If audits will display with 'WHAT-IF' in the 'Audit Type' column.

ID	Instcd	Program	Catalog Year	Created	Audit Type	Format	Run By	Course Type	View	Delete
5130931	TUB	ED-SEEN-BSED	999999	02/04/2022 9:04 AM	WHAT-IF	HTBL	tug11408	***	View Audit	<input type="checkbox"/>



- That's how to run a What-If audit! Multiple different What-If audits can be run one after another if you are interested in seeing how close you are to meeting the requirements for several programs.

Additional Tips and Tricks

- Be advised that only currently active students and their advisors can use the What-If audits. If you are not an active student, you will not obtain a full listing of degree requirements if you attempt to use the system.
- GenEd status, Honors status, and matriculation-based Temple residency requirements are maintained across What-If audits. Majors and concentrations are not maintained and must be selected to be included.

There are additional tips within Help and the documentation on our website at <http://sites.temple.edu/degreeaudit/resources/>.

The screenshot shows the 'DARS – Degree Audit Reporting System' website. The header is dark red with white text. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Degree Audits, Resources, Student Plans, Updates, FAQ, and Staff. The main content area is white and features a 'Resources' section. Under 'Resources', there is a 'Students-' sub-section. Below this, there is a 'Documentation:' section with two links: 'DARS – SelfService Features Workbook for Students' and 'DARS – SelfService Student Documentation'. The first link is followed by a bullet point: '• A short help-text explaining the basic features of DARS.' The second link is followed by a bullet point: '• Instructions on how to view your Audits and Transfer Coursework.' On the right side of the page, there is a search box with the text 'Search this site' and a 'Search' button. Below the search box is a 'Categories' section with a list of links: Advisors, Announcements, DARS, Documents, Help, Historical Announcements, Roadmaps and Plan Builder, Students, and Upcoming.

DARS – Degree Audit Reporting System

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Now you're ready to go! Run at What-If audit at dars.temple.edu!

