# INTRODUCTION TO DEGREE WORKS

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# TRAINING OBJECTIVES

- How to use criteria for identifying populations
- Understand and interpret an audit
- Understand how the University Catalogs and Degree Works are tied together
- Utilize additional audit and student analytic tools

# WHAT IS DEGREE WORKS?

- A web-based tool that will provide a clear and convenient method for students and advisors to track degree progress, prepare for registration, and plan for graduation
- Degree Works is designed to aid and facilitate academic advising and degree completion
- Degree Works is used by undergraduate, graduate, and professional students for graduation certification. All undergraduates must have a complete degree works audit in order to graduate.

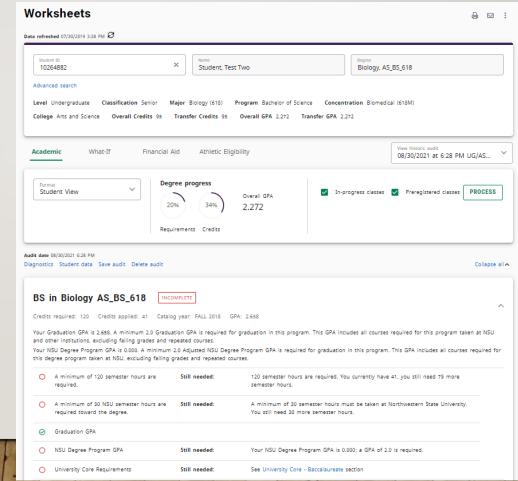
# WHO CAN USE DEGREE WORKS?

- All currently enrolled students can access Degree Works through myNSU.
- All NSU personnel who are listed as Advisor in Banner have access to Degree Works.

## **DEGREE WORKS AND BANNER**

Degree Works gets its student information directly from Banner.

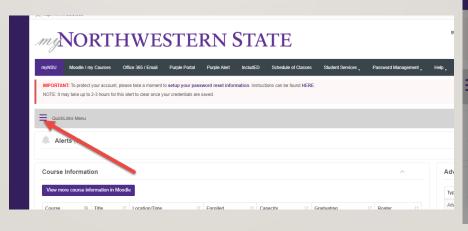
- Catalog/ Academic Year
- Academic Program
- GPA
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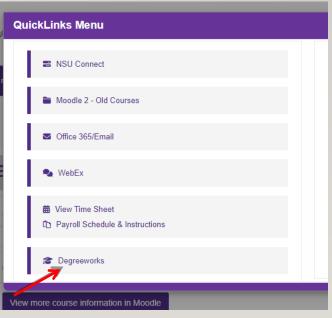


# **ACCESSING DEGREE WORKS - STUDENTS**

- Log into the myNSU Portal with your NSU CWID
- Open the QuickLinks Menu and click on Degreeworks
- Degree Works will open in a new window







# **SEARCHING FOR STUDENTS**

Once you access Degree Works, you will be presented with a Student ID search bar. Enter the relevant student's CWID, hit enter, and from there you will have access to the student's degree audit.

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			Worksheets
			Student ID Q. Advanced search

Click "Search" to execute the search. All students who meet the search criteria will be displayed in the bottom window of the Find Students search dialog. The list of students is sorted by name in descending order as a default but can be sorted by clicking on any of the column headers in the results grid. By default, all students in the results list are selected; unchecking the check box to the left of the student will deselect them.

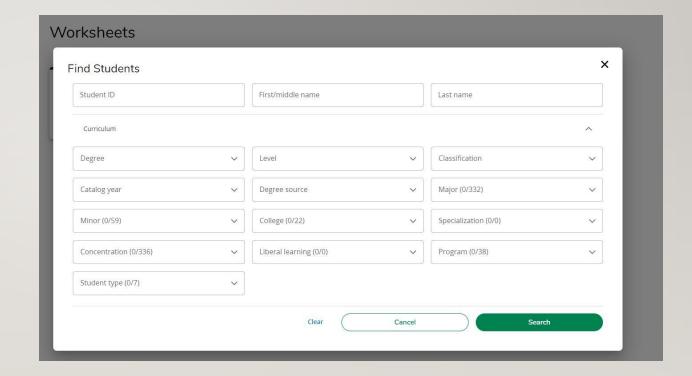
Click "Select" to close the search window and load the list of students into Degree Works. You may then select any student from the list to process a degree audit, apply an exception or manage a plan.

Click "Cancel" to discard your search and go back to the originating page.

Some institutions may limit advisors to having access only to their list of advisees or department heads to having access only to students in their department. In this case, a preselected list of students will appear in the "Select student" dropdown and the

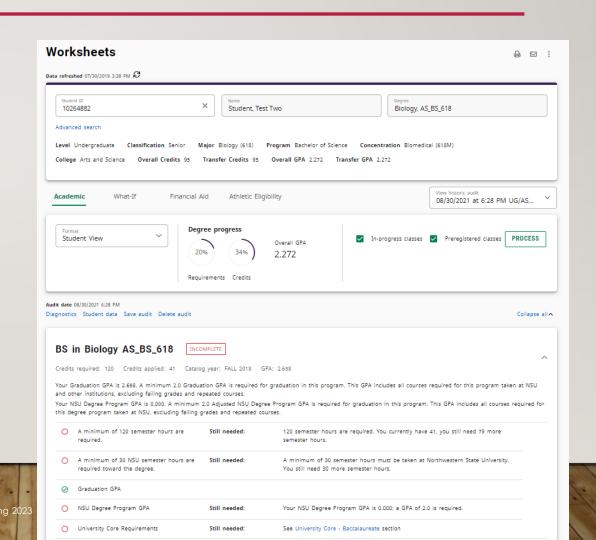
"Advanced search" functionality will not be available. Please refer to the "Additional Advisee Filtering" section of the Degree Works Technical Guide for additional information.

#### SEARCHING FOR STUDENTS



# **WORKSHEET OVERVIEW**

- The main view after searching for a student
- This view allows for audit analysis and access to additional tools
- The worksheet is divided into blocks or sections.
   Each of these has a bold black heading.



# **UNDERSTANDING AN AUDIT**

Each audit consists of a series of Blocks (identified by the bold, black heading). These blocks are tailored to meet the specific needs of each college, degree, and major. Check boxes give at-a-glance indication of their status.



Indicates that the requirement has been satisfied.

Complete (with classes in-progress)

Indicates that the requirement is in-progress.

O Not complete

Indicates that the requirement has not yet been satisfied

Nearly complete - see advisor

Indicates a "nearly complete" status. (Ex. Course requirements complete, but other requirements are still outstanding.

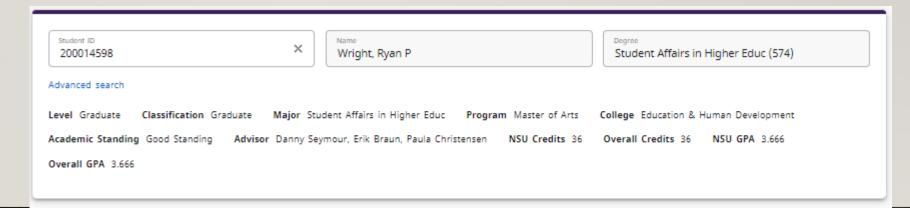
@ Any course number

A wild card that can represent any number. (Ex. ENGL 3@ is any 3000 level English class)

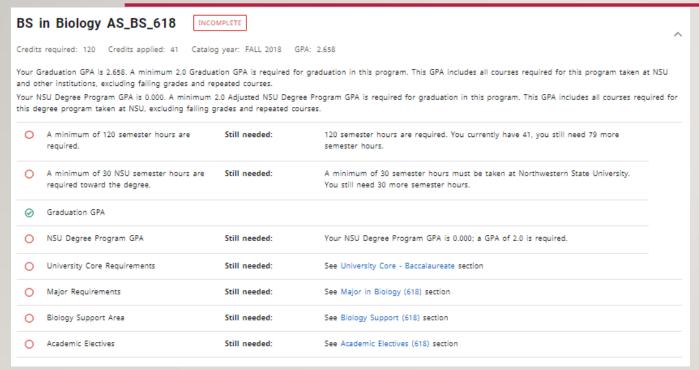
# STUDENT BLOCK

- The student block is located at the top of the audit and lists important student information such as:
  - Name
  - Level
  - Classification
  - College
  - Degree

- Major
- Advisor(s)
- Credit Info.
- GPA



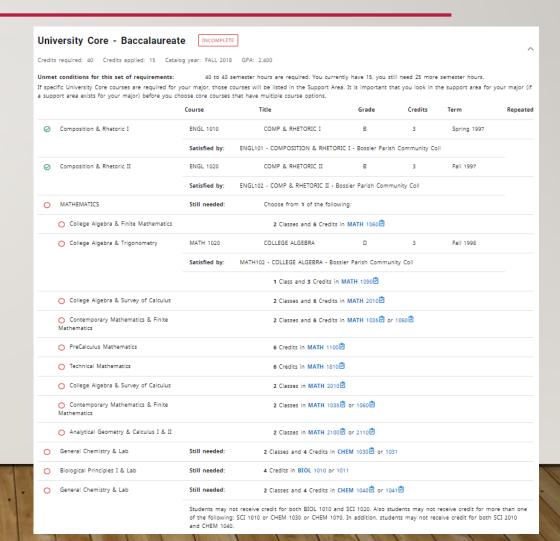
#### **DEGREE BLOCK**



- The degree block is directly below the student block and contains all requirements for that specific degree including but not limited to:
  - Semester Hours applied and needed
  - GPA
  - University Core
  - Major
  - Concentration (if applicable)
  - Minor (if applicable)
- Note the information at the top detailing Credits Required & Applied, Catalog Year, and GPA that can be found in each block.

#### **UNIVERSITY CORE BLOCK**

- Lists all University Core requirements
- Transfer credits will display here if they fulfill any requirements
- Tip: Clicking a blue course in an unfulfilled requirement will bring up all classes in that course for the current and upcoming semesters.



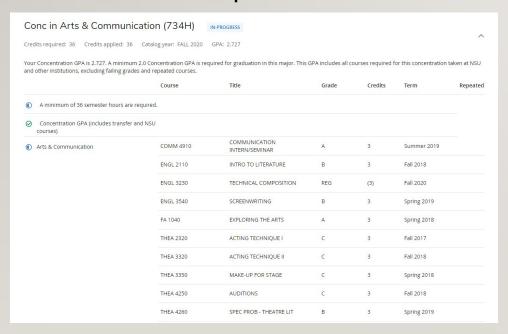
# MAJOR BLOCK

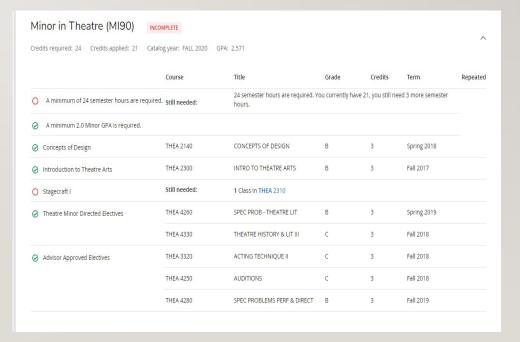
dits	required: 56 Credits applied: 6 Catalo	g year: FALL 2018	GPA: 2.000				
		Course	Title	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeat
0	A minimum of 56 semester hours are required.	Still needed:	56 semester hours at semester hours.	e required. You curren	ntly have 6, you stil	l need 50 more	
0	A minimum of 12 NSU upper-level hours are required in your major.	Still needed:	Minimum Credits uns	atisfied			
9	A minimum 2.0 GPA is required in your major.						
0	A minimum 2.0 NSU GPA is required in your major.	Still needed:	A minimum GPA of 2 University. Your GPA	.0 is required in all Ma is 0.000.	ajor courses taken a	at Northwestern State	
0	Biological Principles I	Still needed:	1 Class in BIOL 1010				
0	Biological Principles Laboratory I	Still needed:	1 Class in BIOL 1011				
0	Biological Principles II	Still needed:	1 Class in BIOL 1020	3			
0	Biological Principles Laboratory II	Still needed:	1 Class in BIOL 1021				
0	Biological Principles III	Still needed:	1 Class in BIOL 2020	2			
0	Biological Principles Laboratory III	Still needed:	1 Class in BIOL 2021	2			
0	Undergraduate Seminar or Critical Reading	Still needed:	1 Class in BIOL 4900	or 4910			
0	Biology Electives	MBIO 1100	MICRO IN HLTH & D	SEAS D	3	Spring 1998	
		Satisfied by:	MICR110A - GEN MICROBIOLO	GY - Bossier Parish Co	ommunity Coll		
		MBIO 1100	MICRO IN HLTH & D	SEAS B	3	Spring 2000	
		Satisfied by:	MICR110 - GENERAL MICROBI	DLOGY - Bossier Parish	Community Coll		
		Still needed:	Take 11 semester ho	urs in any Biology cou	rse not within your	concentration area.	
0	Concentration Requirements	Still needed:	See Conc in Biomedic	al (618M) section			

 The major block lists all major coursework requirements as well as GPA and semester hours.

### MINOR OR CONCENTRATION BLOCK

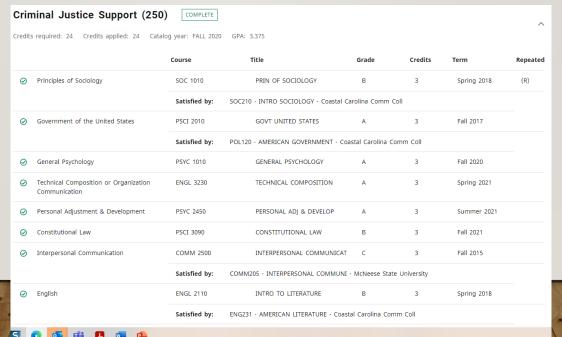
• The Minor or Double Concentration Block list the Credits required, Credits applied, Catalog Year and GPA for the Minor or Double Concentration. It also will list the Credits Applied and if the students have completed the conditions for the Minor or Concentration.





#### SUPPORT BLOCK

• If specific University Core courses are required for your major, those courses will be listed in the Support Area. It is important that you look in the support area for your major (if a support area exists for your major) before you choose core courses that have multiple course options.



# ACADEMIC ELECTIVE BLOCK

Shows coursework that is not applied to a specific area of the degree. (may be used for minors)

The **Electives** block list the free elective courses that count toward the degree

Academic Electives (392)  Credits required: 30 Credits applied: 30	Catalog year: FALL 2020	GPA: 4.000					
	Course	Title		Grade	Credits	Term	Repea
Academic Electives	BIOL 2250	ANATOMY/I NURS/ALHE	PHYSIOLOGY I	А	3	Fall 2021	
	BIOL 4130	NEUROSCIE	NCE	Α	3	Spring 2021	
	BIOL 4340	BIOETHICS		Α	3	Fall 2021	
	CFS 3020	PARENTING	i	REG	(3)	Spring 2023	
	HED 4500	SEXUALITY	EDUCATION	REG	(3)	Spring 2023	
	NUTR 1030	HUMAN NU	JTRITION	REG	(3)	Spring 2023	
	SOWK 4240	HUMAN SE	XUALITY	А	3	Fall 2022	
	SOWK 4260	UNDERSTAN ABUSE AND	NDING CHILD	А	3	Spring 2022	
	SOWK 4370	STRESS MA	NAGEMENT	REG	(3)	Spring 2023	
	SOC 3230	SOCIOLOGY	OF DEVIANCE	REG	(3)	Spring 2023	
	Exception by:	Durr, Linda C	On: 02/28/2023	Apply Here:	Apply SC	OWK 4370 here.	
	Exception by:	Durr. Linda C	On: 02/28/2023	Apply Here:	Apply 50	OC 3230 here.	

# **IN-PROGRESS BLOCK**

In-progress Credits applied: 6 Class	es applied: 2					^
Course	Title	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated	
COMM 1010	ORAL COMMUNICATION	REG	(3)	Spring 2023		
ENGL 2110	INTRO TO LITERATURE	REG	(3)	Spring 2023		

- The in-progress block is located towards the bottom of the audit.
- It displays courses currently happening and classes registered for in the next term.

# UNUSED COURSES BLOCK

• The Unused Courses block displays coursework that does not fit into one of the other blocks. Ex. Transfer courses that don't meet major or core requirements, electives, courses taken before a major change.

Unused Cou	rses						^	
Credits applied: 33	Classes applied:	18					-	
Course	Title		Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated		
ALHE 1010	ALLIED HEALTH	ORIENT	В	1	Summer 1999			
	Satisfied by:	ALHT105 - MEDICAL ETHICS & LAW - Bos	sier Parish Comm	unity Coll				
ALHE 1899	MEDICAL ETHICS	5 & LAW	В	2	Summer 1999			
	Satisfied by:	ALHT105 - MEDICAL ETHICS & LAW - Bos	sier Parish Comm	unity Coll				
ALHE 1999	HEALTH CARE SA	AFETY	В	1	Spring 1999			
	Satisfied by:	ALHT104 - HEALTH CARE SAFETY - Bossie	r Parish Communi	ty Coll				
ALHE 1999	INTRO PATIENT	CARE SKILS	В	1	Summer 2000			
	Satisfied by: ALHT106 - INTRO PATIENT CARE SKILS - Bossier Parish Community Coll							
ALHE 1999	HEALTH CARE SY	STEMS	В	1	Summer 2000			
	Satisfied by:	ALHT103 - HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS - Boss	ier Parish Commu	nity Coll				
MBIO 1999	GEN MICROBIOL	OGY	D	3	Spring 1998			
	Satisfied by:	MICR110A - GEN MICROBIOLOGY - Bossie	er Parish Commun	ity Coll				
MBIO 1999	GENERAL MICRO	BIOLOGY	В	0	Spring 2000			
	Satisfied by:	MICR110 - GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY - Bo	ssier Parish Comr	nunity Coll				
MBIO 1999	SURVEY OF MICE	RO LAB	В	1	Summer 2000			
	Satisfied by:	MICR110L - SURVEY OF MICRO LAB - Bos	sier Parish Comm	unity Coll				
PSYC 1010	GENERAL PSYCH	OLOGY	D	3	Fall 1996			
	Satisfied by:	PSYC201A - INTRO TO PSYCHOLOGY - Box	ssier Parish Comm	nunity Coll				

# COURSES NOT APPLICABLE TO THE PROGRAM

# (Insufficient Block)

- Shows coursework with grades below the minimum required grade
- Shows withdrawn coursework
- Shows courses that are repeated

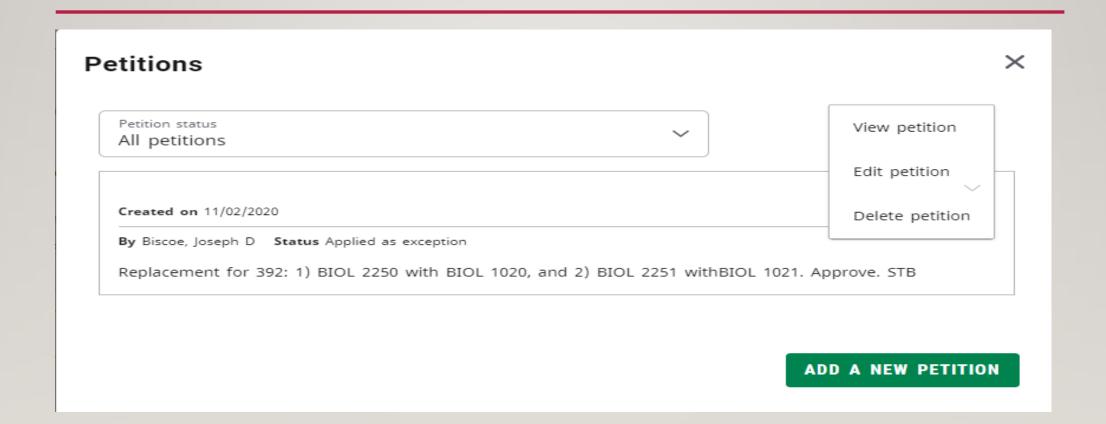
	Applicable Classes applied: 5	To The Program				
Course	Title		Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated
LATN 1010	INTRODUCTION	TO LATIN	W	0	Fall 2022	
SOC 1010	PRIN OF SOCIO	LOGY	D	3	Fall 2015	(R)
	Satisfied by:	SOCL201 - INTRO SOCIOLOGY - McNeese	e State University			
SPAN 1010	INTROD TO SPA	NISH	С	3	Spring 2018	(R)
	Satisfied by:	SPA111 - ELEMENTARY SPANISH I - Coas	tal Carolina Comm	Coll		
SPAN 1020	ELEMENTARY SP	ANISH	W	0	Fall 2021	
UNIV 1000	THE UNIV EXPER	RIENCE	A	1	Fall 2015	(R)
	Satisfied by:	FFND101 - FRESHMAN FOUNDATIONS - I	McNeese State Uni	versity		

# COURSES NOT COUNTED

- Shows developmental coursework
- Shows transfer work from 2-year institutions in excess of 60 hours
- Shows coursework that has a "F" grade

Credits applied	: 2 Classes applied: 4					
Course	Title	Reason	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated
CJ 1100	INTROD TO CRIMINAL JUST	Max of zero classes/credits exceeded	F	0	Fall 2015	(R)
	Satisfied by: CJUS111 - INTRO TO CR	MMINAL JUSTIC - McNeese State University				
HP 1999	HUMAN PERFORM ACTIVITY ELECTIV	Max of zero classes/credits exceeded	В	2	Fall 2015	
	Satisfied by: HHP168 - CONDITIONIN	NG - McNeese State University				
MATH 1020	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	Max of zero classes/credits exceeded	F	0	Spring 2018	(R)
	Satisfied by: MAT171 - PRE CALCULU	S - Coastal Carolina Comm Coll				
MATH 1299	MATH ELECTIVE	Max of zero classes/credits exceeded	F	0	Spring 2018	

# **PETITIONS**



#### **PETITIONS**

- Located under the More menu, Petitions allows users to enter requests for exceptions. A petition can be a request to have a particular requirement modified or waived for a particular student. A preview of all petitions that have been entered for the student displays initially. The list can be filtered by the petition status either waiting for approval, approved, applied as exceptions, or rejected. The date the petition was created, the author of the petition and the petition status will display for each petition.
- Click "Add a new petition" to add a new petition. Once you have entered the text for the petition, click "Save petition" to save the petition to the database. A message will appear telling you your petition was added successfully. All new petitions have a default status of waiting for approval when first created. Once a petition is created, it can be acted upon by registrar-class users or users having access to Exceptions Management.
- To see all the text of a petition, select "View petition" from the action menu in the right corner of a petition. Click "Back" to go back to the petition list. From this dialog, you can also edit or delete the petition.
- To modify a petition, select "Edit petition" from the action menu in the right corner of a petition. Click "Save petition" to save your changes. Click "Cancel" to discard your changes and go back to the petition list. From this dialog, you can also delete the petition.
- To delete a petition, select "Delete petition" from the action menu in the right corner of a petition. Click "Delete petition" to delete the petition. Click "Cancel" to keep the petition and go back to the petition list.
- Petitions can be configured to display on an audit. If enabled, they will be in the Notes section.

# **EXCEPTIONS**

College approved courses for degree requirements

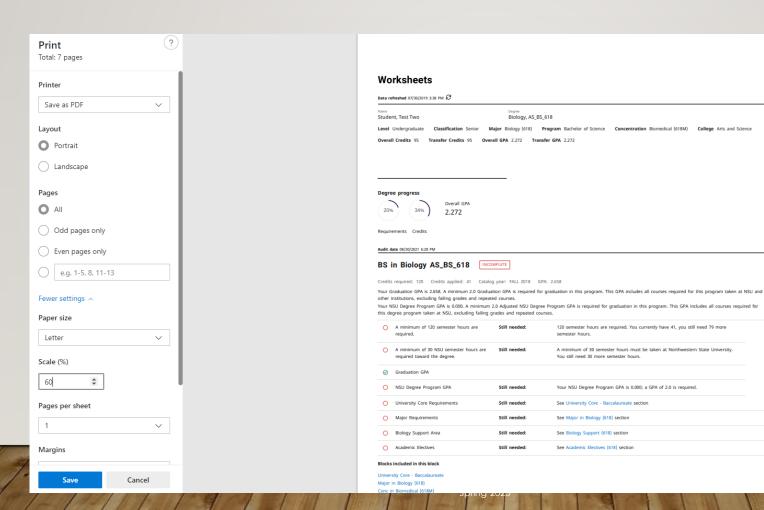
xceptio	ns				
Гуре	Description	Created on	Created by	Block	Enforced
Substitute	Replace MATH 1060 with MATH 1090	06/15/2020	Durr, Linda C	Global exception	No
Substitute	Replace NUTR 1050 with NUTR.	09/29/2021	Durr, Linda C	Conc in Child Dvlpmnt & Family Relations (137E)	Yes
Substitute	Use CFS 3700 to sub for CFS 2060.	10/12/2022	Durr, Linda C	Conc in Child Dvlpmnt & Family Relations (137E)	Yes
Apply Here	Take 1 hr. of NUTR 1070 for Conc. Electives	01/30/2023	Wright, Ryan P	Conc in Child Dvlpmnt & Family Relations (137E)	Yes
Apply Here	Allow 2 hrs. of NUTRU 1070 for NUTR 1050	01/30/2023	Wright, Ryan P	Conc in Child Dvlpmnt & Family Relations (137E)	Yes

# ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS AND FEATURES

- PDF Save an audit as a PDF
- Class History View a semester by semester breakdown of courses
- Subject History View breakdown of classes organized by Subject
- Plans –proper course sequencing by planning a semester by semester schedule
- **Notes** Keep track of correspondence and important information
- **GPA Calculator** Help students conceptualize their semester and overall GPA
- What If Create a hypothetical check sheet

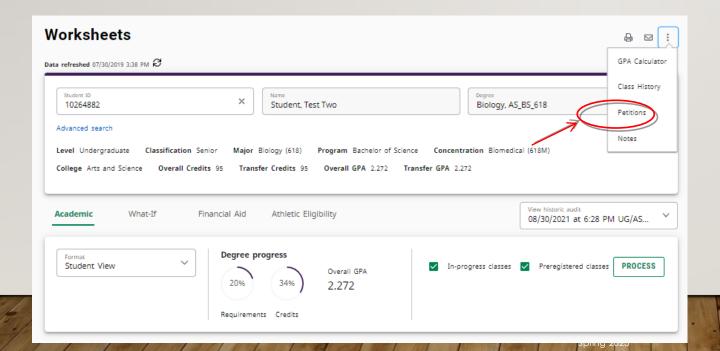
# SAVE AS PDF

Use the PDF feature via the print screen to save or view a PDF copy of the student's degree audit.



#### **CLASS HISTORY**

- The Class History tool allows the user to view a list of classes organized by term. This shows previous and current classes in progress.
- Not an official transcript

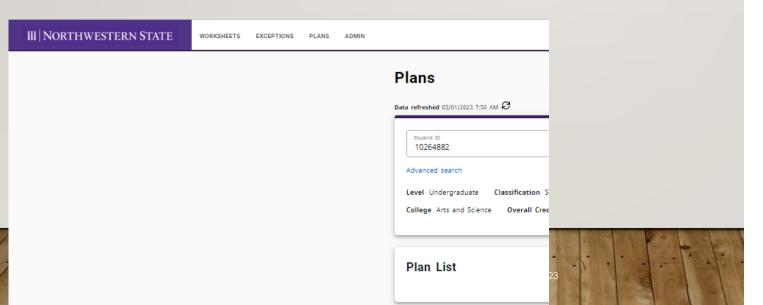


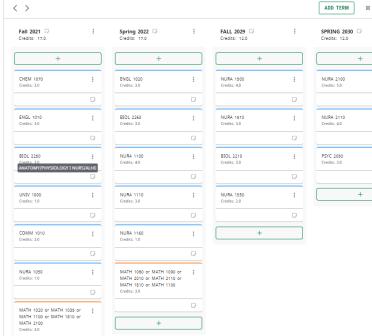
#### **Class History** Fall 1996 Credits Course ACSK 1010 ACADEMIC SKILLS Satisfied by: EDUC100 - COLLEGE SUCCESS - Bossier Parish Community Coll ENGL 0920 BASIC COMP AND GRAMMAR Satisfied by: ENGL100 - FUND GRAMMAR/COMPOSITION - Bossier Parish Community Coll **GENL 0000** COLLEGE SUCCESS Satisfied by: EDUC100 - COLLEGE SUCCESS - Bossier Parish Community Coll INTRO BASIC MATH LEVEL I MATH 0910 Satisfied by: MATH100A - ELEM ALG I - Bossier Parish Community Coll PSYC 1010 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY Satisfied by: PSYC201A - INTRO TO PSYCHOLOGY - Bossier Parish Community Coll Spring 1997 Course Credits ENGL 1010 COMP & RHETORIC I Satisfied by: ENGL101 - COMPOSITION & RHETORIC I - Bossier Parish Community Coll MATH 0910 INTRO BASIC MATH LEVEL I Satisfied by: MATH100B - ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA I - Bossier Parish Community Coll MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY VTEC 1020 Satisfied by: ZLGY110 - MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY - Bossier Parish Community Coll MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY VTEC 1999 Satisfied by: ZLGY110 - MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY - Bossier Parish Community Coll ZOOL 1220 HUMAN ANATOMY Satisfied by: ZLGY124A - HUMAN ANATOMY - Bossier Parish Community Coll ZOOL 1221 HUMAN ANATOMY LAB Satisfied by: ZLGY124L - HUMAN ANATOMY LAB - Bossier Parish Community Coll

Summer 1997

#### **PLANS**

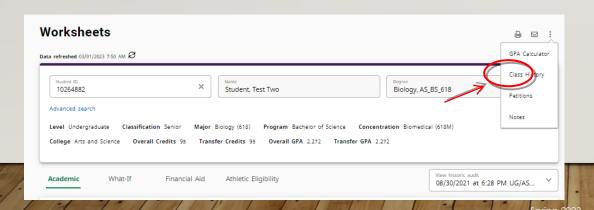
- Plans allows students and advisors to create sequenced plans of study.
- Once a plan is created, you can modify the courses and requirements. This will allow a customized plan to ensure that the plan will lead successfully to graduation.

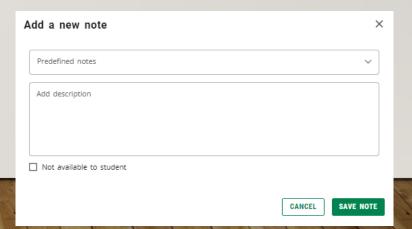




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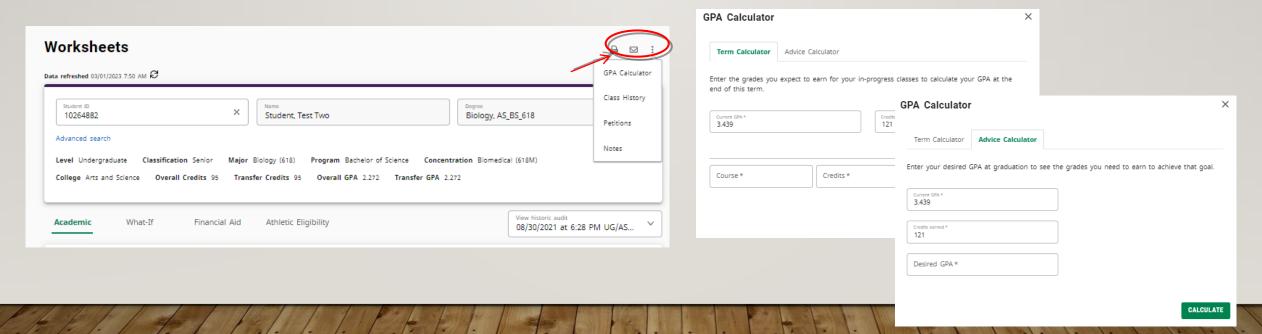
- The Notes feature is a great way to keep track of information that pertains to a student's degree audit or record.
- You can use the Notes tab or the Notes Icon to enter notes
- Be sure to click Process New after entering a note. This will allow the note to display at the bottom of the student's audit.
- Notes are visible to all Degree Works users including students





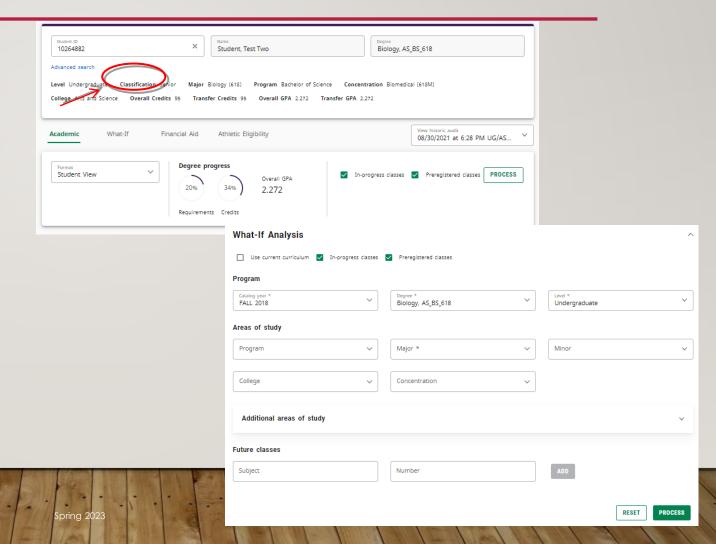
# **GPA CALCULATOR**

- Term Calculator: How will grades achieved this term affect a student's cumulative GPA?
- Advice Calculator: How many credit hours with certain grades will achieve a desired GPA?



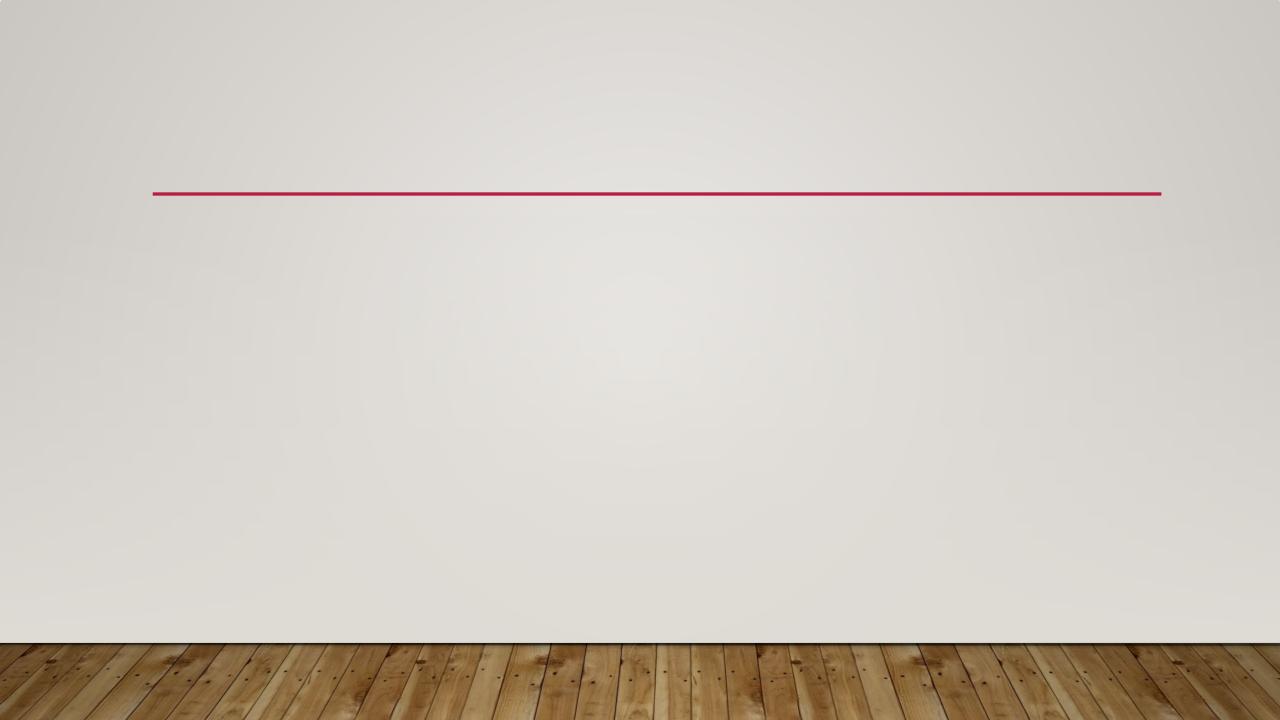
#### WHAT IF

- Allows us hypothesize how a change in academic program (Degree, Major, Minor) affects previous coursework.
- NOTE: You must select ALL of the criteria you want to change in the audit (Degree, Academic Year, Major, Minor).



## POSSIBLE IRREGULARITIES

- Incorrect curriculum
  - Academic/Catalog year
- Misplaced courses
  - Pre 2012 summer
  - Missing attributes
- No audit displayed
  - Pre-2016 students
  - Students inactive for more than 3 semesters
- Dual Degree/Double Major
  - Toggle for second audit
- Repeated Coursework
  - D/F Repeat
  - Non repeatable



# **PETITION**

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