Degree Works Planner
A "How to" Guide

## Degree Works Planner

- Allows students to create, view and save a 4-year schedule of courses
- A student can create one or many plans, but can have ONLY one active AND locked plan
- Plans are created in 1 of 2 ways:

1. Create a plan from scratch (instructions to follow)
2. Create a plan from a major specific template (templates available for select majors)

## Degree Works Planner

Create a plan from scratch


1. Once in Degree Works, open the "Plans" tab to create and view plans.
2. If you have no existing plans, a message box will appear asking if you would like to create a blank plan or select a template
3. Select "Blank Plan" to create from scratch

Note: If you have existing plans, select "New Plan" from the top right corner of the screen to get the "Create Plan" message box.


## Degree Works Planner

Create a plan from template


1. Open the "Plans" tab to create and view plans.
2. If you have no existing plans, a message box will appear asking if you would like to create a blank plan or select a template
3. Choose "Select Template" to create from a pre-existing template

Note: If you have existing plans, select "New Plan" from the top right corner of the screen to get the "Create Plan" message box.
4. When the template opens, you will be asked to select the term you wish to start the plan. You should select the semester you were first enrolled at CSB/SJU and select "OK."
5. Save your plan

To continue the modification of this major template to reflect your personal plan, review how to add requirements beginning on Page 10.

Note: We ask that you to have only one active plan saved at a time so that reporting data is as accurate as possible

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Open an existing plan


## Degree Works Planner

## Adding requirements:

Semesters, course requirements, and other degree requirements


| Add Requirement |
| :--- |
| Choice |
| Course |
| GPA |
| Placeholder |
| Test Score |

Select the " + " plus sign in the top right corner

The choices requirement is designed to let you list a number of courses or course options to give you flexibility as you plan to fill your courses for each semester.

1. You search for specific courses by utilizing the magnifying glass search option
2. You can designate any common curriculum requirements for a course by adding an "Attribute"
3. If a course requires an accompanying lab, you can add that by selecting the " + "
4. If you wish to add another course or range of courses to fulfill this open course slot, you can select "Add another option"
5. You can enter a minimum number of credits you want your course choice to fulfill for your plan
6. You can add any notes for this choice of courses in the Notes section

## Wildcards

If you wish to represent a range of options, the planner utilizes the "@" symbol as a wildcard designation for a subject and/or a course number.

## Wildcard Examples:

- @ 3@ with TU = Any Subject, any 300 level course with Theology Upper Division requirement
- @ @ with NS = Any subject, any course with Natural Science requirement
- PCST 1@ or PHIL @ = Any 100-level Peace Studies course or any Philosophy course

| Critical | Choice Requirement | Minimum Credits |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |


| Course | Attribute | Course/Lab | Attribute |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $Q$ | None |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

The Course requirement is designed to let you add a single course from the existing course catalog listing for CSB/SJU.

1. You search for specific courses by utilizing the magnifying glass search option
2. You must enter the number of credits the course will fulfill for your plan
3. You can add a minimum grade, if one is required or needed
4. You can add any notes for this course choice in the Notes section

Note: You can also add courses from the CSB/SJU course catalog by dragging an dropping them from the courses or still needed menus on the right hand edge of the planner.



In addition to a course requirement, you can add courses by drag and drop from:

- Courses menu - a full listing of all courses still active in the CSB/SJU course catalog
- Still Needed menu - courses needed based on your specific degree and major

Note: You can see more options by expanding these menus by toggling the blue arrow boxes

The GPA requirement is designed to let you list any GPA requirements that are needed to fulfill your degree requirements.

1. You choose what type of GPA is listed

- Class List GPA
- Major GPA
- Overall cumulative GPA

2. If you select a Class List GPA, you will have to add a list of classes utilizing a plus sign
(+) between them

- Example: BIOL 101 + MATH 124

3. If you select a Major GPA, you will then be required to select a major from the listing provided.
4. You enter a minimum GPA value
5. You can add any notes for the GPA requirement in the Notes section


Class List GPA
Major GPA
Overall GPA - Student System

Placeholders are designed to let you list any number of requirements that aren't built into existing courses.

1. You choose what type placeholder is represented

- Comment
- Common Curriculum Course
- Course Range
- Elective Course
- Fine Arts Experience
- Graduation Requirement
- Language Proficiency
- Non-Course
- Recommended Course(s)
- Wildcard

Placeholder Requirement
2. You then fill in the free form text field provided
3. You can add any notes for this placeholder in the Notes section

## Placeholder Examples

- Common Curriculum Course
- Course w/ Gender Requirement
- Elective Course
- 2 credit Chemistry course
- Graduation Requirements
- Last semester - 124 credits required for graduation
- $2^{\text {nd }}$ semester sophomore year -

Acceptance to Major Required

Test Scores are designed to you list any test taking requirements that aren't built into existing courses.

1. You choose which test needs to be completed

Note: New test score requirement options must be set up by the Registrar's Office
2. You then fill in the minimum score needed to pass the test. You may also indicate a higher score you aspire to, if desired.
3. You can add any notes for this test score requirement in the Notes section


## Degree Works Planner

Editing requirements

## Editing a Plan

There are multiple ways a plan can be edited:

1. Drag and drop requirements to different semesters within the plan
2. Add or delete requirements
3. Reassign terms



## Reassign terms

1. Reassign terms by clicking the "Reassign" button
2. Then, select the desired term from the dropdown menu
3. Click "OK" to complete the reassignment

## Notes:

- If a term has already been used within the plan, it will not be available in the term dropdown menu.
- If you are reassigning to a term that already has planned courses, you must first delete the existing term or reassign it.


## Degree Works Planner

Saving plans

1. The "Save" button will save your current plan
Note: Changing the description and selecting "Save" will overwrite your previous plan.
2. The "Save As" button will save a new copy of your plan even if the description does not change.
3. We ask that you have only one active plan saved at a time so that reporting data is as accurate as possible.

## Degree Works Planner

View and/or Print your plan

## Plan Views and Printing

- There are several views available in which to review or print your 4-year plan:
- Audit (Places your plan and an audit against degree requirements side-by-side)
- Calendar
- Edit (the default view)
- Notes (the BEST view to print)
- Your Degree Works 4-year Plan is available to
 you and your faculty advisor at all times via the web. But, if you wish to have a hard copy, the Notes view is the most thorough view


| Student | Mouse, Mickey Mighty | Level | Undergraduate | Degree | Not in Upper Division |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ID | 999888777 | Campus | Saint John's University | Colleges | College of Arts and Sciences College of Arts and Sciences |
| Advisors | Schloe, Brent S Oefike, Tory L | Cass Level | First Year | Majors | Elementary Education Nursing |
| Academic Standing |  | Cohort | New Registrant - Fall 2017 | Minor |  |
| Cum GPA | 0.00 | Holds |  | Concentration |  |

- Not Accepted to Major


## Unmet conditions for this set of requirements:

 EMPORTANT: 1) This degree audit is based on your current Banner records as reflected ab 45 credits must be completed at CSB/SJU. You currently have 4 credits (earned and registered) and still need 41 more. IMPORTANT: 1) This degree audit is based on your current Banner records as reflected above. Any change to a major, minor, and/or concentration may affect your final degree requirements. 2) Students must ordinarily be in residence for the er back and 2 all degree requirements once you leave CSB/SJU. 4) If you feel any of the information displayed on your auditi is incorrect, please consult the appropiate department chair or academic catalog.Still Needed: You have not yet been accepted to a major. Students are required to apply to a major during the second semester of their sophomore year.

No Degree Application

Still Needed: You will be asked to apply for graduation either in the spring semester of your junior year or when you have earned 80 or moser Still Needed: credits. The Degree Application is available on the Graduation Requirements link on the Registrar's office home page.

Still Needed: Your cumulative GPA is below the minimum required GPA of 2.50 for the Elementary Education major. Please see your advisor.
Still Needed: See Common Curriculum section
Still Needed: $\begin{aligned} & \text { See Major in Elementary Education section } \\ & \text { See Major in Nursing section }\end{aligned}$
Still Needed: $\quad$ minimum of 40 upper division creatis are required. You currently have 0 credits (earned and registered) and still need 40 more

In addition to the audit view, one can select "Audit" near the bottom of the page to view the planned requirements within an degree audit

Notes:

- Any changes made to a plan will not be visible within the audit until after the plan has been saved
- All completed, in-progress and planned courses will appear in the audit
- The audit engine is not able to process choices, GPAs, placeholders or test scores


## Degree Works Planner

Faculty Advisor Approval of Plan

1. Once you have developed and saved a plan, let your faculty advisor know which plan they should review (if you created more than one plan)
2. Your faculty advisor will review your plan, providing any feedback on suggested changes.
3. Once the plan is reviewed and approved by the faculty advisor, he/she MUST save the plan as both Active and Locked, so that reporting data is as accurate as possible.
4. All future changes to the plan MUST be made in consultation with your faculty advisor. They MUST unlock your plan before changes can be made.

## Degree Works Planner

Additional Planner Features


Still Needed
Refresh Collapse All
Demmon Curriculum of Arts
DISCIPLINARY COURSE
REQUIREMENTS
Fine Arts Experience
Requires attendance at 8 designated
Fine Arts events. NOTE: This
requirement will not show as
Met in DegreeWorks until after
the spring semester of your
second year of attendance, at
the earliest, and assuming that
all 8 events have been attended.
Theology Upper Division
1 Class in
@ 3@ with ATTRIBUTE = TU
Major in Economics
Major in Political Science

## Still Needed



## Still Needed Menu

This menu allows you to view courses that are still needed for your degree plan.

- Click and drag courses to terms within the plan to add these courses
- Click on the expand arrows to find classes that meet wildcard requirements.
Example: If you need a 300 level Political Science elective, you can expand on the requirement (POLS 3@) to view a list of 300 level electives.
- Use the "Refresh" button to update the menu so that planned courses no longer appear in the Still Needed list


## Important Note:

Courses with common curriculum attributes (GE, TU, NS, etc.) will ONLY show courses from the course catalog with these designations. Each semester, there are also specific sections of courses that may also gain these designations. These cannot be planned utilizing the planner because class schedules are not published that far in advance.



