



DegreeWorks What-If Quick Guide

The **What-If** tool in DegreeWorks allows students to explore different majors and degrees. (*For example, an Engineering student might explore the requirements for a degree in Computer Science.*) However, DegreeWorks is only a tool, and should not replace the student's advisor. Students should meet with their advisors to discuss the information in DegreeWorks. *DegreeWorks is not an academic transcript and should not be treated as such.* An advisor must be contacted to officially change a major, minor, or concentration.

1. Log in to **BengalWeb** and click the **DegreeWorks** icon (graduation cap) in the upper left.
2. **Students:** Your name and academic information will appear in the first block.
Advisors: Enter the student's Banner ID in the **Student ID** field. If you don't know it, click on **Advanced Search**, and use the search options featured there. (*Note: the Student ID here is the SPRIDEN ID #, NOT the student's ISU ID/Bengal Card #.*)
3. Two main tools are listed beneath the first block (**Academic** and **What-If**); click on **What-If**. (*Instructions for the **Academic** tool are available in TigerTracks.*)
4. Look under the **Program** heading to see the student's current enrolled **Catalog year**; **Degree**; and **Level**. Change these to explore something other than what is listed.
5. Under **Areas of study**, select a **Major** (and a **Minor**, **College**, or **Concentration**, if desired). Only the **Major** field is required.
6. To add additional areas of study to the What-If analysis, click **Additional areas of study** and then the plus sign. Choose additional options from the boxes shown.
7. The **Future classes** section allows the addition of planned classes to the What-If analysis, to help with future registration decisions. Type in the **Subject** and **Number** of the course, and click **ADD**.
8. Click **PROCESS** (bottom right).
9. The analysis that appears shows which classes have already been taken that would meet the requirements for this course of study, and what courses remain to be taken. (*Note: Degree and major combinations not offered at ISU will pull incorrect results (i.e. Bachelor of Arts in Pharmacy).*)
10. To save a copy or print this analysis, click the printer icon in the upper right, choose the dimensions, and click **Open PDF**.
11. To explore something else, click on the **What-If Analysis** block to expand it and view the parameters, then choose different options as explained above.

Any questions about the information in DegreeWorks should be discussed with an advisor or the Office of Academic Advising (208-282-3277).