The new DEGREE AUDIT SYSTEM
Your Tool to Academic Progress

In Fall 2014, Millersville University began using a new audit system called Degree Works. Replacing DARS, the new degree audit system is located in your MAX account (Advisement Menu) and you can use Degree Works for the following advisement related activities:

1. **Monitor your academic progress** - An audit shows courses completed, and in-progress, requirements fulfilled, and waivers/exceptions granted.

2. **Prepare for advisement** - An audit shows required courses left to complete, and by clicking on the course, it shows information including description, pre-requisites, and semester schedule offerings.

3. **Explore your options** - Process a “What-If” audit to see how your completed credits would work towards a different major/minor.

4. **See your future** - Use the “Look Ahead” feature to enter planned courses to see how they will work into your graduation requirements.

As always, it is important to use your audit as an advisement tool, along with consultation from your academic adviser, your major department chair, or the Department of Academic & Student Development (Lyle Hall).

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Mark Your Calendar

- **February 9**: Summer 2015 Registration begins
- **March 4**: Change of Major/Minor deadline (to guarantee change by registration)
- **March 9**: Fall web schedule available online, TAP numbers available from advisers
- **March 9-16**: Spring Break
- **April 3**: Last day to withdraw from a course and receive a W grade (Registrar’s Office)
- **April 9-17**: Undergraduate early registration for Fall 2015. Check Registrar’s website for registration schedule date and time.
- **May 5-8**: Finals and evaluation period
- **May 9**: End of Spring 2015, Commencement
- **May 15**: Grades available on MAX after 4:30pm
Sometimes the best way to learn something is by doing it wrong and looking at what you did.

~Neil Gaiman
(Author, American Gods, The Sandman series)

Ask an Adviser...

**Question:** Should I take a summer session course? What should I know about it?

**Answer:** Since the spring semester is now underway, you may want to start thinking ahead and consider taking a summer session course. Here’s some great reasons:
1. Take prerequisite classes to move along quicker in your program.
2. Take a course that may have filled up already in the fall.
3. Stumbled a bit with a course? Retake it over the summer session.
4. Intimidated by large lectures? A lot of classes are a bit smaller in summer and give an opportunity to work more one-on-one with the professor.
5. A lot of students may want to balance a busy life but still stay on track for graduation. Summer session can help by making up for a lighter course load during a regular semester.
6. Dreading a required course? Maybe make it a bit less painful by getting it done quicker during a shorter session.

**Quick Info for Summer Session**
- 3 sessions to choose from*
  - May 11 — June 5
  - June 8 — July 10
  - July 13 — August 14
- Offerings in almost all subjects
- In-person, blended, and online
- Special topics, Travel classes, etc.
- TAP numbers are not necessary for Summer Session BUT advisement is still highly recommended.

**Registration is NOW OPEN!**

*Note: Some courses are shorter or longer than the session dates. Please note the dates for each course on the web schedule.

Have other questions about degree audits, majors, minors, or other advisement topics? Contact your assigned adviser, email us at adviser@millersville.edu, stop by our office in Lyle Hall or call 872-3257 and set up an appointment.

Retention Initiatives: To the rescue!

Every student wants to succeed and do well in college but we understand that sometimes you might stumble, earn poor grades, and find yourself in academic jeopardy, on either warning or probation. With decades of experience in working with students, Joe Sciarretta directs three initiative programs that are geared to help students in academic jeopardy, to develop skills for academic success, to raise your GPA, and to ultimately graduate.

**MU 180 Freshmen/Plus:** For freshmen on academic warning, a five-week jumpstart seminar course to provide support and develop academic skill sets

**MU Transitions:** For students who have been academically dismissed but receive a successful appeal through Academic Standards, a five-week jumpstart seminar course to provide support and develop academic skill sets

**MU Bridges:** Campus-wide email initiative to increase advisement and encourage conversation about academic success between students on probation and their academic advisers

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**Who We Are**

The Department of Academic & Student Development, located on the 2nd floor of Lyle Hall, coordinates services for all students in conjunction with academic departments such as change of majors, minors, and advisers, and provides advisement for students who have not yet declared an academic major in collaboration with the Exploratory advisers. The office has a comprehensive website at www.millersville.edu/advisement. The Exploratory Program also has a website which includes relevant information for the undecided student at www.millersville.edu/undprgm.