What is the What-If Tool?

The **What-If** tool in Degree Works allows students to explore how their completed and in-progress courses would apply to **different majors, minors, concentrations, and degree types**.

This is a great way to:
- Explore a change of major or minor
- See requirements for additional programs (e.g., certificates, second majors)
- Plan for future coursework more strategically

The What-If audit shows:
- Where your current classes would fit into the new program
- If any future registered courses are not applicable to the new program or are falling into the "Not Counting Towards Degree" section of the audit

Important: Be sure to choose an approved combination of **major, concentration, minor, level**, and **degree type** based on your selected catalog year. The catalog year refers to the specific academic term in which a student begins their academic program.

How to Use the What-If Tool

1. **Navigate to the "What-If" tab** under the Student Header.
2. **Select your options**:
   - Catalog Year – *Select the current or a future catalog year. Do not select a previous year.*
   - Degree Type
   - Major
   - Academic Level
3. Click **"Process"** to generate your What-If audit.

Note:
- In-Progress courses refer to classes you are currently taking this semester.
- Registered courses are those you are enrolled in for upcoming semesters.

Adding Additional Areas of Study

To explore multiple programs:

1. Click on the **dropdown arrow** for *Additional Areas of Student*.

2. Click the "+" sign.

3. Enter the details for the additional program(s).

Planning Future Classes

To see how future courses might apply:

1. Enter the **subject** and **course number**.

2. Click "Add".

3. Repeat for each course you want to include.

Additional areas of study ⌃

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Future classes

| Subject | Number | ADD |

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How to Save Your What-If Audit

1. Click the **printer icon** at the top right of the audit page.

2. Select **Open PDF**.

3. Save the file to your device for reference or advising appointments.

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Need Help?

- For questions about your program requirements, registered courses, or general academic advising contact your **academic advisor** listed at the top of your Degree Works audit.

- For questions about **Degree Works** or the **What-If tool**, contact: **Graduation@pennwest.edu**.

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