

An introduction to USI's Degree Evaluation

What is DARS? What is a Degree Evaluation?

The **Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS)** is a computer program that was implemented to assist in the **advising** function. A **degree evaluation** (also called degree audit) outlines a student's specific degree requirements, tracks their progress toward the fulfillment of those requirements, and is utilized to verify **graduation**.

How do I read the Degree Audit?

The screenshot shows a degree audit report with several sections. Annotations on the left explain the symbols used: red up and down arrows for navigation, NO or minus signs for unsatisfied categories, plus signs for acceptable courses, and IP for in-progress courses. Annotations on the right explain that USI classes and transfer coursework are included, and that each course line lists term, course ID, credit hours, and final grade. A note at the bottom right explains that special notations like IPRP indicate a repeat course.

Red up and down arrows allow easy navigation to/from the top of the page

USI classes are included, as well as an evaluation of any transfer coursework (including the original institution & course ID)

Each course line lists the term the course was taken (Spring 2007), the course ID (PED 138), credit hours (1.0) and final grade (A)

Unsatisfied categories are indicated with a NO or a minus sign.

Acceptable courses from which to select are listed in red

Categories that have been satisfied with successfully graded courses are indicated with a plus sign or an OK

Categories indicated with an IP will be satisfied upon the successful completion of any "in progress" courses (those yet to be graded)

Special notations may appear to the right of a grade (refer to the legend at the end of the degree evaluation for possible codes). For example, an RP indicates the course is a repeat

Category	Requirement	Term	Course ID	Credits	Grade	Notes
IP	UCC-A THE MIND: ENHANCEMENT OF COGNITIVE ABILITIES (12-13 HOURS)	05FA	ENG 101	3.0	C	VINCENJC: ENGL101
		07SP	ENG 201	3.0	D	
		06FA	CMST101	3.0	A	
		08SP	MATH111	4.0	IP	
NO	UCC-B THE SELF: ENHANCEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT (8 HOURS)					
-	1) B1. ETHICS (3 HOURS)					
	SELECT FROM: ENG 222 HA 356 PHIL 200,201,312,363					
+	2) B2. THE ARTS (3 HOURS)					
	05FA ENG 105	05FA	ENG 105	3.0	C	VINCENJC: LITR100
+	3) B3. HEALTH/FITNESS (2 HOURS)					
	ONE HEALTH COURSE					
	07SP PED 186	07SP	PED 186	1.0	A	
+	ONE FITNESS COURSE					
	07SP PED 138	07SP	PED 138	1.0	A	
OK	TO ENROLL IN UPPER DIVISION BUSINESS COURSES, A CUMULATIVE GPA OF 2.20 IS REQUIRED IN THE FIRST 62 CREDIT HOURS.					
	EARNED: 62.0 HOURS					2.838 GPA
IP	BUSINESS CORE (11 COURSES, 31 HOURS)					
	04SU CIS 151	04SU	CIS 151	3.0	A	ITOCIEVV: CIS101
	04FA ACCT201	04FA	ACCT201	3.0	C	BALLSTAT: ACC 201
	04FA BLAW263	04FA	BLAW263	3.0	B	BALLSTAT: BL 260
	05SP ACCT202	05SP	ACCT202	3.0	C+	BALLSTAT: ACC 202
	06SP ECON265	06SP	ECON265	3.0	D	06SP MKTG305 3.0 B
	06FA ASBE231	06FA	ASBE231	3.0	B	06FA FIN 305 3.0 D+
	06FA MNGT305	06FA	MNGT305	3.0	C	07SP MNGT452 3.0 B+
	07FA ASBE401	07FA	ASBE401	1.0	IPRP	

Who can take advantage of the Degree Audit?

Degree-seeking undergraduates who began at USI in summer 1995 or later are eligible to run/view a degree evaluation. Academic advisors can also access their advisee's degree evaluation and can recommend the most appropriate courses.

When should the Degree Audit be reviewed?

- as part of any academic **advising** session
- before/after **registering** for classes
- after any **schedule revision** (add/drop)
- at the end of the semester when **grades** are official
- if considering **changing programs** (new **major**/degree type)
- when initiating a **Formal Application for Graduation** or to confirm completion of degree requirements

Where can I access the Degree Evaluation? Students and faculty can run and view a degree audit online through myUSI (my.usi.edu). After logging in with their username and password, students will:

1) click the **Self Service** icon, 2) select **Student**, 3) select **Student Records** and 4) choose **Degree Evaluation**.

Click **A) Submit an Audit** to run a new degree evaluation, or

Click **B) View Submitted Audits** to review any reports you've run during the last 7 days

DARS - Degree Audit Reporting System

Click Run Audit to run an audit against your latest academic degree program. An evaluation of any transfer credits will be included within the audit. If you'd like to see how your coursework would apply toward a different program, run a "What-if" analysis. Degree audits are available for degree-seeking undergraduates who first began at USI in the summer of 1995 or later.

Submit an Audit

Run a Degree Audit (DARS).

View Submitted Audits

Choose from a list of previously submitted audits.

A

B

How do I submit a Degree Evaluation (run an audit)?

A degree audit can either be run 1) for the student's currently declared major/program (click the "Run Audit" button), or 2) as a "what-if" audit for another major the student might be interested in (click the "What-If?" button).

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Select Degree Program:

Latest (all)

List All Requirements

Run Audit

1

What-If Analysis

Find out how your courses would apply if you changed majors.

What-If?

2

If running a 'what-if' report, you'll progress through a series of drop-down lists to select the desired program. The **catalog** indicates the semester the student began/will begin the program (unless granted a waiver by the chair of the department of the new major, students must meet the program requirements in effect at the time the new major is **declared**).

Selected College/School:

College of Liberal Arts

Change School/College

Help?

Selected Degree:

Bachelor of Science

Change Degree

Help?

Selected Major:

History

Change Major

Help?

Selected Catalog:

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Change Catalog

Help?

What If Analysis for: HISTORY MAJOR, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Run Analysis

After running the report...

Click to view the output...

Your audit has been submitted.

During peak times please allow up to 2 minutes for the audit to finish.

view submitted audits

Submit another DARS Report

...or click to run another audit