What-If Report

Concept

This topic demonstrates creating and understanding a What-If Report in the Advisor Center, which can be located within the Faculty Center of the SIS.

The What-If Report is a tool that can be used by undergraduate, graduate and Weatherhead School of Management students to determine how changes to their major, minor, or program would affect their course of study. The report enables students and advisors to compare a student’s current curriculum and benchmark achievements with a proposed program/plan combination, and lists the requirements that would and would not be satisfied if the student were to make a change.

Procedure

Begin by logging in to the SIS at case.edu/sis with your CWRU Network ID and password.

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<td>The Faculty Center appears. Click the <strong>Advisor Center</strong> tab.</td>
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![Diagram of Patty Professor interface](image)

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### Step 2: The Advisee Roster appears.

Locate the student whose What-If Report you wish to view and click their **Name**.

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### Step 3: The advisee's Student Center appears.

Click the **Other Academic...** dropdown list.

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### Step 4: Click the **What-If Report** list item.

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### Step 5: Click the **Go** button.

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### Step 6: The What-If Report Selection screen appears.

- If What-If Reports have already been created by you or the student, they will appear in the **View a Saved What-If Report** list.

- To create a new What-If Report, click the **Create New Report** button.
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7. | The Create What-If Scenario screen appears.

The Career Scenario section lists the student’s current Academic Career and Catalog (Requirement) year.

8. | The dropdown boxes within the Program Scenario section contain the student’s current Academic Program(s), Areas of Study (Academic Plans), and any applicable Concentrations within those areas.

Change the values in the dropdown lists to create a new scenario.

To select a new academic program, click the Academic Program list.

9. | Select the appropriate program from the list.

10. | Click the Area of Study list.

11. | Select the appropriate academic plan from the list. For example, select a new major.

12. | If applicable, click the Concentration dropdown box to select an academic concentration within the plan.

13. | Continue making changes to the Program Scenario section as necessary.

When adding a minor to the What If scenario of an Undergraduate student, choose the Academic Program of the student’s major rather than the program related to the minor. For instance, if a Biology major adds an Accounting minor to the scenario, choose College of Arts and Sciences as the Academic Program for that minor RATHER than Management Undergraduate.
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14. | **Submit Request** button.

15. | **What-If Report** appears.
   Beneath the student's name and ID number is the Program/Plan grid, where the Academic Career, Academic Program, and Academic Plans that were selected on the Create What-If Scenario screen are displayed. This is the **What-If Scenario**.
   For each item on the grid, the Requirement Term, Status (Satisfied or Not Satisfied) and Expected Graduation Term are listed.
   **Note:** The Expected Graduation Term reflects the term indicated in the student's records. The Term does not change in accordance with the what-if scenario.

16. | Beneath the Program/Plan grid is a legend that describes the symbols that appear next to the courses listed in the report.

The **What-If Report** contains the following legend:

These symbols appear next to courses in the report that the student has taken, is currently taking, or is planning to take. Courses with the Planned symbol indicate that the course is in the student's Planner, which is an optional Student Center planning tool. Courses with the What-if symbol were added individually to the Select What-If Criteria screen from the Course Catalog (not demonstrated in this process). If a course appears in the What-If Report but does not have a symbol next to it, then the course is part of a requirement and the student has not yet taken or planned to take that course.
### Step 17

Each broad requirement that the student must fulfill according to the What-If Scenario is demarcated by a thick solid line, called a header.

The first header is for career requirements. It includes requirements that the student must fulfill in order to graduate in the career chosen in the What-If Scenario.

### Step 18

The General Requirements header includes the general requirements for the Academic Program(s) indicated in the what-if scenario.

Listed within each general requirement are:

- Your status regarding this requirement (Satisfied or Not Satisfied)
- Units (or Courses) Required
- Units (or Courses) Taken
- Units (or Courses) Needed

Also listed are the courses that you have already taken to fulfill the requirement.
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19. | The Courses Not Applied header contains courses that do not apply to any specific requirement listed in this What-If Scenario.

Click the Courses Not Applied **Expand Section** button.

Throughout the Academic Advisement and What-If Reports are pushbuttons that look like green arrows. These buttons, called **Expand Section** and **Collapse Section**, can expand and collapse headers and sections.

If a header or section is expanded by default, that typically means that the particular requirement is not satisfied. When a requirement is not satisfied, its green arrow button points down. Clicking on the arrow will collapse the section so that no data displays other than its header or title. Consequently, this green arrow button is called Collapse Section.

**Examples of an unsatisfied requirement with Collapse Section button:**

**SAGES SEMINARS AND SENIOR CAPSTONE [RG0646]**

**120 Total Units**

**Not Satisfied**: Earn 120 total units
### Examples of a satisfied requirement with Expand Section button:

- **COURSES NOT APPLIED [RG0648]**
- **SAGES Writing Portfolio**

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<td>Click the Extra Courses <strong>Expand Section</strong> button.</td>
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- **BIOLOGY BS 16/18029**

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Life of the Mind</td>
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<td>Fall 2011</td>
<td>✔</td>
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<tr>
<td>382</td>
<td>382/383</td>
<td>1.00</td>
<td>Fall 2011</td>
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- **BIOLOGY REQUIRED COURSES [BIOLOGY]**

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<td>21.</td>
<td>The courses that the student has completed that cannot be applied to the What-If Scenario appear. Up to ten classes can appear on the screen at one time. Click the <strong>Show next</strong> button to see the next ten courses.</td>
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<td>Click the <strong>View All</strong> link to see all courses in the section on the screen at one time.</td>
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<td>23.</td>
<td>Click the Courses Not Applied <strong>Collapse Section</strong> button to collapse the entire section beneath the header.</td>
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### Step 24

The next headers demarcate the Academic Plans and Concentrations (if applicable) included in the What-If Scenario. Beneath each plan header are the following data:

**Requirements for satisfying the Plan**

- **Not Satisfied** or **Satisfied**
- Units (or Courses) Required
- Units (or Courses) Taken
- Units (or Courses) Needed

Also listed are the courses that the student took under his/her official Program/Plan that satisfy these requirements. If the student has not taken any courses that satisfy the requirements, then the courses needed will appear.

### Step 25

Within each plan header are the requirements that constitute the plan. Each plan has different requirements for completion.

Where there are course requirements, the report will list the courses required, taken, and needed, followed by a list of the courses that fulfill that requirement. Courses that the student has taken, is taking, or plans to take are indicated by symbols found in the legend at the top of the page.

### Step 26

This completes the process of creating and understanding a What-If Report. **End of Procedure.**