What-If Report

Concept

The What-If Report compares the coursework you've completed to the coursework required to complete a major and/or minor. It is helpful in determining what courses would apply if you changed majors and/or minors, and in determining how many courses/credit hours you would still need to take.

The use of this report only applies to undergraduate students, students in the School of Graduate Studies, and to students in the Weatherhead School of Management. This topic will demonstrate how to run the What-If Report.
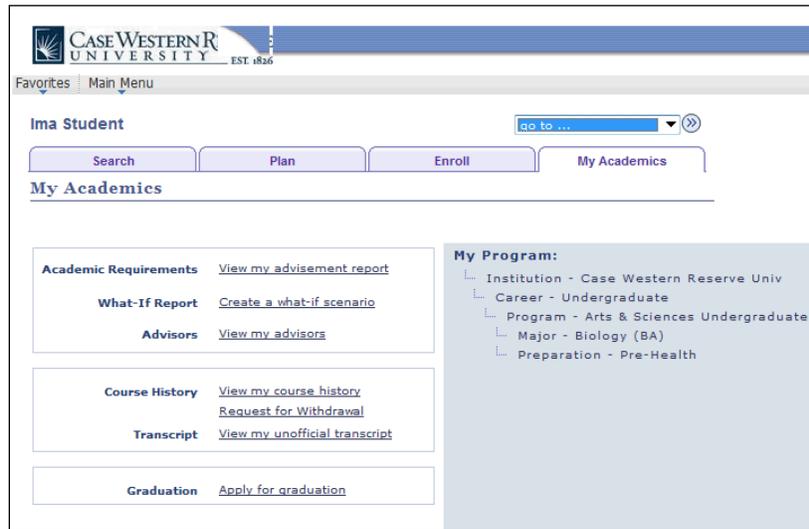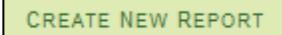
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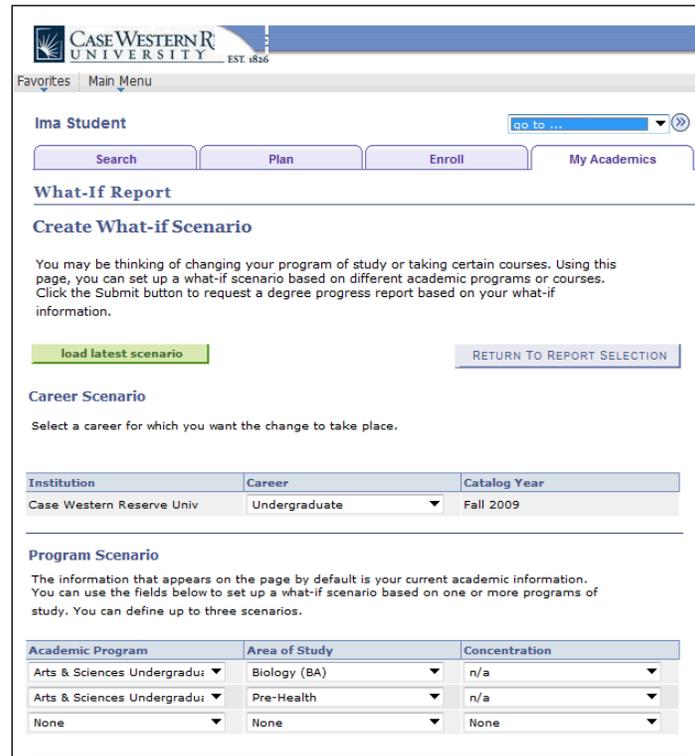Begin by logging in to the SIS at *case.edu/sis* with your CWRU Network ID and password.

Step	Action
1.	The Student Center appears. Click on the **My Academics** link. My Academics

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2.	The My Academics screen appears. Click the **Create a what-if scenario** link. Create a what-if scenario
3.	The **What-If Report Selection** screen appears. If What-if Reports have already been created for you or by you, 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. CREATE NEW REPORT

Step	Action
4.	The **Create What-If Scenario** screen appears.

The Career Scenario section lists your current Academic Career and Catalog (Requirement) year. |

Academic Career classifies both students and curriculum as belonging to one of nine groups: Undergraduate, Graduate, Management, Law, Medicine, Applied Social Sciences, Nursing, Dental, or Nondegree.
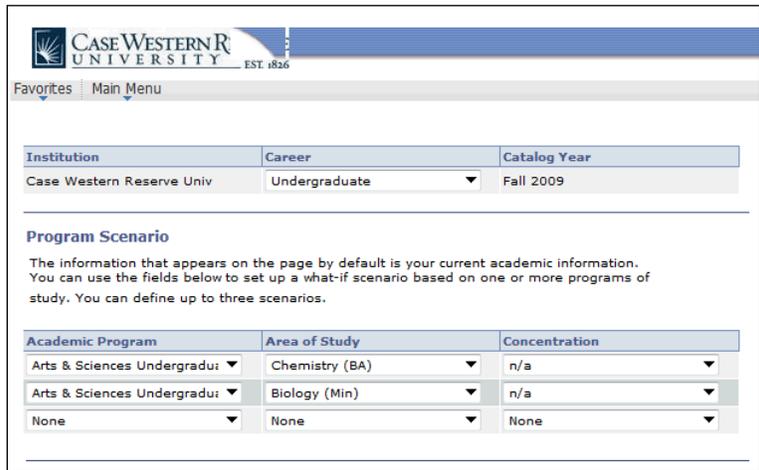

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5.	The dropdown boxes within the *Program Scenario* section contain your current **Academic Program**(s), **Areas of Study** (Academic Plans), and any applicable Concentrations within those areas.

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

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

An Academic Program is the student's academic discipline. For undergraduates, this can be the College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Engineering, etc. For graduate students, it is more specifically their scholarly pursuit, such as Bioethics or Anthropology.

An Academic Plan is essentially the curriculum that a student is using to achieve a degree. For undergraduate students, majors and minors are academic plans. Graduate students use Plan A or Plan B for their academic plan. Professional students have a variety of academic plans that are offered based on their school, such as "Weekend Intensive" or "Executive Option."

Please note: When selecting a minor(s) in a what-if scenario, use the same Academic Program used for the major(s) selected. If you have selected two or more majors in different Academic Programs, select one to use with the selected minor(s).

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6.	To select a new Academic Plan, click the **Area of Study** list.
7.	If applicable, click the **Concentration** dropdown menu to select an academic concentration within the plan.
8.	Select up to three combinations of Academic Program, Area of Study and Concentration.

Step	Action
9.	Click the **Submit Request** button. SUBMIT REQUEST

Step	Action
10.	The **What-If Report** appears. Beneath the your 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 your student records. The Term does not change in accordance with the what-if scenario.
11.	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.

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12.	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 you must fulfill in order to graduate in the career chosen in the What-If Scenario.

CAS UNDERGRADUATE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS [RG0656]

Satisfied: CAS Undergraduate General Requirements (Present Handbook)

Upper Level Units

Satisfied: Complete a minimum of 30 upper level units (300-400 level)

- Units: 30.00 required, 36.00 taken, 0.00 needed

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Status
ANAT 312	Basic Histology	3.00	Fall 2011		☆
ARTS 101	Design & Color I	3.00	Fall 2011		◇
BIOL 215	Cells and Proteins	3.00	Fall 2011		◇
BIOL 325	Cell Biology	3.00	Fall 2010	C	✅
BIOL 342	Parasitology	3.00	Spring 2011	B	✅
BIOL 351	Principles of Ecology	3.00	Fall 2011		◇
BIOL 351L	Principles of Ecology Lab	2.00	Fall 2011		◇
BIOL 358	Animal Behavior	4.00	Spring 2011	B	✅
BIOL 362	Prin of Developmental Biology	3.00	Fall 2010	B	✅
BIOL 364	Research Methods Evolution	3.00	Fall 2011		◇

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Step	Action
13.	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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14.	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

If a header or section is collapsed by default, that typically means that either the section is informational only (not a requirement), or that the requirement has been satisfied. When a requirement is satisfied, it's green arrow points inward. Clicking on the arrow will expand the section so that all data within it displays. Consequently, this green arrow button is called Expand Section.

Examples of a satisfied requirement with Expand Section button:

▷ COURSES NOT APPLIED [RG0648]

▷ SAGES Writing Portfolio

Step	Action
15.	Click the Extra Courses **Expand Section** button. ▷

Step	Action
16.	The courses that you have 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 **View All** link to see all the courses. View All

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17.	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 you have taken under your current program/plan that satisfy these requirements. If you have not taken any courses that satisfy the requirements, then the courses needed will appear.
18.	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 you have taken, are taking, or plan to take are indicated by symbols found in the legend at the top of the page.
19.	This completes the process of creating and reading a What-If Report. **End of Procedure.**