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Below is a brief introduction to changes that advisors will see with the Degree Works upgrade in June.

The "**Find**" feature is now labeled "**Advanced Search**". The new version no longer supports search by Registration Term, Graduation Term or Advisor ID. You may find it most useful to search for students / use your Advisee Listing in the Advising Student Profile and access Degree Works from the link on the Student Profile.

If you execute a search in Degree Works, it does not automatically display an audit. Click the "Select Student" drop-down to select a student audit from the search results.
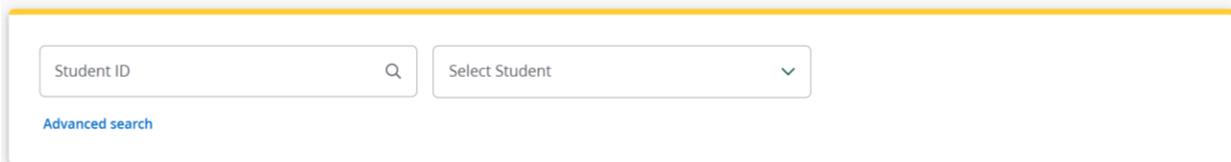

While most functions have remained, navigating to them is somewhat different. Highlighted below are the new **navigation** elements / locations. Since the new version is responsive, the display of navigation icons may change based on size of the viewing screen/window/device. The "hamburger" menu next to user name in the upper-right had corner contains all the primary navigation links.
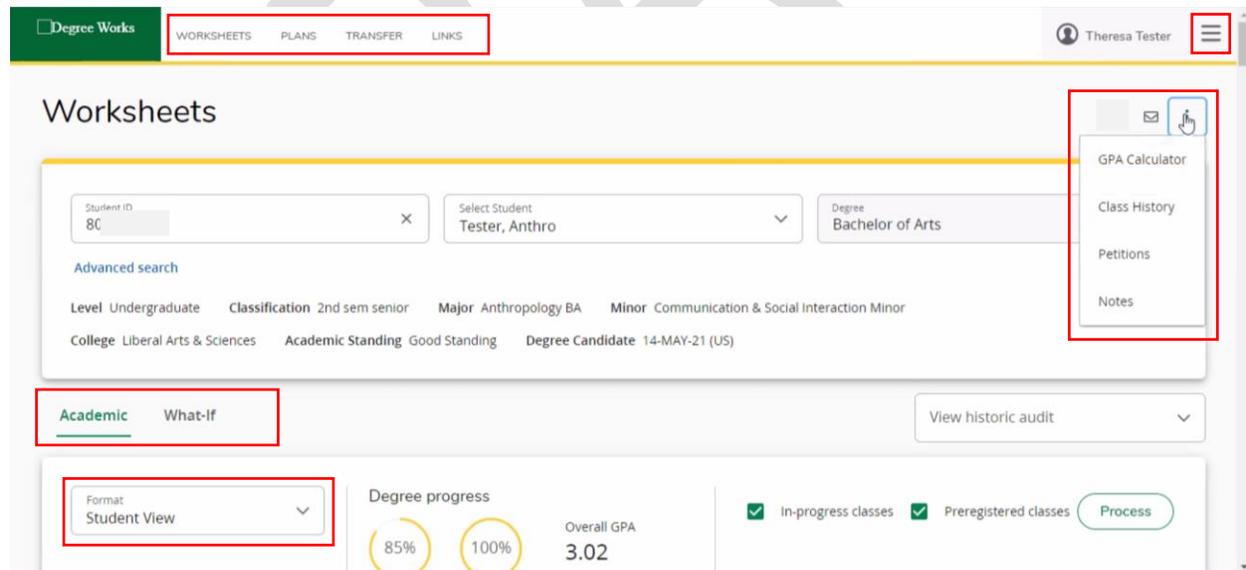
Note:
The Look-Ahead feature has been incorporated into the What-If page.
FAQ and Help pages have been replaced with "Links" content.

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The **Student Header** will display at the top of all pages (Worksheets, Plans, Transfer, What-If). Elements will only display if data exist. For example, if a student does not have any minors, there will not be a blank "Minors" element, it simply won't display.
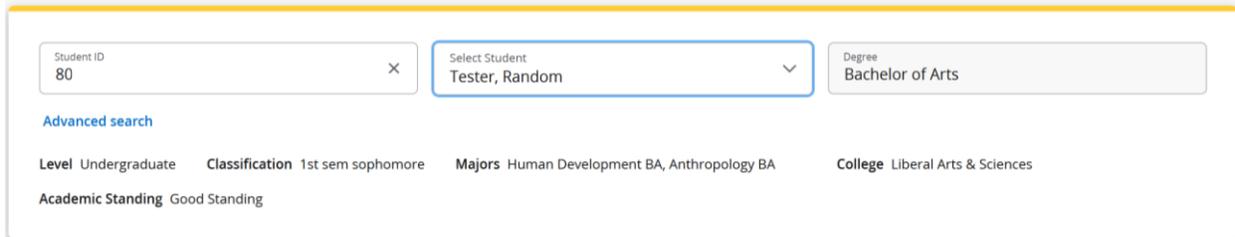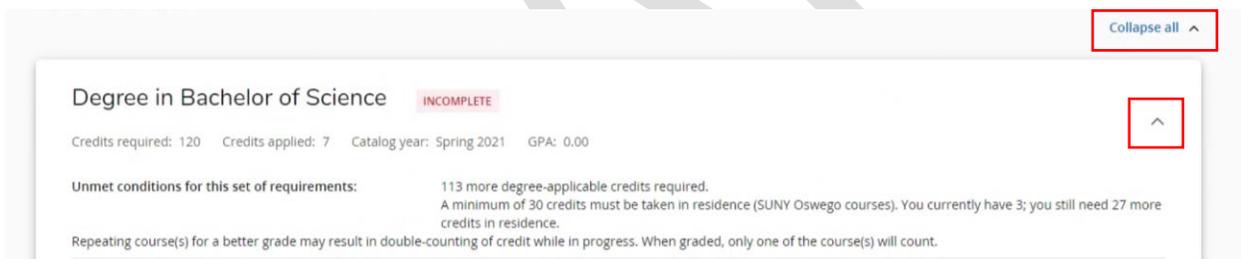

Student Header items can include: Level, Classification, Major(s), Minor(s), Concentration(s), College, Academic Standing, Degree Candidate, Confidential, Transfer Credit Under Review (for accepted transfers), Second Degree, Prior Baccalaureate, Hold(s) Prevent Registration.

The list of assigned Advisors is no longer in the header. Advisor names and emails display to the student when they click the email icon. Repeat information, Hours in Major (for BA degrees) and Transfer Credit information previously displayed in the header have been incorporated into the audit.

Users can **collapse or expand** any/all "blocks" (audit sections) for easier navigation.

General changes:

You may notice a more customized display of block requirements (credits required, catalog year, etc.) and relevant GPA information - especially for Second Degree, Prior Baccalaureate, 5-year Program and Graduate students.

The icons used to designate requirements and completion are different, but the concepts are the same.

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New:

There is a **Credit Limits** block used to display transfer credits and, for BA degree-seekers, Hours in Discipline. Note that the block will only display if the student has 15 or more transfer credits and/or 27 or more hours in discipline (BA degrees). Messaging changes based on whether a limit has been exceeded. This block is informational only, and has no direct impact on degree progress.

Moving forward, **Transfer Courses** that exceed limits (e.g. 60 credits from two-year institutions) will no longer need to be marked with an asterisk to prevent them from applying to the audit. Degree Works can now apply the appropriate caps. This means that a change in student curriculum no longer requires a review of (excess) transfer credit to determine if "T*"-graded courses could apply to the new curriculum – Degree Works will adjust automatically.

A "**Repeated**" column appears throughout the audit. Non-repeatable courses that have been repeated display a symbol (R). Like the academic transcript, the symbol appears when both classes have been processed for include/exclude at end of term. It also appears on currently-registered repeats of passed coursework (i.e. current repeats of D grades, not E grades).

Course	Title	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated
ART 106	Design Concepts II-3D	D	3	Fall 2019	(R)
ART 250	West Hert I-Survy Art I	D	0	Fall 2019	(R)
ART 371	Art/Architecture Islam Culture	E	0	Fall 2019	
MUS 317	Evolution of Jazz and Rock	E	0	Fall 2019	

The **Electives** section of the audit now calculates and displays "degree applicable" versus "not degree applicable" elective credits. Essentially, Degree Works calculates total degree credits minus required credits (GenEd, Major, minor, etc.) to determine allowed elective credits. As the student takes courses

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and some of them fulfill requirements across blocks (are "shared"), the value gets recalculated. These will shift over time as students take classes and/or change curriculum. The situation of interest is when a student has *in-progress / pre-registered* coursework that falls to "Electives - not degree applicable," as these may not be eligible for financial aid.

Electives - degree applicable

Credits applied: 9   Classes applied: 3

Course	Title	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated
CSC XXXX	PLTW 103 - RIT	TB	3	Fall 2014	
	Satisfied by: PLTW103 - DIGITAL ELECTRONICS - Rochester Institute Technology				
CSC XXXX	PLTW 105 - RIT	TA	3	Fall 2014	
	Satisfied by: PLTW105 - COMPUTER INTEGRATED MANUFACTUR - Rochester Institute Technology				
LAS XXXX	PLTW 101-RIT	TA	3	Fall 2014	
	Satisfied by: PLTW101 - INTRODUCTION TO ENGINEERING DE - Rochester Institute Technology				

Electives - not degree applicable

Credits applied: 12   Classes applied: 6

Course	Title	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated
ENG 101	Composition I	TA	3	Spring 2016	
	Satisfied by: ENG103 - AP ENG LANG/COMP 4,5 - Advanced Placement Credit				

The **Look-Ahead** feature has always been available as part of the What-If page, but also available separately for "what if I take these courses with my current major/minor". To accomplish this in the new, combined What-If, check the "Use current curriculum" box and add courses.

What-If Analysis

☑ Use current curriculum   ☑ In-progress classes   ☑ Preregistered classes

Future classes

Subject	Number	Add

Reset   Process

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The **What-If** analysis now displays an appropriate in-discipline count if the what-if selection is a BA degree:

**Plans** look very different, but provide similar functionality.

The "tray" that was on the right-hand side is now on the left-hand side and contains three methods for adding classes: drag and drop from the "Courses" search, add via the "Requirements" dialog or drag and drop from Still Needed.

Course search and Still Needed are also available via the "+" on each term.

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Additional information and edit options for requirements are available using the ellipses. Note – this is where you mark a requirement as **Critical**. Only Critical items on an Active, Locked plans will track.
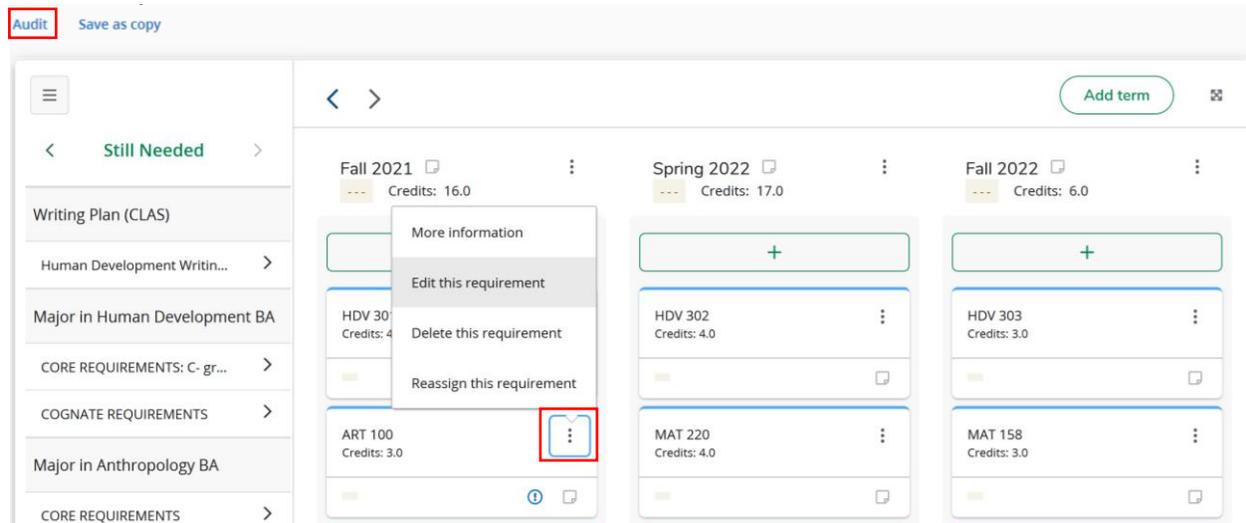
There are no longer distinct "views" to choose from (Calendar, Edit, Notes, Audit), though the **Audit** view of the Plan is still available as a pop-up link at the top of the Plan.

The Plan is saved, and plan status tracked, as changes are made. There is no "save" button.