

Degree Works Graduation Guide

Student User Manual

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Introduction







Degree Works is a web-based tool that helps you and your academic advisor track your progress toward graduation. It shows completed, in-progress, and remaining coursework based on your declared major(s).

Accessing Degree Works

Steps:

1. Log into your student portal: [myCTState](#)
2. Navigate to: **Student Quick Links > Degree Works**
3. Click "**Degree Works**"

Student Quick Links

-  Academic Course Catalog
-  Course Evaluations Submission
-  **Degree Works**
-  Enrollment Verification Request
-  Foreign Language Placement
-  Official Transcript Request

Understanding the Dashboard

Once logged in, you will see your **Degree Audit** home screen. Here's what you'll find:




- **Student Info:** ID, Program/major, Advisor, Prior degrees Awarded
 - **Degree Block:** Overall progress toward graduation
 - **Program Requirements:** Requirements and course completion status
 - **Legend:** Color-coded key (✓ = complete, ~ = in-progress, ○ = not met)
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Using the Degree Audit

What You Can View:

- Courses completed with grades
- In-progress classes
- Unmet requirements
- Electives and excluded courses
- Overall GPA

Symbols:


-  **Green Check:** Completed
 -  **Blue Wave:** In-progress
 -  **Red Circle:** Requirement not met
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What-If Audit Feature

The **What-If** feature in Degree Works allows students to explore how changing their program/major could affect their progress toward graduation. By simulating different scenarios—such as switching majors or updating a catalog year—students can view a customized degree audit showing how their completed and in-progress courses would apply to the new program.

Steps:

1. Click the **“What-If”** tab
2. Select a different major
3. Click **“Process”** button

 ***This does not change your official major.** Speak with an advisor or visit the One Stop Enrollment Center on your campus to declare changes to your program.*

Benefits:

- Helps in academic decision-making before making formal changes
 - Shows which courses will still count and what new requirements would be added
 - Useful for students considering dual degrees or program changes
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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I register for classes through Degree Works?

A: No. Use your student portal or registration system.

Q: My audit looks incorrect—what should I do?


A: Contact your academic advisor.

Q: Can I see transfer credits?

A: Yes. Transfer courses are listed under the appropriate requirement block or elective section.

Support and Resources

- **Advising Office:** [Academic Advising](#)
 - **One Stop Enrollment Center:** [One Stop Enrollment Center](#)
 - **Degree Works Help Page:** <https://ctstate.edu/degree-works> or email CTState-DegreeWorks@ct.edu
 - **Commencement Information:** <https://ctstate.edu/commencement> including information on how to apply for graduation and application deadlines.
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 **Tip:** Review your Degree Works at least twice per semester, especially before registration and after final grades are posted.