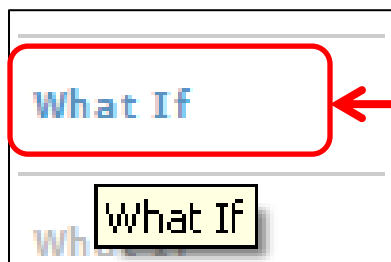


# The What If Evaluation

**NOTE: Degree Works is for new students that enter Georgia State University in fall 2013 or later, or for current students who change to the fall 2013 or later catalog term. The most common reason for a current student to change catalog terms is when they change their degree/major. This is one reason the What If evaluations are very useful.**

This document explains how to run a Degree Works **What If Evaluation**. For a student under the fall 2013 or later catalog, this is the Degree Works Academic Evaluation landing page, with the **What If** link shown on the left:

The screenshot shows the Georgia State University Degree Works Academic Evaluation page. The browser title is "Georgia State University Degree Works - Windows Internet Explorer" and the URL is "https://dwqa.gsu.edu/IRISLink.cgi". The page header includes the Georgia State University logo and the text "Degree Works". Below the header, there are search and filter options for Student ID, Name, Program, Major, Level, Classification, Last Audit, and Last Refresh. The main content area is titled "Academic Evaluation" and includes a "What If" link in the left sidebar. The "What If" link is highlighted with a red box. The main content area displays a student profile for "Average, Joe" with various academic details and a list of requirements for the "AB in History" program. The requirements list includes "39 Upper Division Resident Credits Requirement" (Still Needed), "Minimum Overall 2.0 GPA Requirement Fulfilled" (Fulfilled), and "See Non Course Requirements Below" (Still Needed). The page footer includes the copyright information "Copyright 1995 - 2012 Ellucian Company L.P. and its affiliates."



To run a "What if" evaluation, click the "What If" option on the Academic Evaluation tab

Once the What If “Pick Lists” have loaded the student will see the screen below, showing the their current program.

Student ID	Name	Program	Major	Level	Classification	Last Audit
T23232323	Average, Joe	ASAB_HIS	History	US	Junior	Today

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History    **Instructions**  
To obtain an accurate What-If Evaluation you must select the following fields:

What If    **What-If**

- Level
- Program
- Catalog Year

Look Ahead

**Legend**

- Complete
- Complete except for classes in-progress
- Nearly Complete - see Advisor
- Not Complete
- (T) Transfer Class
- @ Any course number
- \* Prerequisites exist for this course

**Areas of Study:**

- Major (appropriate to the Program)
- Minor (optional)
- Concentration (appropriate to the Program)

**NOTE:** Entering majors and/or concentrations that are not appropriate to the Program will produce inaccurate What-If Evaluations. Contact your advisor if you have any questions about the appropriate major and/or concentrations for the selected program.

**What-If**

Level: Undergraduate Semester

Program: ASAB\_HIS

Catalog Year: 2013-2014

**Choose Your Different Areas of Study**

Select an item to add it to your Chosen Area of Study

Major: Pick a Major

Minor: Pick a Minor

Concentration: Pick a Concentration

Chosen Areas of study

Remove

**Choose Your Future Classes**

Enter a course and click Add Course

Subject:

Number:

Courses you are considering

Read the Instructions carefully before selecting your What-If programs and Areas of Study:

**Instructions**

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Select the Primary and (if desired) the additional areas of study using the pick lists for Catalog Year, Level, Program, etc. The most common selection will be the Program. In this case, the student wants to run a What If evaluation for the **BUBBA\_AC** program – the BBA degree with a major in accounting:

The screenshot shows the 'What-If' selection interface. A red arrow points to the 'BUBBA\_AC' program selected in the 'Program' dropdown menu. The interface includes fields for Student ID, Name, Level, Classification, and Last Audit. A legend on the left shows completion status options.

After selecting the program BUBBA\_AC, the student must select the appropriate Areas of Study for that program: Major, Minor, and Concentration (if required).

The screenshot shows the 'Choose Your Different Areas of Study' interface. A red box highlights the 'Major', 'Minor', and 'Concentration' dropdown menus. The 'Chosen Areas of Study' section shows 'MAJOR : Accounting' and 'MINOR : History'.

**NOTE: The What-If feature will allow you to enter inappropriate Areas of Study for the Program selected. Doing so may result in an inappropriate What If Evaluation.**

The What-If Evaluation allows the student to enter prospective courses to be applied toward the What-If Program using the **“Choose Your Future Classes”** section. Enter the course Subject and Number and click the **“Add Course”** button. To remove a course from this list, highlight the course in the box to the right and click the **“Remove Course”** button.

When the student processes the What If evaluation these courses will be applied to the What If program where they fit.

Once all What If options have been chosen, and future courses have been entered, click the **Process What-If** button.

Degree Works produces an evaluation for the new program, using the student's eligible courses. The words **"What If Audit"** appear at the far right end of the blue **Student View Bar**. The student can check the Selected What-If Items and the Look Ahead Courses Used with the drop-down lists above the Student View area.

Level: US	SPCH 1000	Graduate Semester	Catalog Year	2013-2014	<b>What If Audit</b>
Program: BUBBA_AC	MATH 1070	BUBBA_AC	Last Term Attended	Fall Semester 2013	
Catalog Year: 2013-2014	ACCT 2101		Applied to Graduate?	Has not applied	
Major: Accounting	ECON 2106		Previous GSU Degree	Bachelor of Arts-Fall Semester2005	
Minor: History	CIS 2010		Holds	Registrar's Hold	
Classification: Junior		Degree: No Degree	Cohort	No Cohort	
Advisor		College	Attributes	No Attributes	
GSU GPA: 2.73		Department: History Political Science			
GSU and Transfer GPA: 2.55		Major: Accounting			
Academic Standing: Good Standing		Minor: History			
		Concentration			

Look Ahead courses will appear in the evaluation with the word **"PLAN"** in the Grade column and **"Planned Term"** in the term column.

BBA Area F - Business Foundation		Catalog Year: 2013-2014	Credits Required: 18
		GPA: 3.00	Credits Applied: 12
<b>Unmet conditions for this set of requirements:</b> 6 Credits needed			
<input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS FOUNDATION COURSES - 18 CREDITS			
Business Foundation minimum GPA must be a 2.8			
<input type="checkbox"/> Principles of Accounting I	ACCT 2101	PRIN OF ACCT I	PLAN (3) Planned Term
Still Needed: 3 Credits in ACCT 2102			
<input type="checkbox"/> Principles of Accounting II	ECON 2105	Prin. Of Macroeconomics	B 3 Spring 2009
Satisfied by: ECO2013 - Prin Econ I - El Commun Coll At Jacksonville			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Principles of Macroeconomics	ECON 2106	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	PLAN (3) Planned Term
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Principles of Microeconomics	CIS 2010	INTRO COMP-BASED INFO SYS	PLAN (3) Planned Term
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intro to Computer-Based Information Systems	Still Needed: 3 Credits in BUSA 2106		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Legal Environment of Business			

To save a What If evaluation as a PDF, select the desired Program and click the **Save as PDF** button instead of the **Process What-If** button:

Format: Student View

~~Process What-If~~ **Save as PDF**

Select your primary area of study

Catalog Year: pick a Catalog Year

Level: (pick a Level)

Program: (pick a Program)

Students under a catalog year earlier than fall 2013 still use the CAPP academic evaluation, and use the **What If Analysis** button at the bottom of the CAPP “Generate New Evaluation” screen.

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## Generate New Evaluation

Information for [REDACTED]

**i** To generate a new evaluation, select a program, degree and major and select generate request.

**Program:** AB ANTHROPOLOGY  
**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts  
**Major:** Anthropology  
**Level:** Undergraduate Semester

[ View Previous Evaluations **What-If Analysis** Select Advisee ]

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Step 1 is to select the term.

## What-If Analysis

Information for [REDACTED]

**i** **Step 1 :** When your major changes your catalog edition normally changes to the current term. Select current or future term.

This is a sample evaluation and may not reflect all credit applicable to this program. If you change your major, your advisor will officially change your major, contact your advisement office. Also if you have already applied to graduate, contact the graduate advisor.

**Term:** None   
None  
**Fall Semester 2013**

If the term is Fall Semester 2013 or later, then the system takes the student to the Degree Works What If Evaluation screen described above.

Click [HERE](#) to access additional Degree Works documentation and video tutorials:

- How to Access Degree Works
- How to Find Students in Degree Works
- Anatomy of a Degree Works Academic Evaluation
- The Look Ahead Feature
- Using the Degree Works GPA Calculators