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The DegreeWorks Student Educational Planner allows students and advisors to create, view, and save course plans.

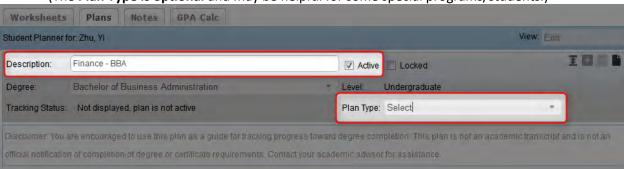
# Creating a Plan from Scratch

You must select a student in DegreeWorks to start a plan. Before creating a plan, be sure the student's academic goals are as accurate as possible in Banner® and that the student's Banner® data and audit are up-to-date.

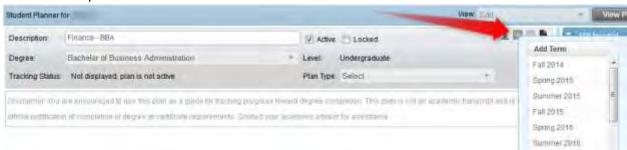
1. Click on the Plans Tab: When prompted, click the **Blank Plan** button



2. Name and Activate the Plan: Add the Description of the plan. Then check the **Active** box. (The **Plan Type is optional** and may be helpful for some special programs/students.)



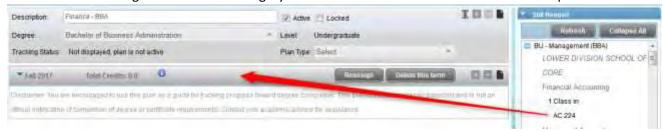
3. Add a Term: Add a term to the plan by clicking on the + button to the far right of the Description then select a term from the list.



- 4. Add a Course to a Term: To see more information about any course after it is added to the plan, click the blue circle with an i ( ) to the right of the course.
  - The **Critical** checkbox can be used to designate courses that MUST be completed during the planned term for the student to stay on-track toward graduation. Critical requirements that are not completed will appear "off-track" once the term has begun.
  - a. From the Audit/Still Needed list: There are two different panes to the right of the plan: Still Needed and Courses. The Still Needed pane contains the remaining requirements from the student's Degree Works™ audit, organized by the audit blocks. To expand a block and view the remaining requirements, click on the arrow to the left of the block title.



Then drag the course into the grey bar of the term when the course is to be completed.

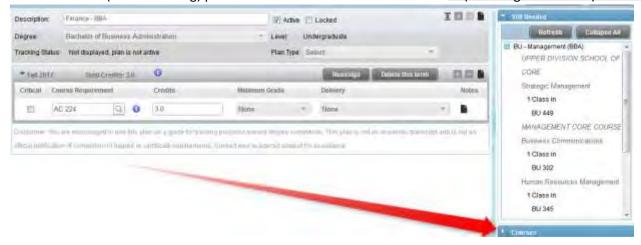


(The credits will default from the course catalog once the course is added to a term.)

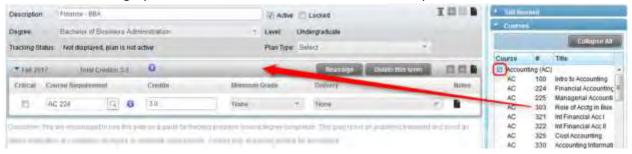
As you add courses from the Still Needed list, click on the Refresh button to remove the planned course from the Still Needed list. NOTE: This will not be the case for any unselected choice requirements.



b. Add a Course from the Catalog: Similarly, you can add a course from the Courses (course catalog) pane. Click the arrow to the left of Courses (lower right of screen)



Click the arrow to the left of the subject code to find a course and drag the course into the grey bar of the term when the course is to be completed.



c. Add a Course Using the Add Requirement Menu: You can also add a course to a term by clicking the + button to the far right on the grey term bar and selecting Course from the list.



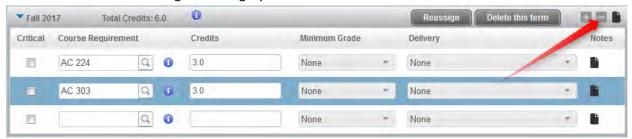
Either type in the course ID or searching for a course in the catalog. (Courses typed in free hand will be validated against the Catalog.) To initiate a catalog search, click on the magnifying glass.



You can search on the course ID or title.



5. Delete a Course from a Term: Select the course by clicking anywhere in its line and click the – button to the far right on the grey term bar.



6. Add a Choice of Courses: Click the + button to the far right on the grey term bar and selecting **Course Choice** from the list.



Click in the Choice Requirement box. Add a choice by typing in the ID or searching the catalog. To insert an OR condition, click on the **Add another option** button.



Add the next choice by typing in the ID or searching the catalog.

If you would like to add a series of courses (a linked course, lecture/lab, or an AND condition), add the next option using the plus icon to the right of the first part of the link. (Choice requirements may only contain up to two linked courses in a single line; however, there is not a limit on OR conditions.)



Courses added as a Choice requirement will not be removed from the Still Needed list or appear in the audit unless a specific course is chosen. To select a course from a Choice, click on the radio button next to the course.



Click the **Done** button when you are finished adding choices.

7. Add a GPA Requirement: Click the + button to the far right on the grey term bar and selecting **GPA** from the list. (The GPA requirement will be tracked and is typically a critical requirement beyond the first term.)



Fill in as needed.

8. Add a Test Score: Click the + button to the far right on the grey term bar and selecting **Test Score** from the list. Test scores must be on the student's record in Banner to be considered ontrack, with the appropriate score.



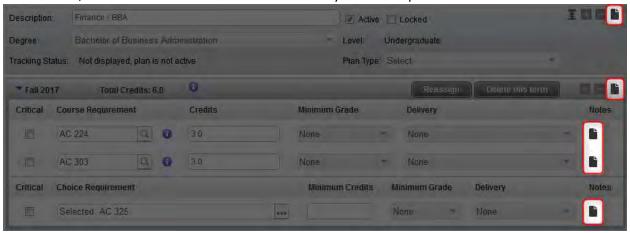
Fill in as needed.

9. Add a Placeholder to the Plan: Click the + button to the far right on the grey term bar and selecting **Placeholder** from the list.



A **Value** for the Placeholder is required. Units are not associated with a placeholder and will not impact the Total Units for each term. A placeholder is strictly informational only.

10. Plan Notes: Notes may be added to the plan, a plan term, or a plan requirement. To add a note, click on the **Note** button next to the item you want to place a note on.

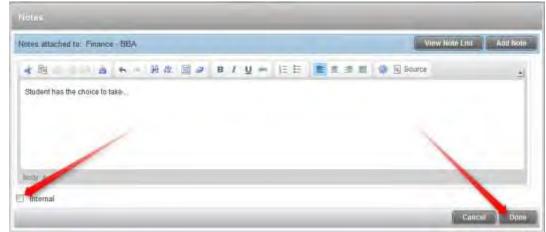


Once the Note light box appears, click on the Add Note button.

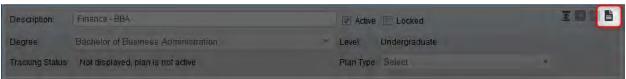


Type the note then click the **Done** button

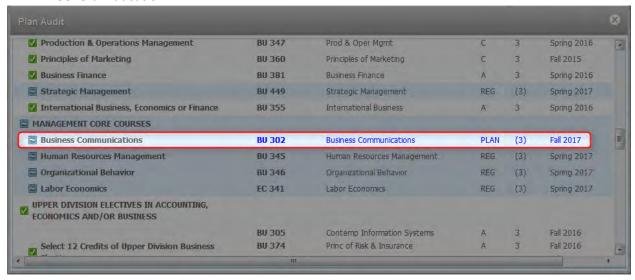
To make the note **NOT** viewable to the student, check the **Internal** box. (You may need to re-size the notes window to see the Internal box.)



Once the note has been entered, the note icon will change from solid black to black with white lines to alert users that a note exists.



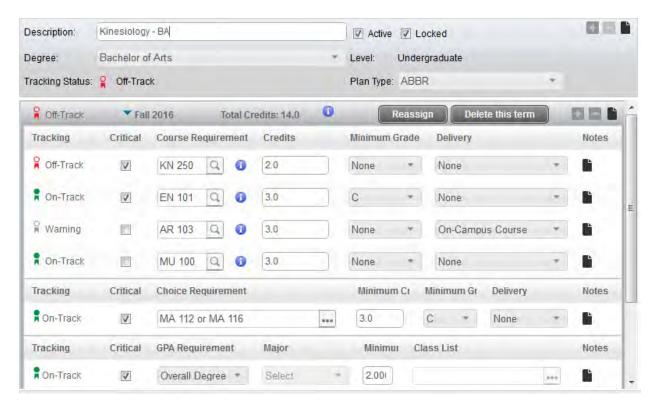
11. Review the Student Audit: Save your plan by clicking on the Save button at the bottom right. Next, click on the Audit button (to the left of the Save button) to review the student's DegreeWorks™ audit with the planned courses in place. The planner audit is temporary and will not make any requirements complete on the student's main audit/worksheet. This temporary audit does not include unselected choice requirements, including wildcards with attributes for General Education.



12. Lock the Plan: Check the **Locked** box to approve the plan so that other users know that the plan has been reviewed and approved by an advisor. **Only advisors may lock a plan.** Once locked, students can still access, edit, and save plans, but they must request changes be reviewed by an advisor who will then lock the updated plan when it is approved.



13. Plan Tracking: Plan tracking allows users to determine if a student is meeting his or her goals and milestones each semester. The plan has three levels of tracking status: Plan status, Term status, and Requirement status. All requirements, except placeholders, will show a status once the term has begun: on-track, off-track, and warning. However, only Critical requirements will impact the tracking status. On-track designates the student has met the requirement (in the past or in-progress) regardless of the Critical indicator. Off-track designates which Critical requirements the student has not successfully completed (not taken, failed, withdrawn, not completed, etc.). Warning designates non-Critical requirements that are not completed. Again, only Critical requirements will make a term or plan off-track. Terms that have not started (based on the student's active term in Banner) or have no critical requirements will not be tracked. Once a plan is locked tracking will be initiated, if appropriate.



## Creating a Plan from a Template

1. Click on the Plans Tab: When prompted, click the Select Template button



 Search for the Template: You can perform a search for the template by Description or click the Advanced Search button for more options. Typing "Criminal Justice" into the search box and pressing Enter or clicking Go will return all the templates that include "Criminal Justice" in the description.



- 3. Select a Template: Once you find the applicable template, **double-click** it or click on the row to select it then click the Open button.
- 4. Select a Starting Term: **Choose a starting term** for the template to take effect and click **OK**. NOTE: If the student has already started taking courses in this field, you may want to back-date the starting Term to reflect when the student started.



5. Edit as Needed and Finalize: Now, you can edit and finalize the plan as described in the "Creating a Plan from Scratch" section of this document.

#### Alternate Plan Views

Once a plan has been saved and a user clicks on the Plans tab, the default Calendar view will appear. To load another view select a different format from the **View** drop down menu.



Calendar (Default) View: Allows the user to view a plan in a view-only calendar presentation
that is suitable for printing. For requirements in the Calendar view, Critical will be denoted by an
asterisk. Course requirements will display with the Course ID and Credits, and hovering over the
course will display the course Title. Placeholder requirements will display the Placeholder Type
Description on the view, and hovering over the Placeholder Type Description will display the
Placeholder Value.



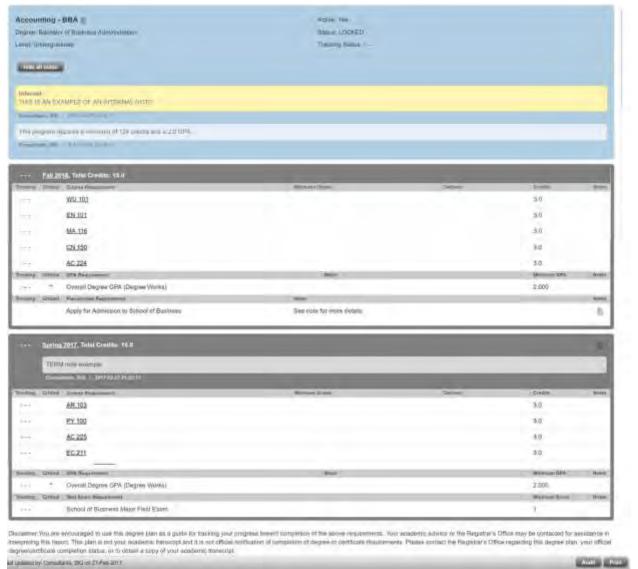
When notes exist on a plan, term, or requirement, an icon will display to the right of that item. Hovering over this icon will show a note preview and clicking on this icon will open the Notes window. Note text will not be included when printing the Calendar view.

The Term Literal, Course and **selected** Choice requirements are hyperlinks and clicking on these will open the Course Link window.

2. Notes View: The Notes view allows the user to view a plan in a comprehensive view-only presentation that is suitable for printing, with or without notes appearing. The Notes view will automatically appear with notes expanded but they can be collapsed. When collapsed, hovering over the notes icon will show a note preview, and clicking on this icon will open the Notes window.

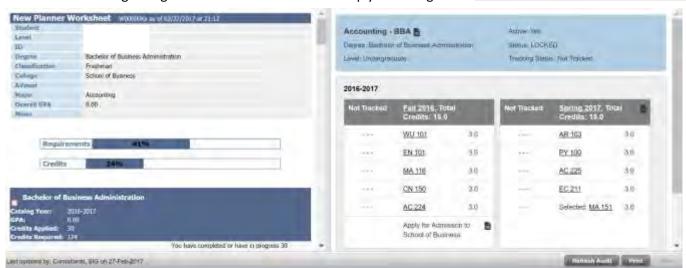
Requirements marked as critical will be denoted by an asterisk. **Course** requirements will display the Course ID and Credits, and hovering over the course will display the Title. **Placeholder** 

requirements will display the Placeholder Type Description and Placeholder Value. The Term Literal, Course and *selected* Choice requirements are hyperlinks and clicking on these will open the Course Link window.



3. Side-By-Side View: The Side-by-Side view allows the user to view a plan and the planner audit side by side. When initially loading the Audit view, a planner audit is generated against the selected plan. The Audit view allows for light editing of the plan – courses can be drag and dropped from the audit into the plan, as well as moved from one term to another on the plan; however, requirements may not be deleted once added to the plan using the Audit view. The Edit view should be used for advanced editing of the plan.

In the Audit view, only actual courses and Course requirements can be moved – course rules with wildcards, ranges or attributes cannot be moved from the audit to the plan, and Choice, Placeholder requirements cannot be moved from term-to-term on the plan. To move a course in the Audit view, hover over the course – your cursor will change to a hand. Click on the course



and move it to the desired term and release. Click Refresh Audit to rerun the planner audit after making changes. Click Save when done to keep your changes.

4. Edit View: Available to all users. This is the view used when creating a plan from scratch and is meant for creating and editing a student's plan. Both advisors and students have access to the Edit view.

## Viewing Saved Plans

To view all the plans that have been saved to a student, use the following steps.

- 1. Click on the Plans tab
- 2. Click the View Plan List button (upper right)



3. Double-click a plan to view it

# Editing a Saved and Locked Plan

If you would like to retain a copy a plan before and after you edit it, you must use the following steps and the Save As button.

- 1. Navigate to the Edit View: If you are not in the Edit view, select it from the View drop down list.
- 2. **Unlock the Current Plan**: Before you begin editing the plan, uncheck the Locked check box, then click on the **Save** button (not Save As).
- 3. **Edit the Plan**: Edit the plan as needed, then check the **Locked** check box and click the **Save As** button. This will make the newly edited plan the Active and Locked current plan.