Panther Path Degree Works

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Q: What is Panther Path Degree Works?

A: Panther Path Degree Works is a web based planning tool to help students and advisors monitor student's progress toward degree completion. However, Panther Path Degree Works is not a substitution for consultation with a professional academic advisor. It will show you in an easy to read format, the courses that you must complete to achieve your degree.

Q: Who can use Panther Path Degree Works?

A: All currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students who attend Clark Atlanta University can use Panther Path Degree Works. If you are an undergraduate, to generate a degree audit, you must be enrolled in a catalog year beginning 2008 and forward. Graduates can generate audits beginning in catalog year 2010 and forward.

Q: When should I look at my degree audit?

A: The degree audit should be viewed at least at these times:

1. *Prior to meeting with an advisor*
2. *Prior to registering for courses*
3. *At the beginning of each new term*
4. *At the end of each term*
5. *Prior to applying for graduation*
6. *After any changes to major, minor, concentration, or plan of study*

Q: Where can I access degree work?

A: Panther Path Degree Works is located in Banner Self Service https://cauoraapp.cau.edu/pls/bncaprod/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=homepage .

Q: What should I do if my major, minor, or concentration is wrong?

A: Please contact you advisor, they will be able to assist you with changing this information.

Q: Who should I contact if the requirements on Panther Path Degree Works do not match the catalog?

A: Did you trouble shoot to ensure that you are looking at the correct catalog year? Some programs change from year to year. If you find that your catalog is incorrect, contact your advisor. Otherwise, see below:

Although we strongly believe that this should not be a problem because we have formatted it directly from the catalogs, in this unlikely circumstance, you may contact the Office of the Registrar via sending correspondence to the email DegreeWorks@cau.edu .

Q: Transfer work is not showing or is in the incorrect place, who can correct this?

A: Double check with admissions (undergraduate or graduate, which ever applies to you) to ensure that they have received transcripts with the most up-to-date information.   They are responsible for transfer work and will be able to assist you with this problem.

Q: My graduation application has been accepted, but Panther Path Degree Works says that I haven't completed all my requirements. Does this mean that I won't be able to graduate?

A: No, you may still be eligible to graduate. Identify which areas are unmet on Panther Path Degree Works and ensure that you have already completed them. If you have completed the requirements and they still are not met, contact your advisor. All completed items will have a green checkmark.

Q: How is my transcript different from my degree evaluation?

A: The transcript is an official document which displays only courses from completed terms. The Degree evaluation includes courses that are required for your degree, courses you are currently enrolled in, and courses which you have already taken. This document is not an official document, but a guide to help you reach your ultimate goal of graduation.

Q: How does Panther Path Degree Works decide where to place courses that I've completed?

A: We have programmed information into Panther Path Degree Works that helps it to determine where to place the courses that you have taken. If there are any courses in the wrong place, or any that are expected to apply in different areas, you advisor can help you to correct this problem.

Q: Can a single course appear in multiple places?

A: This depends on the program; we have already set rules that will determine this availability.

Q: What should I do if Panther Path Degree Works placed a course in one section and I want to use it in another?

A: Panther Path Degree Works will move the classes to the most appropriate fit as you complete them. So, if it pulls it into the wrong place do not panic. When you take the class you expected to satisfy that requirement, the system will adjust them to help you complete your degree the most efficient way possible.

Q: Are there requirements for graduation that Panther Path Degree Works doesn't check?

A: All requirements for graduation will appear on Panther Path Degree Works. However, final clearance is still made through your advisor, dean of your college and the graduation coordinator.

Q: Can I make a petition to waive/substitute a course.

A: Any petition, waiver, substitution, or other exception to the degree plan is referred to as an "exception". These must be made directly by the advisor.

Q: How will exceptions work with Panther Path Degree Works?

A: After the exception is made by the advisor, it must be approved by the dean, and then it will show up in your degree evaluation.

Q: My department gave me permission to take different courses for my major, but that's not shown… Why?

A: Your advisor needs to submit the necessary petition request before your degree evaluation will show correctly.

Q: I'm considering a major change, how can I see what I would still need to take?

A: Use the "What If" tab. If you decide that you really want to change the major, you would need to visit the advisor of the major to which you want to switch.

Q: How do I check to see if I'm eligible for a minor?

A: First check the Catalog, it will tell if you can take a minor. A second option would be to contact your advisor. If a minor is required, the degree evaluation will specifically say that a minor is required.

Q: My major requires me to complete a concentration or emphasis area, but it didn't appear on the audit. What's wrong?

A: You need to contact your advisor to declare the concentration or emphasis.

Q: What happens when I repeat a course?

A: If you repeat a course, only the latest course counts towards your degree requirements. The previously taken course will show to be excluded and it will not count for, nor should it pull into the areas in your evaluation.

Q: How can I see the descriptions for all the courses in my program?

A: Most should already be hyperlinked to the catalog; if they are not, you need to visit the online catalogs.

Q: I've seen the @ symbol in several places on my worksheet. What does this mean?

A: This is a wild card in Panther Path Degree Works. If the @ sign appears with course numbers after it (i.e., @ 100:499), it means that you can take a 100-400 level course from any subject area. If it appears after a subject prefix (i.e., CART @), it means that you can take any Art course. If it appears with nothing following, you can take any course from any area and any level.

Q: Who should I contact if I still have questions?

A: First, you need to contact your academic advisor. Beyond that, you may send an email to the Panther Path Degree Works help email DegreeWorks@cau.edu

Q: I am currently repeating a course, why is in not showing on my evaluation?

A: Repeated courses will not replace prior courses until the end of the semester.

Q: Can I register for classes in Panther Path Degree Works?

A: No. Registration, including prerequisite checks will continue to be handled through Self-Service Bannerweb https://cauoraapp.cau.edu/pls/bncaprod/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=homepage .

Q: What web browsers support Panther Path Degree Works?

A: Currently, Internet Explorer is the recommended browser for Panther Path Degree Works.

Q: How current will my information be in Panther Path Degree Works?

A: The information in Panther Path Degree Works is refreshed each night. Any changes made today (e.g., grade changes or classes added/dropped) will be seen in Panther Path Degree Works tomorrow.

Q: What is a degree audit?

A: A Panther Path Degree Works audit is a review of past, current and planned coursework that provides information on completed and outstanding course requirements necessary to complete a degree/major/minor/area of emphasis. The audit is divided into block requirements such as Degree, University Requirements, General Education (Core), and Major Requirements. Each block works like a checklist that has boxes that are automatically checked when a requirement is met.

Q: How do I know what classes to take?

A: Your audit will outline courses needed to meet degree, major, minor, and/or area of emphasis requirements within each specific block. You may then use this information to discuss your plan with your academic advisor.