



# Degree Tracker Project

The Degree Tracker Project encompasses two parts: Smart Planner and Degree Search.

## **Smart Planner-**

Can leverage your existing degree audit data in a way that enables you to create term-by-term plans designed to provide students with a prescribed path to graduation. Using those plans, students can work independently or in conjunction with an advisor to create a personalized, term-by-term academic plan. Students and advisors can then use that plan to help ensure the student stays on track with meeting graduation goals. In addition to promoting collaboration among students and advisors and supporting retention and graduation initiatives, Smart Planner also provides the institution with aggregate course demand data for planning an analysis purposes.

## **Degree Search-**

Degree Search is a personalized online tool that provides centralized, easy-to-use, easy-to-read advising tips and guidance. Degree Search gives students four-year sequencing, transfer course equivalents, and career information for every undergraduate degree the UA offers.

The beauty of Degree Search is in its flexibility. Built on the “shopping cart” approach, Degree Search allows students to choose and browse majors by name, personal interests, college, math, and second language requirements or self-identified general subjects such as “Health Related,” giving students a user-friendly approach to choosing the right major for them.

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## Advantages

### Smart Planner:

- Because of its course predicting features, seat demand forecasting can be determined for departments.
- There will be auto-messaging to the students. Ex: "You have not selected any courses for the upcoming semester. Please plan accordingly and/or see your advisor."
- Departments can measure the success of students with department identified check point courses.
- Personalized messages from advisors will appear at the top of Smart Planner screen for students to view.
- Because of Smart Planner's functionality advisors will be able to focus more time towards students who may need additional attention due to probation, career exploration, etc.

### Degree Search:

- Allows students to see classes required to complete majors.
- Students can choose majors based on what area they would like to study.
- Students can choose majors based on self identifying interests.
- Degree Search displays potential career areas related to each major.