# **COLUMBUS STATE**

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Welcome to u.achieve Degree Audit

## **Degree Audit Self-Service For Students**<sup>1</sup>

**User Guide** 

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<sup>→</sup> ¹ u.achieve is Columbus State's new Degree Audit system that will replace DARS (Degree Audit Reporting System)

Same great functionality, new "look and feel"



#### **INTRODUCTION TO DEGREE AUDIT**

A Degree Audit system is used to compare your academic course work against a program's requirements to answer the questions:

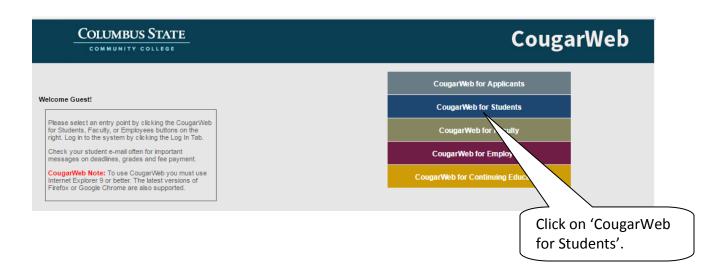
- What do I need to take to graduate?
- Have I met graduation requirements?
- What happens if I change my major?

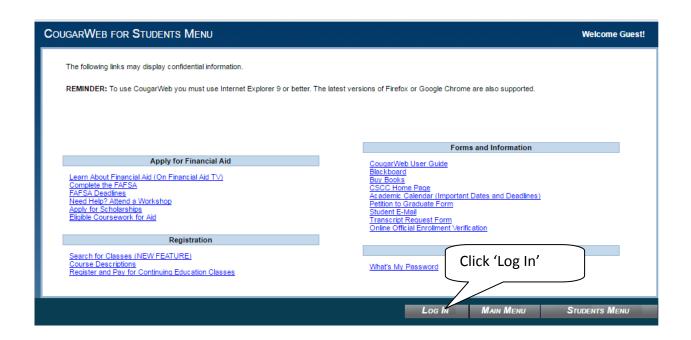
Columbus State's Degree Audit is a software product called u.achieve (formerly DARS), owned by College Source, Inc.

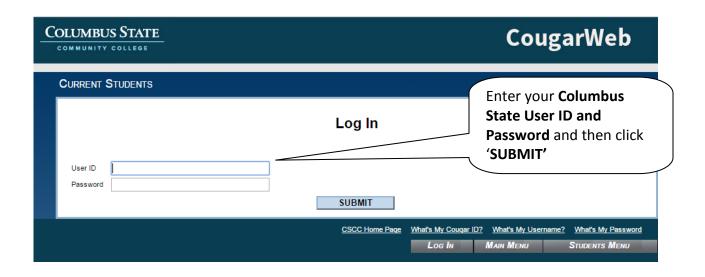
#### **ACCESSING u.achieve Self-Service.**

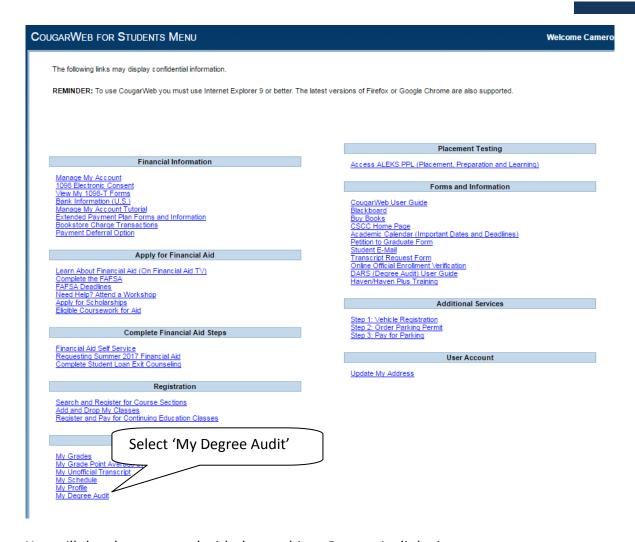
The first step is to access CougarWeb. The URL is <a href="https://cougarweb.cscc.edu">https://cougarweb.cscc.edu</a>, or you can navigate from the Columbus State home page (<a href="https://cougarweb.cscc.edu">www.cscc.edu</a>).





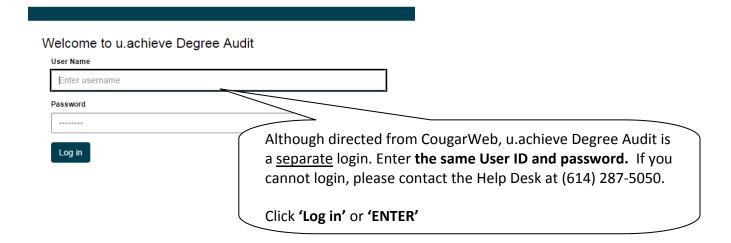






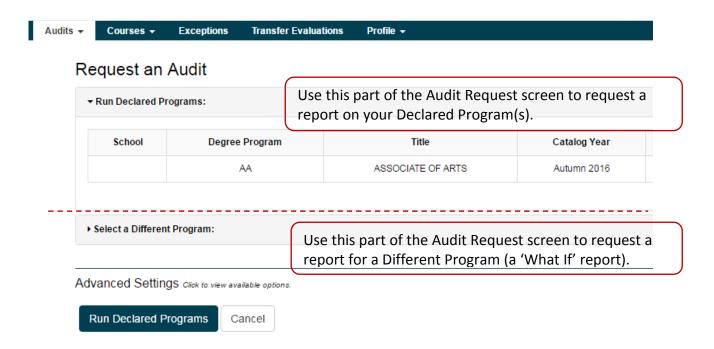
You will then be presented with the u.achieve Degree Audit login page:



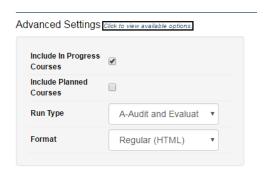


**REQUESTING A DEGREE AUDIT REPORT.** The Audit Request page consists of two parts: (1) Declared Program (Active Program(s) of Study); and (2) Select a Different Program (a 'What If' function).

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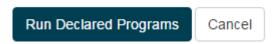
'Advanced Settings' allows you to Include Planned and/or In-Progress Courses and to select different report formats (HTML, PDF):



#### 'Run Declared Programs' Option.

This option automatically runs ALL active programs from your academic program information.

Just click the 'Run Declared Programs' button to produce the report:



#### 'Select a Different Program ('Whatif' Audit) Option:

The second option on the Audit Request Page is the 'What If' (or 'Select a Different Program') run option. This will produce a report for the program of your choice. Running this degree audit does not change the program on your official college program record. In order to officially declare a program, you must complete a Program Change Form (<a href="http://www.cscc.edu/services/recordsandregistration/pdf/Program of Study Update.pdf">http://www.cscc.edu/services/recordsandregistration/pdf/Program of Study Update.pdf</a>).

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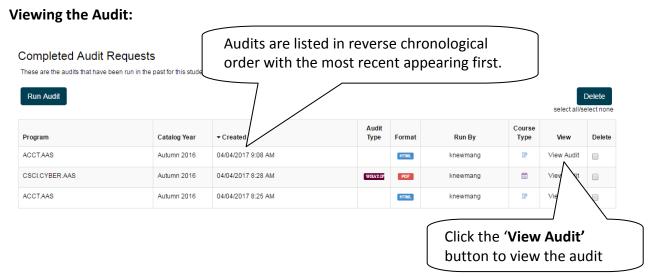
## While the Audit Runs:

## Your Audit is Loading



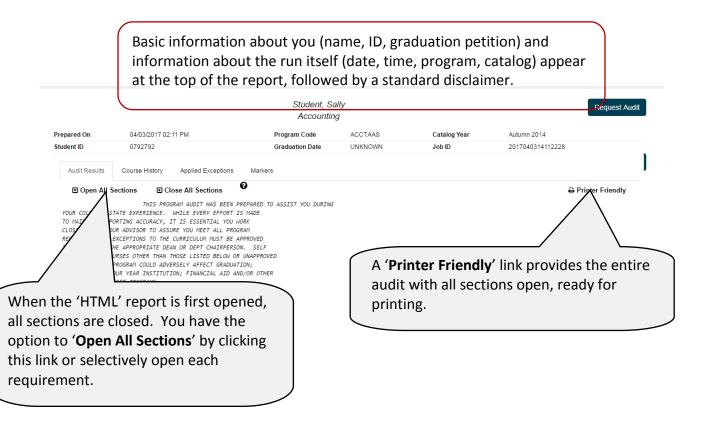
Your audit will be ready momentarily(more...).

The Degree Audit/u.achieve collects information from your student record, (courses taken in previous terms, registered classes and transfer credits), and information from the Degree Audit database (program requirements, exceptions) in order to produce the Audit.

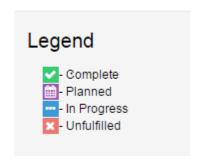


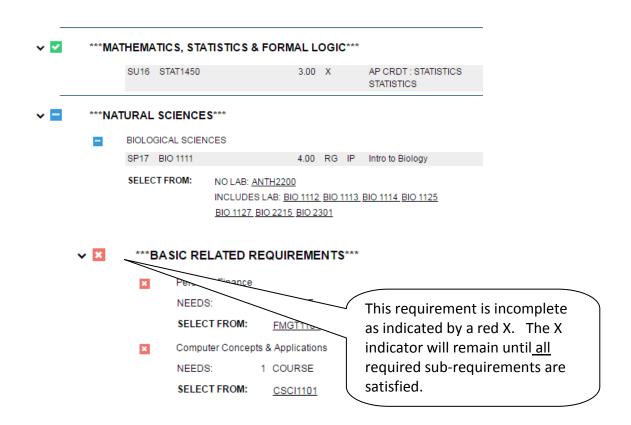
When the Audit finishes running, the report will appear at the top of the Audits List. Audit reports you've run previously will also be presented on this page.

#### **READING THE AUDIT:**



The 'sections' of the Degree Audit Report represent different requirements that comprise the Academic Program (whether that is a two-year degree or certificate). The Legend explains the different completion status indicators that may appear:





There are some differences between the Arts and Sciences (AA/AS) and Career & Tech (AAS/ATS) Degree Audit Reports, but they share some of the same general sections:

#### \*\*\*PLACEMENT INFORMATION\*\*\*

WRITING	Placement Test Outcomes					
SP14 COMPP0155	0.00	Place into DEV-0155				
MATHEMATICS						
SP14 COMPP0105	0.00	Place into DEV-0105				
SP14 DEV P0105	0.00	NC Eq for DEV 0105				
READING						
SP14 COMPP0140	0.00	Place into DEV-0140				
SCIENCE						
SU14 BIO P0100	0.00	NC Equiv for HS Biology				

#### \*\*\* SCHEDULED COURSES\*\*\*

SP17	CRJ 1140	Scheduled/In-Progress Courses	
	CRJ 2901	3.00 RG IP Practicum/Seminar CRJ	
SP17	MULT1114	3.00 RG IP Intro Addict Studies	
SP17	MULT1140	0.50 RG IP Adult & Pediatric CPR	

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### INFORMATION REGARDING HOW YOUR REGISTERED COURSES APPLY TO YOUR PLAN OF STUDY.

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\*\* THE FOLLOWING COURSES APPLY TO YOUR PLAN OF STUDY \*\*

SP17	CRJ 1140	3.0	0 R	G IP	Corre	cti
SP17	CRJ 2043	3.0	0 R	G IP	Institu	ıţi
SP17	CRJ 2901				Pract	
SP17	MULT1114	3.0	0 R	G IP	Intro	

Course Applicability to Your Plan of Study – can impact your eligibility for Financial Aid funding

INFORMATION REGARDING HOW YOUR REGISTERED CO YOUR PLAN OF STUDY.

The following section categorizes courses that you have scheduled that do NOT apply to your Plan of Study.

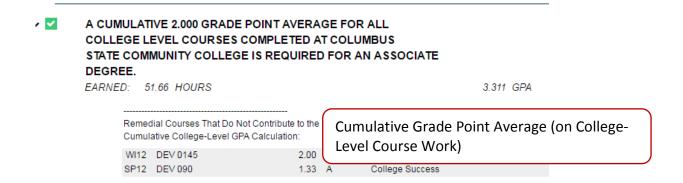
If you have questions about alternative course

recommendations, contact your Academic Advisor. A listing is available at:

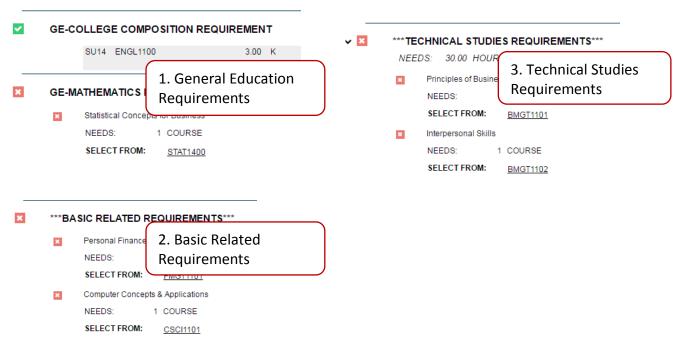
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\*\*\* COURSES THAT DO NOT APPLY TO YOUR PLAN OF STUDY \*\*\*

SP17 MULT1140 0.50 RG IP Adult & Pediatric CPR

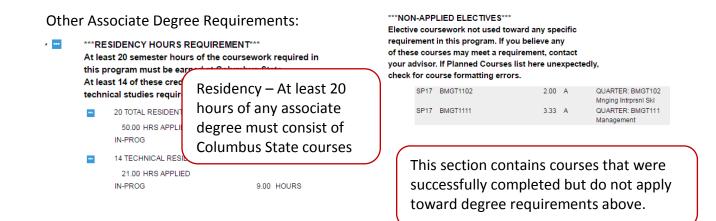


The Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Technical Studies degree are comprised of three major categories of courses, or requirement:



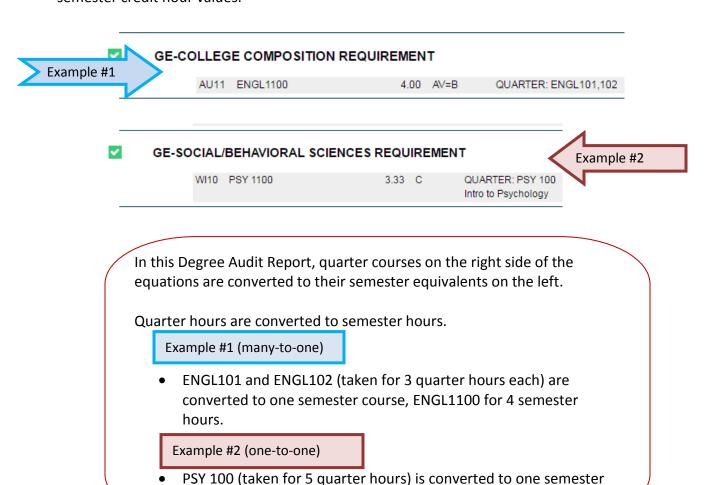
The Associate of Arts/Associate of Science degrees are designed to be the first two years of a bachelor's degree and consist of General Education requirements requiring courses that transfer and apply to four-year degree requirements at another college.





#### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING QUARTER COURSES (taken prior to Autumn 2012):

Quarter courses taken prior to Autumn 2012 will be converted to semester courses with semester credit hour values.

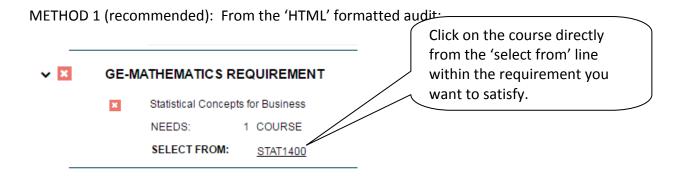


course, PSY 1100, for 3.33 semester hours.

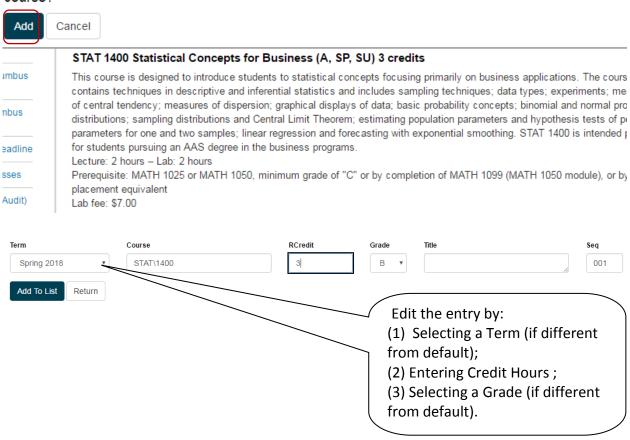
#### **PLANNED COURSES:**

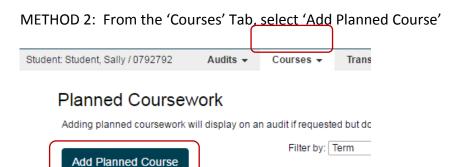
The system provides functionality for you to create and store courses you would like to plan for future enrollment.

#### Step 1. Select and edit the course, using one of two methods.



A description of STAT1400 is shown below. Would you like to add this as a planned course?



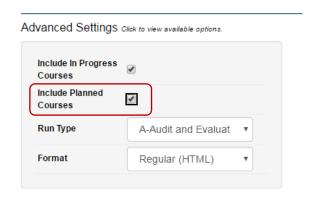


From here: (1) Select the Term, (2) Type in the Course [Subject and Number]<sup>2</sup>, (3) Enter Credit Hours, and (4) Select the Grade:



#### Step 3. Re-run the Degree Audit Report, selecting the 'Include Planned Courses' Option:

Under the 'Advanced Settings' navigation, check the 'Include Planned Courses' box before running a new audit:



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 'Please note in Method 2, the planned course must be entered in the expected format: official department name from the course description (such as BIO or MATH) + 4 digit course number. Otherwise, the course will not match in the Degree Audit Report as expected.

The following disclaimer appears on Degree Audit Reports that contain Planned Courses:

## THIS AUDIT INCLUDES PLANNED COURSES PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- \* Planned courses are NOT automatically registered Remember to schedule your classes each term via CougarWeb Registration.
- \* Planned Courses with projected grades are calculated into GPAs on the audit report. Remember you have the option to re-run the audit without including Planned Courses.
- \* At the end of each term, Planned Courses for that term will be automatically deleted from the system.

Planned Courses can be incorporated into the Audit run to see what effect they would have on program requirements and GPA. This can be helpful in projecting GPAs for graduation eligibility.

It is critical that you understand that Planned Courses are not automatically registered.

#### PLANNED COURSES IN A DEGREE AUDIT REPORT:

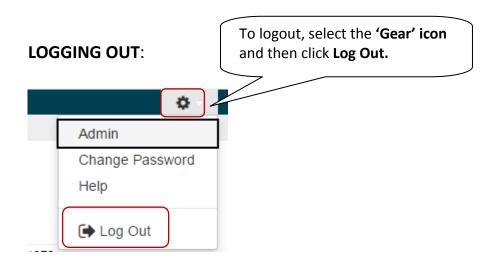
A Planned Course has tentatively completed the requirement as indicated by purple box with the calendar symbol.

#### GE-MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENT

SU16 STAT1400

3.00 A? PL Business Statistics

The projected grade of each Planned Course is indicated by a question mark to remind the user this course has not yet actually been taken. In this example the student has predicted they may earn an 'A' in STAT 1400.



For questions about your Degree Audit Report and/or how to use the u.achieve Degree Audit System, please contact your Academic Advisor. An Advisor Directory is available at: www.cscc.edu/services/advising/directory.shtml.