

IMPLEMENT DEGREE WORKS

DESCRIPTION:

Starting in the Fall of 2022, IECC will begin to implement Degree Works to maintain student degree and certificate audits. Degree Works is a web-based advising tool designed to assist students and advisors in reviewing student progress toward degree. Integrating with Banner, Degree Works monitors student enrollment and completion and organizes the student's academic record by date, grade, and category (i.e. general education, free elective, and program of study) making it easy for students to identify courses/requirements that have been completed and courses/requirements still needed in order to graduate. Ultimately, Degree Works is a tool that aids in persistence and completion in several ways.

ALIGNMENT:

Strategic Pillar 1.1	Reorganize as a Guided Pathways institution
Strategic Pillar 1.3	Emphasize welcoming and supporting campuses
Strategic Pillar 1.4	Reimagine the student support model

RATIONALE:

Use of Degree Works brings distinct benefit to both the student and the organization:

- It helps communicate the degree requirements for degrees and certificates
- Demonstrates how completed courses satisfy degree requirements
- Details incomplete requirements and recommends courses that satisfy these requirements
- Shows students their grades, GPA and academic standing at a glance
- Allows students to calculate a future GPA based on their performance for the term
- Provides planning tools for registration in future semesters
- Allows the student to run "What-If" audits to process speculative degree audits based on current class history
- Can be used to build a timeline/semester by semester plan for graduation
- Frees up time in advising sessions for academic advisors to engage in appreciative/intrusive advising practices.
- Reduces errors and human calculation time involved in final certification of degrees.

TARGET:

This committee should be cross-functional involving members from academic advising, IT, the Office of Admissions and Records, and faculty/administration as appropriate.

TIMELINE OF STRATEGIES:

Degree Works will be fully implemented by a date determined by the committee chair.