

Degree Works Responsive Dashboard What-If Analysis Guide

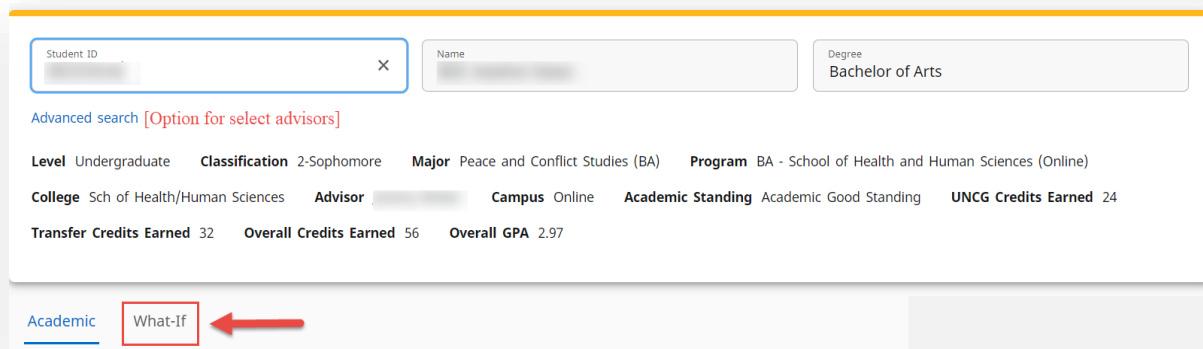
Introduction

The What-If Analysis feature allows students and advisors to explore degree requirements for a program (major, concentration, and/or minor) and to see how coursework would apply to the selected areas of study. A What-If Analysis can help students make an informed decision about whether changing their major/concentration/minor is a good choice.

** What-If Analysis is a simulation only and does not officially change a student's program of record. Undergraduate students who wish to change their major, concentration, and/or minor should go to <https://spartancentral.uncg.edu/registration-degree-planning/degree-planning/how-to-change-your-major/>

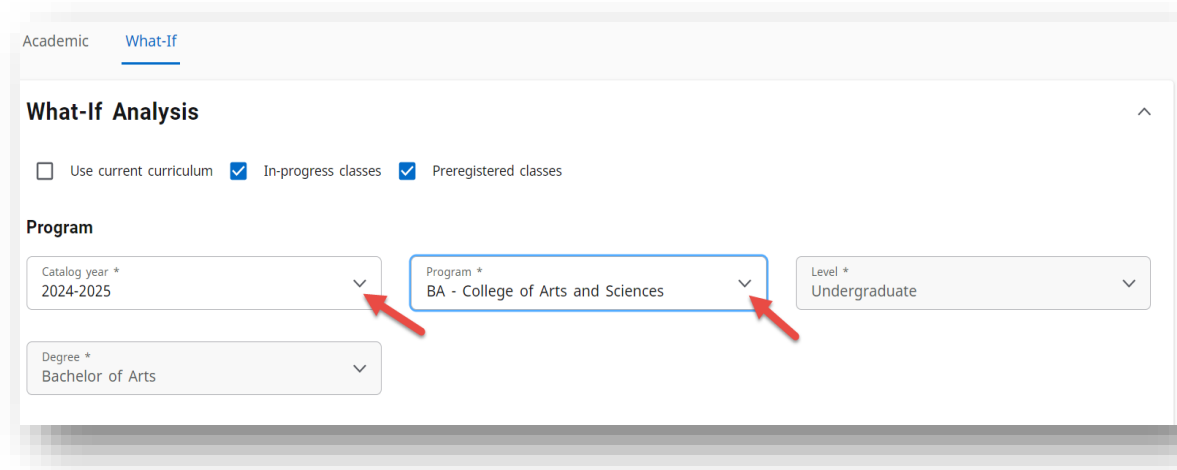
Creating a What-If Analysis

1. Directly under the student information section, the worksheet defaults to the **Academic** evaluation. Click on the **What-If** icon. The student's official program of record will automatically populate.

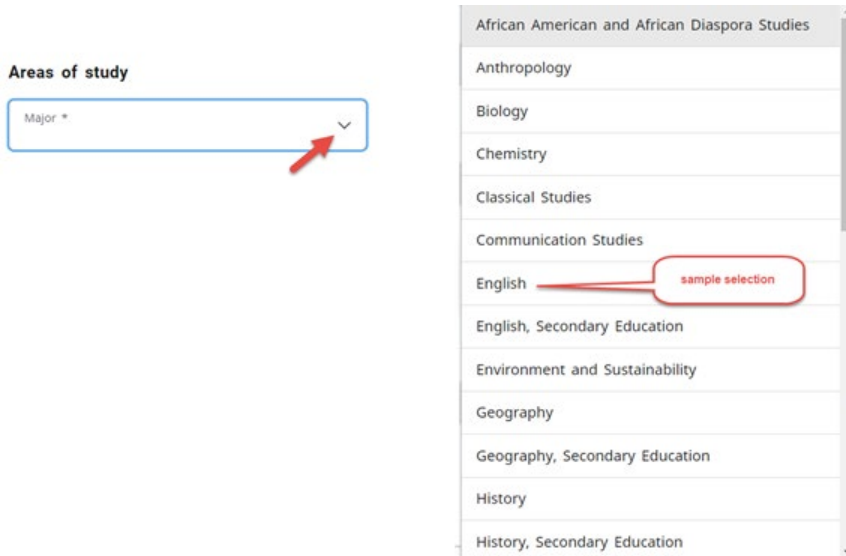


The screenshot displays the Degree Works Responsive Dashboard interface. At the top, there are input fields for Student ID, Name, and Degree (Bachelor of Arts). Below these, a section titled 'Advanced search [Option for select advisors]' contains various filters: Level (Undergraduate), Classification (2-Sophomore), Major (Peace and Conflict Studies (BA)), Program (BA - School of Health and Human Sciences (Online)), College (Sch of Health/Human Sciences), Advisor, Campus (Online), Academic Standing (Academic Good Standing), and UNCG Credits Earned (24). Further down, it shows Transfer Credits Earned (32), Overall Credits Earned (56), and Overall GPA (2.97). At the bottom, there are two tabs: 'Academic' and 'What-If'. The 'What-If' tab is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it.

2. Select the desired **Catalog year** and **Program**. The *Level* and *Degree* fields will automatically populate based on the selected Program. The *In-progress* and *preregistered classes* fields are selected by default.



3. **Areas of Study** – the **Major** picklist should include majors associated with the program selected in step 2. Select the desired major.




Areas of study

Major *

- African American and African Diaspora Studies
- Anthropology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Classical Studies
- Communication Studies
- English
- English, Secondary Education
- Environment and Sustainability
- Geography
- Geography, Secondary Education
- History
- History, Secondary Education

- Based on the selected major, the **Concentration** picklist will populate if applicable. If desired, select a **Minor** from the pick list.




Areas of study

Major * English

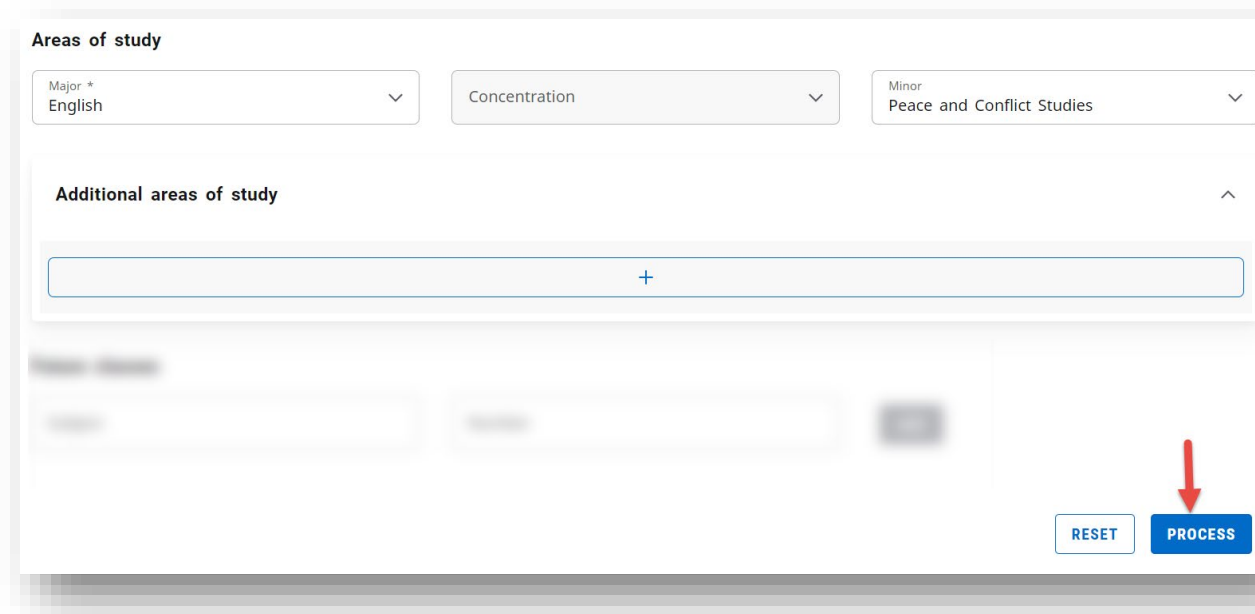
Concentration

this major does not have a concentration

Minor Peace and Conflict Studies

A  symbol will display when hovering on the pick list box if the selected major has no associated concentrations. If a concentration is *required*, an asterisk (*) will appear in the concentration box. Otherwise, click on the down arrow to view optional concentrations.

- Click the **PROCESS** button at the bottom right of the window.



Areas of study

Major * English

Concentration

Minor Peace and Conflict Studies

Additional areas of study

+

RESET PROCESS

6. The program information will be displayed based on the user's selections. The student's coursework will apply toward these requirements as applicable.


Degree in Bachelor of Arts
INCOMPLETE

Credits required: 120 Credits applied: 59 Catalog year: 2024-2025 GPA: 2.97

<input type="radio"/>	Minimum semester hours required for degree	Still needed:	You currently have 59, you still need a minimum of 61 more semester hours.
<input type="radio"/>	Minimum semester hours completed at UNCG	Still needed:	You currently have 27, you still need a minimum of 4 more semester hours.
<input type="radio"/>	Minimum 300+ level semester hours	Still needed:	You currently have 15, you still need a minimum of 21 more semester hours at or above the 300 course level toward the degree.
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	You meet the minimum 2.0 GPA requirement.		
<input type="radio"/>	GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE OF ARTS/SCIENCES REQUIREMENTS		
<input type="radio"/>	MAC and CIC Breadth	Still needed:	See Minerva's Academic Curriculum/CIC Breadth section
<input type="radio"/>	CIC College Writing	Still needed:	See CIC College Writing section
<input type="radio"/>	CIC Additional Language/Culture	Still needed:	See CIC Additional Language/Culture - BA Degree section
<input type="radio"/>	MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	Still needed:	See Major in English section

Blocks included in this block

- [Minerva's Academic Curriculum/CIC Breadth](#)
- [CIC College Writing](#)
- [CIC Additional Language/Culture - BA Degree](#)
- [Major in English](#)
- [Minor in Peace and Conflict Studies](#)


user selected items




In the following images, the highlighted portions are examples of a student's coursework applying to the What-If selected areas of study.

Major in English

INCOMPLETE

Catalog year: 2024-2025 GPA: 0.00

Minimum C- grade required in major courses.

	Course	Title	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated
<input type="radio"/>	Minimum semester hours completed at UNCG	Still needed:	You currently have 0, you still need a minimum of 12 more semester hours.			
<input type="radio"/>	Big Questions: Select one course	Still needed:	3 Credits in ENG 270 or 271 or 272 or 273			
<input type="radio"/>	Historical Depth/Context: Select one course	Still needed:	3 Credits in ENG 315 or 335 or 336 or 337 or 339 or 340 or 342 or 343 or 344 or 345 or 346 or 351 or 360 or 371 or 372 or 373 or 377 or 381			
<input type="radio"/>	Marginalized/Minoritized Writers: Select one course	Still needed:	3 Credits in ENG 316 or 331 or 332 or 374 or 375 or 376 or 379 or 383 or 431			
<input type="radio"/>	Theories/Methods: Select one course	Still needed:	3 Credits in ENG 301 or 303 or 304  or 305  or 306			
<input type="radio"/>	ENGLISH ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS	Additional courses not used to fulfill preceding requirements. ENG 327 may not be used toward electives.				
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Select 3 credits at the 200-level or above	ENG 251	Maj Amer Auth:Col-Rom	T	3	Spring 2017
		Satisfied by:	ENG231 - American Literature I - Alamance Cmty College			
<input type="radio"/>	Select 18 credits at the 300-level or above	Still needed:	18 Credits in ENG 300:499 Except ENG 327 			

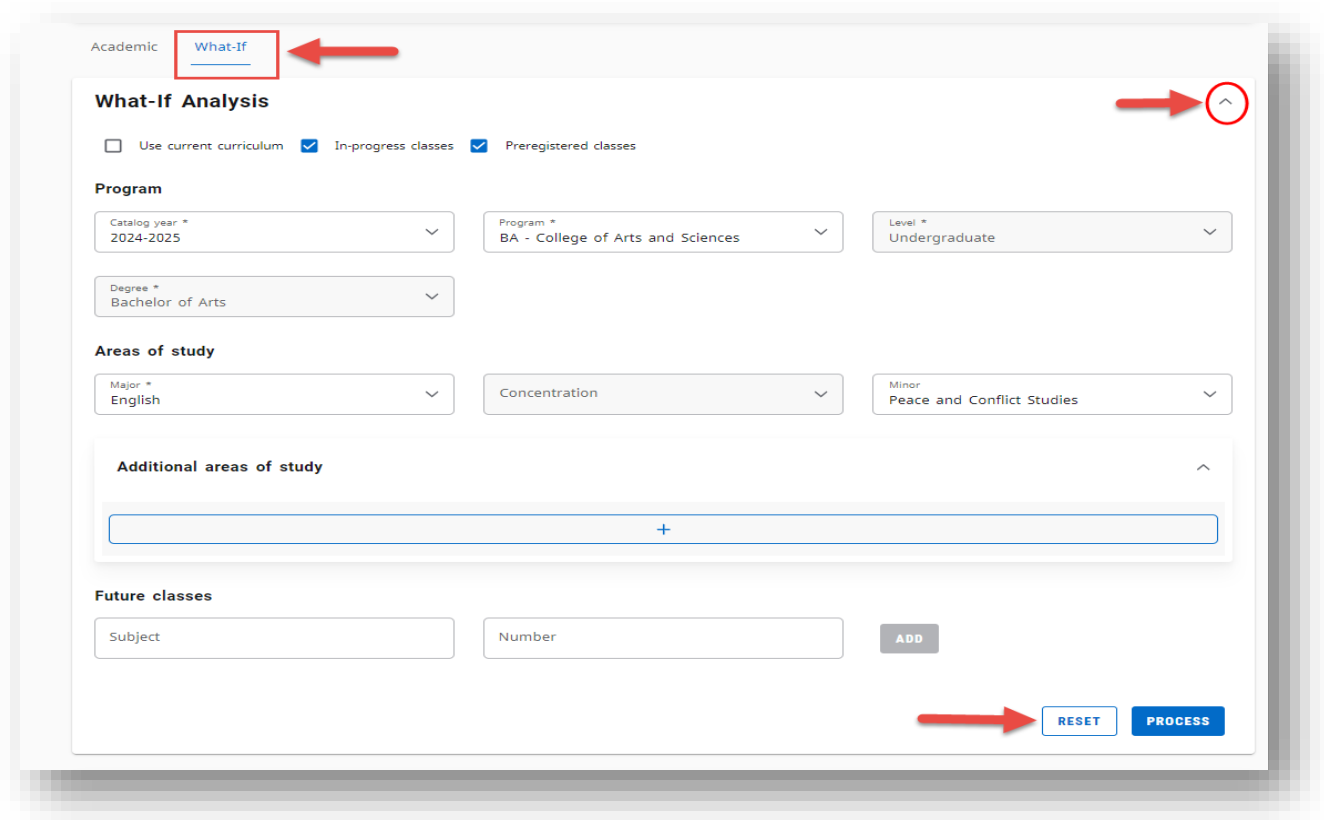
Minor in Peace and Conflict Studies

INCOMPLETE

Credits required: 15 Credits applied: 12 Catalog year: 2024-2025 GPA: 2.97

	Course	Title	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated
<input type="radio"/>	Minimum semester hours required in Minor	Still needed:	You currently have 12, you still need a minimum of 3 more semester hours.			
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Minimum semester hours completed at UNCG					
<input type="radio"/>	Intro Peace / Conflict Studies	Still needed:	3 Credits in PCS 112			
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Foundtn of Peace & Cnflct Stds	PCS 305	Foundtn of Peace & Cnflct Stds	A	3	Fall 2017
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Wrkgng thrgh Interprsnl Cnflcts	PCS 308	Wrkgng thrgh Interprsnl Cnflcts	C+	3	Fall 2018
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	PCS Courses: Select 6 credits	PCS 309	Conflict and Culture	B+	3	Spring 2018
		PCS 311	Conflict Research	C+	3	Fall 2018

- The What-If Analysis block will collapse once the results are displayed. To generate a different What-If, click the caret to the far right to expand the section (arrow should be facing up). Click the **RESET** button at the bottom right of the window.



Academic **What-If**

What-If Analysis

☐ Use current curriculum ☒ In-progress classes ☒ Preregistered classes

Program

Catalog year *
2024-2025

Program *
BA - College of Arts and Sciences

Level *
Undergraduate

Degree *
Bachelor of Arts

Areas of study

Major *
English

Concentration

Minor
Peace and Conflict Studies

Additional areas of study

+

Future classes

Subject

Number

ADD

RESET PROCESS

Additional Areas of Study

Only majors with the same degree from the primary program section can be selected. Example: **BA** in Arts and Sciences: English Major + **BA** Peace and Conflict Studies Major.

NOTE: Currently, majors for different degrees cannot be combined. Example: **BA** in Arts and Sciences: English Major + **BS** in Arts and Sciences: Psychology Major. Use the What-If separately for each degree and major.

1. Enter the desired primary program items.
 - a. Select at a minimum **Catalog year**, **Program** and **Major**.
 - b. Under the **Additional areas of study** section, click the '+' button (If the '+' is not displayed, be sure the caret is facing up ^).
 - c. Select **Degree** and **Major**.
 - d. Click the **ADD** button.

Academic What-If

What-If Analysis A

☐ Use current curriculum
 ☒ In-progress classes
 ☒ Preregistered classes

Program

Catalog year *
 2024-2025

Program *
 BA - College of Arts and Sciences

Level *
 Undergraduate

Degree *
 Bachelor of Arts

Areas of study

Major *
 English

Concentration

Minor

Additional areas of study

B +

Additional areas of study

Degree *
 Bachelor of Arts

C
 Major
 Peace and Conflict Studies

Concentration

Minor

D
CANCEL ADD

- Click the **PROCESS** button. The analysis will be generated based on the selected information.

Program

user selected items

Catalog year *

2024-2025

▼

Program *

BA - College of Arts and Sciences

▼

Level *

Undergraduate

▼

Degree *

Bachelor of Arts

▼

Areas of study

Major *

English

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Concentration

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Minor

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Additional areas of study

user selected items

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Major: Peace and Conflict Studies

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+

RESET

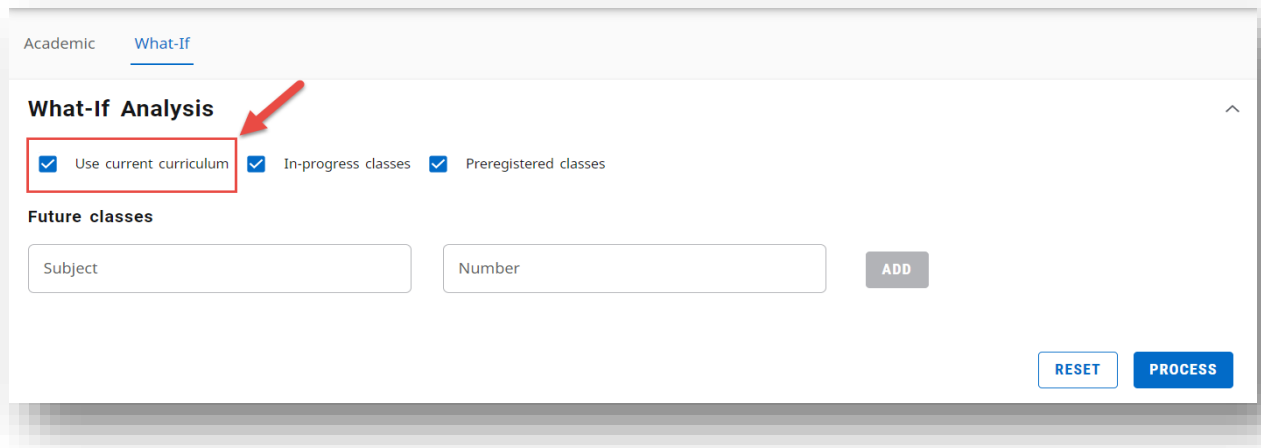
PROCESS

Future Classes

The **Future Classes** feature is located in the What-If Analysis tool. This feature can be used with the student's official program of record or with simulating a different program. Students can enter courses they are planning to take in the future to see application toward the program's degree progress.

Example 1: Future classes combined with a student's official program of record (formerly known as *Look Ahead*)

1. In the **What-If Analysis** section, click the box next to **Use current curriculum**. The program information will no longer be displayed.



Academic [What-If](#)

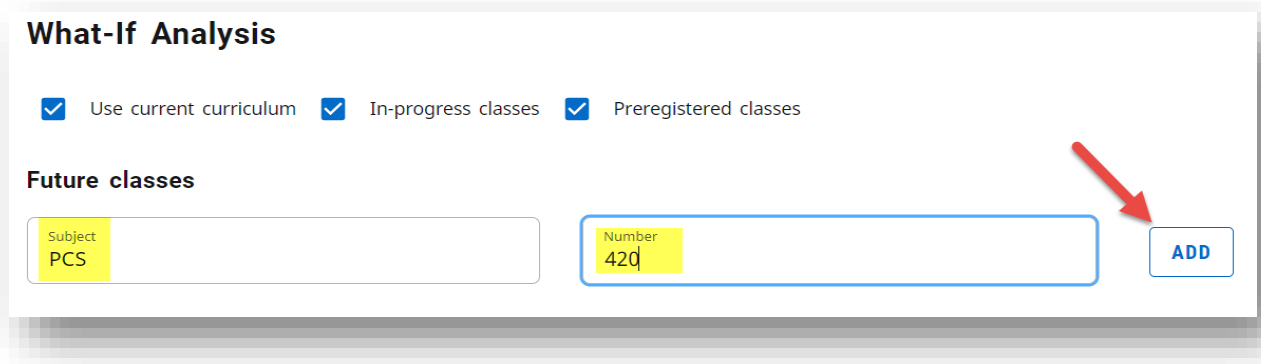
What-If Analysis

☒ Use current curriculum ☒ In-progress classes ☒ Preregistered classes

Future classes

Subject Number

2. In the **Future Classes** section, add the course **Subject** (3 letter code) and **Number**. Click the **ADD** button.



What-If Analysis

☒ Use current curriculum ☒ In-progress classes ☒ Preregistered classes

Future classes

Subject Number

- Click the **PROCESS** button.

What-If Analysis

☒ Use current curriculum
 ☒ In-progress classes
 ☒ Preregistered classes

Future classes

PCS 420
✕
After clicking the ADD button, the course(s) should appear here

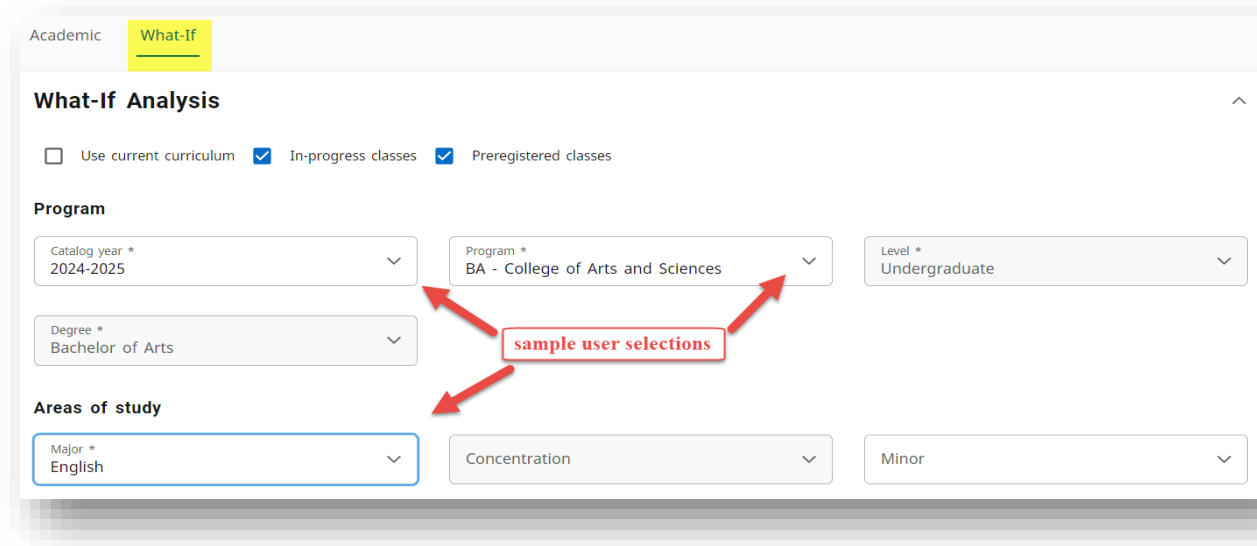
- The results will show the courses entered with a grade of *PLAN* and a term of *Planned Term*. Planned courses will also appear in the *In-progress* section.

Major in Peace and Conflict Studies INCOMPLETE						
Catalog year: 2023-2024 GPA: 2.91						
	Course	Title	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated
<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum semester hours in Major completed at UNCG </div>						
<div> <input type="radio"/> REQUIRED COURSES </div>						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Foundtn of Peace & Cnflct Stds	PCS 305	Foundtn of Peace & Cnflct Stds	A	3	Fall 2017
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wrking thrgh Interprsnl Cnflcts	PCS 308	Wrking thrgh Interprsnl Cnflcts	C+	3	Fall 2018
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Conflict and Culture	PCS 309	Conflict and Culture	B+	3	Spring 2018
<input type="radio"/>	Practicum I	Still needed: 4 Credits in PCS 416				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Seminar	PCS 420	Senior Seminar	PLAN	(3)	Planned Term
<div> <input type="radio"/> ELECTIVES </div>						
<input type="radio"/>	Select an additional 15 credits PCS courses					
	PCS 205	Violence in the Modern World	B+	3	Spring 2017	
	PCS 311	Conflict Research	C+	3	Fall 2018	
	PCS 415	Global Peacebuilding	C+	3	Spring 2019	
	Still needed: 6 Credits in PCS 100:499 Except PCS 305 and 308 and 309 and 416 and 420					

In-progress						
Credits applied: 6 Classes applied: 2						
Course	Title	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated	
PHI 115	Critical Thinking	-	(3)	Spring 2024		
PCS 420	Senior Seminar	PLAN	(3)	Planned Term		

Example 2: Future classes combined with a What-If change of program

1. In the **What-If** section, select at a minimum the desired **Program** and **Major**. Review the steps listed here: [Creating a What-If](#)



Academic **What-If**

What-If Analysis

☐ Use current curriculum ☒ In-progress classes ☒ Preregistered classes

Program

Catalog year *
2024-2025

Degree *
Bachelor of Arts

Program *
BA - College of Arts and Sciences

Level *
Undergraduate

Areas of study

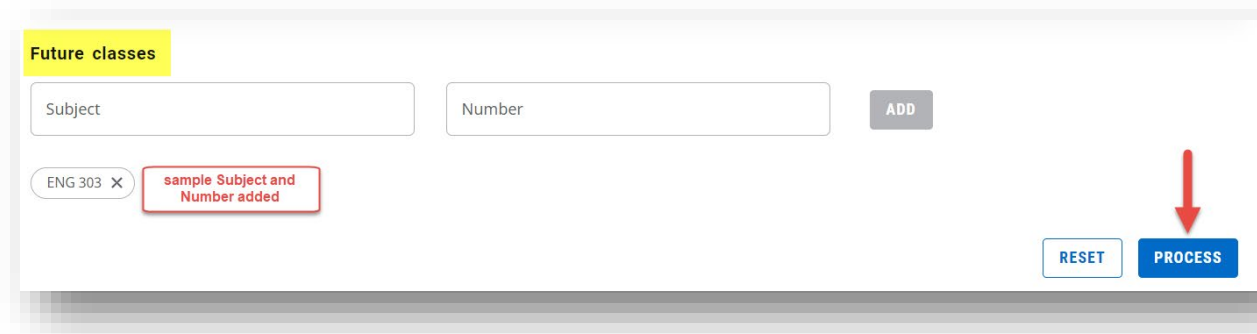
Major *
English

Concentration

Minor

sample user selections

2. Enter the Future class **Subject** and **Number**. Click the **ADD** button. Click the **PROCESS** button.



Future classes

Subject

Number

ADD

ENG 303 X

sample Subject and Number added

RESET

PROCESS

3. The results will show the courses entered with a grade of *PLAN* and a term of *Planned Term*.

Major in English INCOMPLETE

Catalog year: 2024-2025 GPA: 0.00

Minimum C- grade required in major courses.

	Course	Title	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated
<input type="radio"/>	Minimum semester hours completed at UNCG	Still needed:	You currently have 3, you still need a minimum of 9 more semester hours.			
<input type="radio"/>	Big Questions: Select one course	Still needed:	3 Credits in ENG 270 or 271 or 272 or 273			
<input type="radio"/>	Historical Depth/Context: Select one course	Still needed:	3 Credits in ENG 315 or 335 or 336 or 337 or 339 or 340 or 342 or 343 or 344 or 345 or 346 or 351 or 360 or 371 or 372 or 373 or 377 or 381			
<input type="radio"/>	Marginalized/Minoritized Writers: Select one course	Still needed:	3 Credits in ENG 316 or 331 or 332 or 374 or 375 or 376 or 379 or 383 or 431			
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Theories/Methods: Select one course	ENG 303	Literary Theory	PLAN	(3)	Planned Term

In-progress

Credits applied: 6 Classes applied: 2

Course	Title	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated
PHI 115	Critical Thinking	-	(3)	Spring 2024	
ENG 303	Literary Theory	PLAN	(3)	Planned Term	

Disclaimer

Degree program requirements are subject to revision each academic year. Reference the University Catalog <https://catalog.uncg.edu/programs/> to search programs listed by College or School.

Major and/or concentration selection lists may include some outdated options – this should be corrected in a future software release. Generally, if the user selects a major that is no longer a current option, the What-If results will display an informational alert in the major block.

Major in Psychology INCOMPLETE

Catalog year: 2024-2025 GPA: 0.00

☐ Discontinued Program

Still needed: The Psychology Program has been discontinued as of the 2024-25 Catalog.

All students are encouraged to utilize the What-If Analysis when considering a change in their majors. However, graduate and doctoral students will have to apply to the program if they decide to go on a different academic path. For more information, we advise those students to consult with their academic departments or contact the Graduate School Office for more information.