

How to Produce a What-If Degree Evaluation in Howdy (To Determine Appropriate Courses for Any Major)

1. Log into <https://howdy.tamu.edu>.
2. Click the “MyRecord” drop down menu on the lefthand side of the screen.
3. Select “Degree Evaluation”.
4. Select the tab titled “What-If Degree Evaluation”
5. Click the drop-down box labeled “Catalog Term”. *Select your first semester in college*. Click Next. Note: Selecting your correct entry term is important as degree requirements sometimes differ from year to year.
6. Click the drop-down box labeled “Program”. This is your intended major. Select your intended major and click Next.
7. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click the drop-down box labeled “First Major”. In the “First Major” block, click the arrow on the right and select your major again. From here, you can add up to two minors or click the Next button to move on.
 - * Note: For entering freshmen TAP recommends not selecting any minors. Most majors do not require a minor. During your first semester you should focus on Core Curriculum requirements rather than courses toward a possible minor.
8. Review your selections, and then click the “Submit” button at the bottom of the screen. There will be a 5 to 10 second delay while the evaluation is prepared.

You will see a degree evaluation for the major you selected. The sections of the degree plan can be expanded or collapsed by clicking on them. Be sure to pay attention to the “Met” column on the far left. “Yes” in this column indicates you have satisfied that degree requirement. “No” in this column indicates you still need to take the course(s) listed to the right. Use this along with the [change of major requirements](#) on the TAP website to identify appropriate courses for this major.

You may produce degree evaluations for multiple majors if you are considering more than one. By comparing two or more evaluations it will be possible to identify courses that would count toward either / all majors, thus allowing more time to decide without making a final commitment.

The courses you have not yet completed will be obvious by the “No” listed in the “Met” column. (Remember that Howdy doesn’t “know” about any courses you may currently be taking at a community college, or AP credit you have yet to accept, so you will have to mark those on your degree evaluation manually.) Your next task is to decide which order you should take your remaining courses. The best way to do this is to consult the Undergraduate Catalog (<http://catalog.tamu.edu>). *The catalog contains a suggested order of courses for all majors. **You do not have to take them in the order listed.*** The Course Descriptions section of the catalog indicates prerequisites (if any) for each course.