

LSU's Degree Audit ABC's

A: Understand the bookmarks of your degree audit

- First, disregard the numbers located *between* the margin symbols (+, #, -) and the main text. These numbers organize the audit, but may confuse the reader regarding legitimate course and credit hour requirements.
- Then, learn to interpret these margin *symbols* (+, #, --). They reflect your progress satisfying particular graduation requirements of that selected major.

SYMBOL

[+] Plus sign
[#] Pound sign
[--] Minus sign

MEANING

>>> you have completed all category requirements
>>> you are currently enrolled in a course from this category
>>> you are neither enrolled in nor have completed this category

- Asterisks after course departments, like HIST 3***, reflect *if* an LSU or transferred course *may* satisfy degree requirements. Asterisks that follow a specific department and year classification (e.g. HIST 3***), denote the course department equivalent and appropriate year classification of the course at LSU (e.g. A course like HIST 3071, *The History of Louisiana*, could satisfy a HIST 3*** level HIST course requirement in your audit).

B: Understand Headings & Symbols

- Headings, located in the upper left-hand corners of each audit section, reflect the student's progress towards meeting individual audit requirements. They are denoted by the corresponding (--, #, or +) symbol:

HEADINGS

[NO] Not Enrolled
[IP] In Progress
[OK] Okay

MEANING

>>> you are not currently enrolled in a course from that section
>>> you are currently enrolled in a course from that section
>>> you have completed all section requirements

C: Understand the *General Comments* section of your degree audit

- Your degree audits are not substitutes for the regulations found in the *LSU General Catalog*.
- The *General Comments* section includes information pertinent to *your* senior college: such as residency; military service credit, degree substitutions, and independent study restrictions.
- A degree audit does not consider course prerequisites. Each student is responsible for completing course prerequisites *prior* to scheduling courses.

D: Learn how to access or obtain a degree audit

- The best place to access a *degree audit* is through your PAWS account, under the *Student Services* drop down menu. Students can either generate the degree audit of their current major or explore how their overall hours apply to a different major.
- The Center for Freshman Year staff can provide degree audits, but official degree audits are available only at the Dean's Office of the student's chosen senior college.
- Declaring or changing *minors* is done only in your college counselor's office