The What-If Report is a component in the UCSC implementation of Oracle Campus Solutions 9.0 (Academic Information Systems) that allows students and academic advisers to perform an unofficial academic advisement report for a major, concentration, or catalog rights other than the one the student has declared. Additionally, a What-If report allows students and advisers to view an academic advisement report with courses the student has not yet taken.

Graduation certification and requirement satisfaction must be officially approved by the appropriate certifying agency. A What-If Report is an unofficial report and shall not, in any case, constitute approval of satisfaction or revision of requirements.

Access to Student Records
It is important for individuals with access to student records to understand and comply with university policy regarding the privacy of student records. For more information about UC Santa Cruz’s policy on the privacy of student records, visit the Office of the Registrar’s website: http://registrar.ucsc.edu/.

1. Creating a new Report:

The main goal of the What-If Report is to provide students and advisers with an unofficial academic advisement report that compares their coursework against the requirements of any given academic program (general education requirements), plan (major, minor, or college), sub-plan (concentration), or requirement term (catalog rights). This report shows students what requirements would be satisfied by the courses they have taken (or plan to take) and what requirements would still be outstanding.

For example, an adviser may run a What-If Report to determine whether a student has satisfied the major qualification requirements for a major. An adviser may run a What-If to determine if a student can complete an intensive concentration in a major in which the student is interested, or add a new minor, and still graduate on time. Alternatively, an adviser could run a What-If Report when a student is thinking about switching majors and needs to know how much of their coursework would apply to the new major. What-If Reports obey effective dating rules, so the What-If Report is useful in determining changes in requirement satisfaction for different catalog rights.
Navigation for Advisers in MyUCSC:
From the One-Click Advising Pagelet, select “Request Academic Advisement Report”

Click on “Add a New Value”
Enter a student ID, Academic Institution = UCSCM, Report Type = AAWIF, and click on “Add”

Check the “Use Career Simulation” box and click the “View/Change the Career Simulation link”
Enter the Career Simulation information to obtain your desired scenario.

Example: A proposed Economics major with a Fall 2012 requirement term is interested in becoming an Environmental Studies major and has been progressively taking classes towards that degree. In hopes of declaring the major, the student makes an advising appointment to see if they have met the Environmental Studies major qualification policy. For the advisor to find out the student’s major qualification status, they can run a What-If report for the student with plan ENV1 (proposed Environmental Studies) and the appropriate requirement term. If the report returns with the major qualification requirement collapsed and satisfied, the advisor will know the student is ready to declare. If the report returns a major qualification requirement open and still displaying as unsatisfied, then it will be known that the student has not yet met the requirements necessary to declare.

Program What-If Data:
Career – Undergraduate
Career Requirement Term – 2128
Requirement Term – 2128
Academic Program - UGRD

Plan What-If Data:
Requirement Term – 2128
Academic Plan – ENV1

Sub Plan What-If Data:
Requirement Term – Leave Blank (N/A)
Academic Sub Plan – Leave Blank (N/A)

*Note that in the above example ENVSBA does not have concentration sub-plan, and as such, we leave the sub-plan What-If data blank. For plans where all students are declared into a concentration sub-plan (e.g., MATHBA), this information must be filled out to obtain an accurate report.

Below is an example of how to fill out the data to create a What-If scenario.
If you wish to run multiple plans and/or sub-plans, you may enter additional Plan and Sub-Plan What-If data by clicking on the + sign to add new rows.

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Click OK. This will return you to the original report request page where you may either run your report by clicking on “Process Request” or add What-If courses to your scenario, by clicking on the Add a What-If Course Link.

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Suppose in our example the student who comes into their appointment claims they are positive they have only one qualification course left to take, ENVS 100/L. This is simple to test by adding it as a What-If course. Once the What-If course is added to the scenario and the report is run, the advisor will have a picture of what the student’s situation would look like once that course is completed.
Enter the Career of the student, the Term the student expects to take the What-If course, and the Subject of the What-If course, and click “Execute the Search”.

You will receive a complete list of courses in that subject. Only the first ten will display. Note the option to scroll. Click the checked box to the left of the course you want to add to your What-If scenario. To add multiple courses to your What-If scenario, repeat this process as many times as desired.
Note that there is a place for you to enter a grade. It is not necessary to do so. If you leave this field blank The What-If report will assume the student has passed the course.
When running a What-If to verify satisfaction of major qualification requirements, courses that a student has completed will be accurately reflected in the GPA calculation in the What-if report.

* We do not recommend using what-if courses in major qualification requirements that have GPA calculations. The What-If report considers all grades for what-if courses to be C or better, which is passing. This is true even if you enter specific grades for what-if courses. This is necessary to remember when verifying major qualification policies that have GPA calculations. For example, if a major qualification policy requires a 3.00 combined GPA in 3 courses, and you add those 3 courses via the What-If course selection and enter C’s, the what-if report may return a major qualification requirement that display as “Satisfied” even though the GPA component may not be met by the what-if grades. We recommend verifying major qualification GPAs using completed, graded courses only.

Now we are ready to run our report. Click on “Process Request”.

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After processing, a report similar to the Academic Advisement Report will display. The report will denote What-If courses with a “WH” in the Course Type column and a question mark in the Status column. If we had entered a grade on the Report Request page, it would display in the Grade column.

In our example, the student did have only ENVS 100/L left to complete the major qualification requirement for the Environmental Studies major. We see this by noticing the newly satisfied requirement line, which also outlines the policy in greater detail.

**Satisfied:** Proposed Environmental Studies Lower-division Requirements (RG495)

**Environmental Studies BA Qualification Requirements**

Students may petition to declare the Environmental Studies major once they have completed the following required courses: Environmental Studies 23; Environmental Studies 24 (or Biology: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology 20C); Environmental Studies 25; Applied Mathematics and Statistics 2 or 3 or Mathematics 3; Applied Mathematics and Statistics 7/L; Environmental Studies 100/L. Students receiving an NP, D, or F in one of the courses required for admission to the major may only declare once they have passed the same or equivalent course with a grade of C or better. Students who receive two grades of NP, D, or F in the required courses are not eligible to declare the major. (R1156)
Other reasons advisors may turn to What-If reports for assistance:

1. A History BA major, currently declared in the Asia & Islamic World concentration, is interested in switching to the Europe concentration. The student knows that the breadth requirement of the major ensures that they have already completed several courses in the Europe concentration. The student wants to know how many of the new concentration’s requirements they have completed. The student meets with their advisor to discuss this and formulate a new academic plan. In this case, the advisor could run a What-If report. Though they would be keeping the student’s major information the same in the simulation, they would change the concentration to Europe in the Sub-Plan What-If data box. The report returned would tell both the student, and advisor, exactly how many of the History BA with a Europe concentration requirements have been met.

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2. A Sociology BA student believes they need to complete only one more class to graduate. They provide you with the course information and ask if their major completion assessment is correct. You know they definitely need this course for the degree, but you now need to verify everything else they have taken to make sure it is the last course they need. Instead of doing a checklist by hand, you could run a What-If report using the students own degree information, and add the course in question as part of your What-If scenario. If your report returns with all the major requirements collapsed and satisfied, you can be assured that the course was the final requirement left for the student to complete for the major.

Advisement What-If Report

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Important Information Regarding the Academic Advisement Report

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General Education Requirements

SOCIBA Lower-division Requirements

SOCIBA Upper-division Requirements

Statistics

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Test Credit

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3. An undergraduate pursuing an Education Minor is interested in applying for the Education Masters & Single Subject Math Credential program. As an undergraduate, the student was able, with special permission, to enroll in several graduate courses. The student has made an appointment with the graduate advisor to see if any of these courses will satisfy requirements of their intended MA/Credential program. The advisor can run a What-If scenario whereby the student is entered as a What-If graduate student.

Recall that the Academic Program for an undergraduate is UGRD and note that for a Graduate Student is not GRAD, but EDUC. Academic Program for graduate students is the department host of the What-If plan.
There are many other reasons an adviser may use a What-If report. Advisers may use them for checking the addition of a second major or minor, or simply for looking into declaring a student into a single major for the first time.

Please contact the Office of the Registrar's Advising Team at advsys@ucsc.edu with questions regarding the What-If Report. We hope this tool is useful and helps to guide students through timely and successful degree completion.