

Smart Planner Introduction

Smart Planner Introduction (continued)

SmartPlanner allows for the selection of courses to meet individual requirements where a range of courses are available, such as electives or general education. It includes an interactive filter to allow students and advisors to select courses that best fit their degree requirements. As courses are selected or planned, the filters for courses already planned are removed to help avoid duplicating requirements. Note: only NEEDED courses from the student's Academic Requirements Report (AAR), or the red boxes, are displayed in the Degree Planner.

Benefits to the Campus

Once the majority of students are using SmartPlanner, student selections can be used to predict course demand, allowing Cal Maritime to make more informed resource management decisions. Other benefits include providing students with prescriptive advising online 24/7 and providing comprehensive advising appointments vs. course selection appointments.

Ease of use

SmartPlanner provides drag and drop ease of use for a more user friendly experience in further customizing the student's path to degree completion. The drag and drop feature obeys programmed prerequisites and fall/spring only course offerings to ensure a student's recommended roadmap is feasible.

SmartPlanner also works with the Schedule Planner tool so that students can move the next term's suggested courses to the Schedule Planner. Students then use the Schedule Planner to find the class schedule that works around their personal lives (i.e. work, athletic practice, lunch, study time, etc.)

Smart Planner vs. Academic Requirements Report (CAAR)

SmartPlanner should not be viewed as a replacement for the Academic Requirements Report (ARR). Some degree requirements cannot be built into a sequence, such as GPA and Residency requirements. Students should continue to view their ARR for a more comprehensive view of their progress at Cal State Maritime. For convenience, the SmartPlanner contains a link to the ARR with planned courses which are represented with a blue star to help students determine if they are planning appropriately for those requirements that cannot be placed into SmartPlanner sequence.