

## Introduction to Academic Resources

### Transfer Credit Report (TCR)

[Online Reports]

The TCR is an online report that provides an overview of transferable coursework taken at other institutions, as well as college-level units earned through credit-by-exam, e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, and DSST / DANTES. Coursework is included on the TCR only after it has been appropriately reported, evaluated, and articulated. For example, for coursework taken at a JC, students would request official transcripts be sent from the JC to SSU, once received, SSU would need to evaluate and articulate the coursework before deciding what to apply to a student's degree. Similarly, for credits earned via an AP test, students would request official test scores be sent from the College Board to SSU, once received, SSU would articulate the coursework before deciding what to apply to a student's degree.

Navigation: MySSU > Student Center > other academic... dropdown > Transfer Credit: Report  
Resources: [www.sonoma.edu/registration/transfer\\_credit.html](http://www.sonoma.edu/registration/transfer_credit.html)

### Academic Requirements Report (ARR)

[Online Reports]

The ARR is an online report that provides a real-time overview of a student's academic record and their degree requirements, using symbols to indicate which of those requirements are completed (●), in-progress (◆), and outstanding (■). The ARR is reflective of applicable coursework completed at SSU, relevant units from a student's TCR, and, in some instances, approved petitions the student has filed with Admissions & Records. Before a student can graduate, all requirements listed on the ARR must be checked as completed. Because of this, the ARR should be considered the definitive report in tracking a student's progress toward their degree.

Navigation: MySSU > Student Center > other academic... dropdown > Academic Requirements  
Resources: [www.sonoma.edu/registration/reading\\_arr\\_stu.html](http://www.sonoma.edu/registration/reading_arr_stu.html)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9-M\\_9uI4yc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9-M_9uI4yc)

### General Education (GE)

[Online Resources]

There are two GE patterns. The 50-unit GE pattern is for students who entered SSU with less than 30 transferable units. The 48-unit GE pattern is for students who entered SSU with 30+ transferable units. The general purpose of these patterns is to create a similar curricular experience whereby students investigate the complexity of the human experience in a diverse natural and social world, through coursework that promotes informed and ethical participation as citizens in that world. The specific purposes of these patterns are met through the learning goals and objectives of the various areas and sub-areas.

50-unit GE pattern: [www.sonoma.edu/advising/ge/50.pdf](http://www.sonoma.edu/advising/ge/50.pdf)  
48-unit GE pattern: [www.sonoma.edu/advising/ge/48.pdf](http://www.sonoma.edu/advising/ge/48.pdf)  
Learning objectives: [www.sonoma.edu/senate/committees/ge/lgos\\_new.html](http://www.sonoma.edu/senate/committees/ge/lgos_new.html)

### University Catalog

[Online Resources]

The University Catalog is one of the primary sources of information for students, staff, and faculty regarding University policies and procedures, degree requirements, course descriptions, as well as an overview of the University and its programs, services, schools, and departments. While the printed version can be purchased through the bookstore, the PDF version is available for free online.

Navigation: [www.sonoma.edu](http://www.sonoma.edu) > Academics > Catalog

## School and Department Webpages

[Online Resources]

Each school and each department hosts a website with information about the programs and degrees offered therein. Additionally, many of these websites include an overview of the faculty within the department, requirements and deadlines for declaring a major or minor, career and internship opportunities, FAQs, department resources, research and community projects, scholarship opportunities, etc. While the University Catalog is updated annually and often times does not reflect changes made during the academic year or the preceding summer, school and department webpages can be updated whenever necessary. Because of this, students are encouraged to refer to both resources to complement in-person professional advising.

Navigation: [www.sonoma.edu](http://www.sonoma.edu) > Academics > Departments & Programs

## Seawolf Scheduler

[Interactive Online Tools]

The Seawolf Scheduler is an interactive online tool that can assist students in building the perfect class schedule. By using various filters, students are able to easily select preferred classes, block-off breaks or extracurricular commitments, and let the Seawolf Scheduler do the work for them; promptly identifying all the possible schedule permutations. From there, students are able to compare schedules, select their favorite, and send that schedule to their shopping cart to finalize registration. When utilized, the Seawolf Scheduler saves time, improves the likelihood of securing the ideal schedule, enables students to take more units, and promotes the pursuit of the previously elusive *four-year* degree. Note: when launched, the Seawolf Scheduler opens in a separate internet tab and often is blocked as a pop-up. This can be addressed by allowing the pop-up to show if prompted with the option, or by changing your browser settings.

Navigation: [MySSU > Student Center > Seawolf Scheduler > Click Here](#)

Resources: [MySSU > Student Center > Seawolf Scheduler > Click Here > \(?\)Help](#)  
[www.sonoma.edu/advising/scheduler](http://www.sonoma.edu/advising/scheduler)

## Degree Planner

[Interactive Online Tools]

The Degree Planner is an interactive online tool that can assist students in mapping-out a customizable degree plan to fit a targeted graduation timeline. By pulling information from a student's ARR, the Degree Planner outlines the best sequencing of courses, based on the recommendations of the department. These sequences may be tailored by the student and their advisor to fit various individual preferences. When a sequence is adjusted, the plan automatically updates, rerouting the student to the most efficient pathway to their degree. Note: The Degree Planner is a new tool and still being rolled-out a few departments at a time. It is currently only available to the following majors: CHEM and bioCHEM, CCJS, ANTH, ECON, BUS and preBUS, ECS, and PSY. Next up are: COMS, SOCI, and PHIL.

Navigation: [MySSU > Student Center > Degree Planner](#)

Resources: [MySSU > Student Center > Degree Planner > Continue > Help](#)

## Registration

[Interactive Online Processes]

Registration is the interactive online process by which students add, drop, swap, and edit their enrollment either for either a current or future term. Registration transactions require a valid appointment time, i.e., a window in which specific students have access to register for a specific period of time.

Navigation: [MySSU > Student Center > Enroll](#)

Resources: [www.sonoma.edu/registration/](http://www.sonoma.edu/registration/)