Welcome to Ocean County College's Student Planning software. This guide will provide advisors with an overview for utilizing Student Planning.

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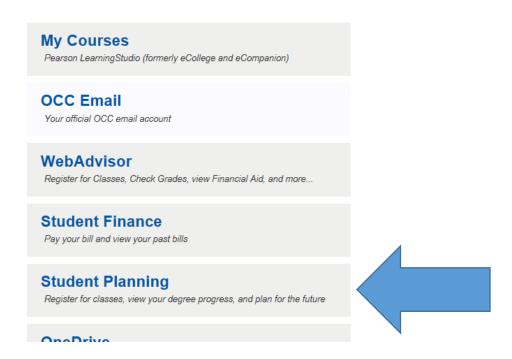
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Accessing Student Planning

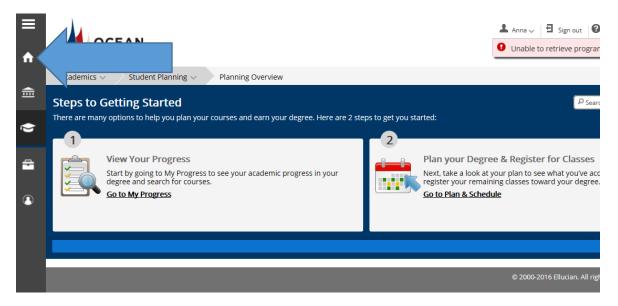
Advisors will be able to access Student Planning via logging into Ocean Connect.

Ocean Connect

Ocean Connect is your portal to all of OCC's sites and services.

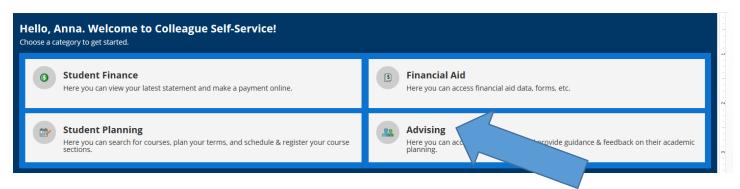


On the Welcome Screen, click on the "Home" icon on the menu on the left hand side of the screen.



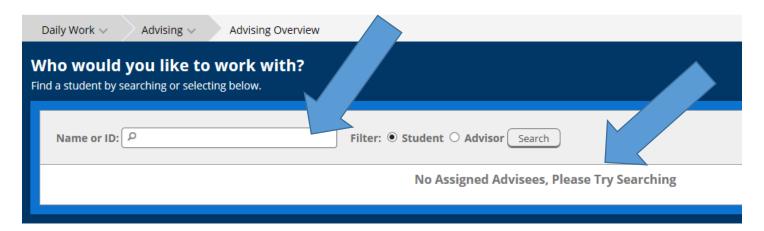
Accessing Student Planning (continued)

Click on the Advising Tab.



Accessing Student Information

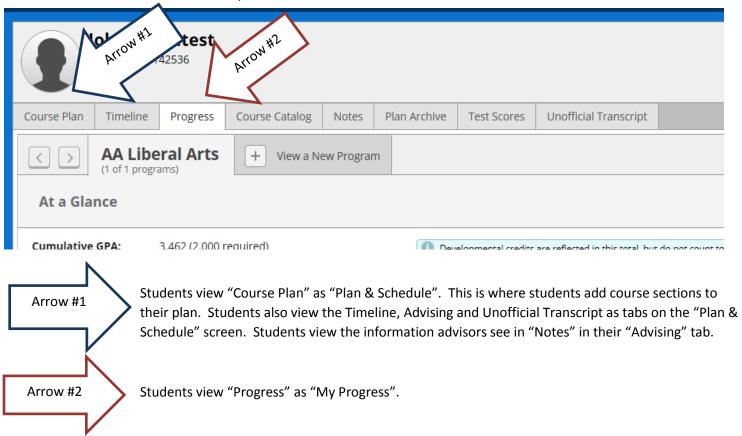
If an advisor has assigned advisees, those students will appear on this screen. To access a particular student record, type in the student's name or student ID.



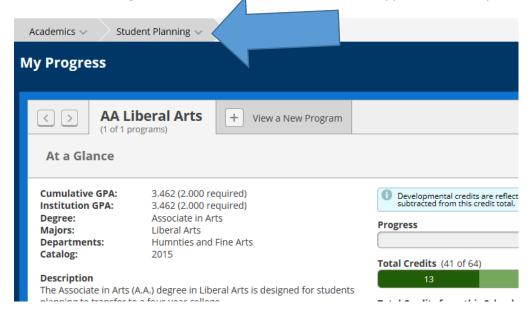
Navigation Differences between the Advisor and Student Views

While the functions that advisors and students view in Student Planning are mostly the same, the navigation to reach the pages in Student Planning is different between the advisor and student views.

Advisors will use the menu at the top of the screen.

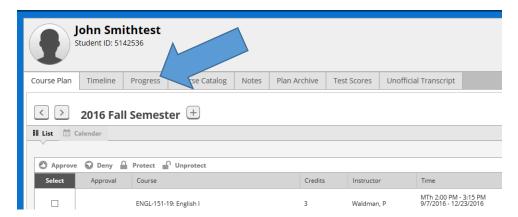


Students will use the navigation bar at the top of the screen, which appears when they hover over Student Planning.

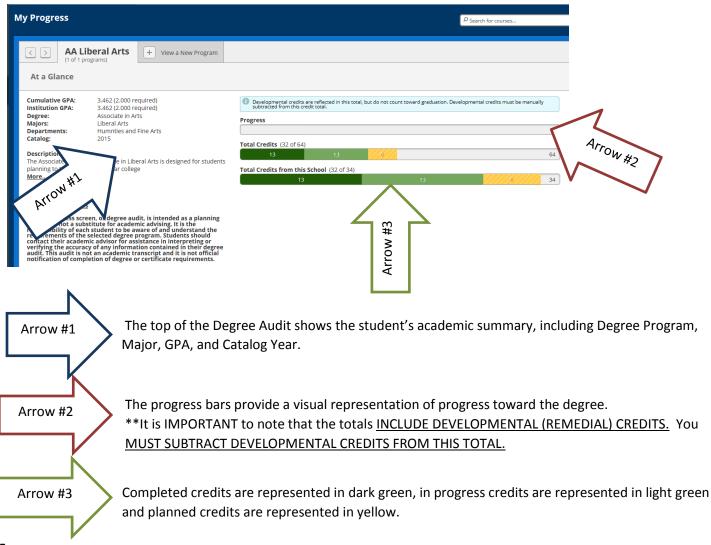


Progress Screen

The best place to start advising a student is on the "Progress" screen. Students will view this screen as "My Progress".

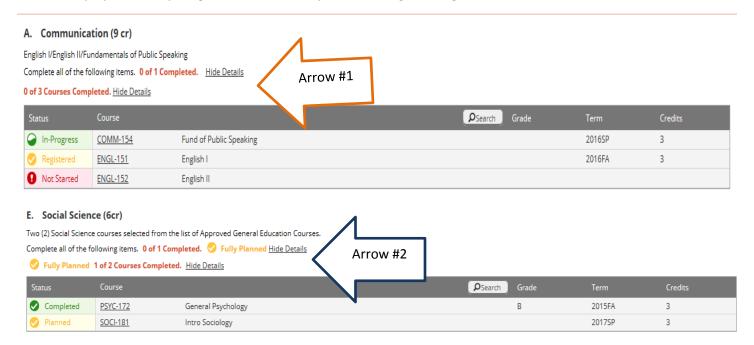


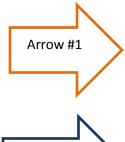
The Progress screen is the student's degree audit, which displays the courses required for the degree program. You can see which courses the student has completed, which courses are in progress, and which courses are still needed.



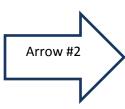
Progress Screen (continued)

Courses display on the My Progress screen as Completed, In Progress, Registered, Planned or Not Started.



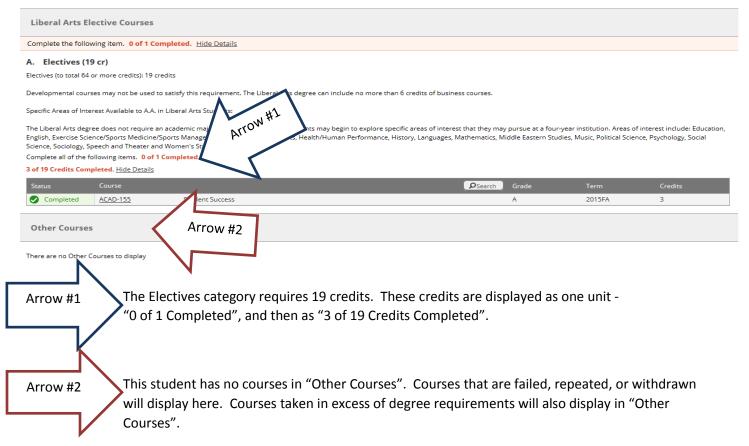


The audit displays the three required Communications courses as a unit, and then as three individual coures. Therefore, the requirement displays as "0 of 1 Completed" and "0 of 3 Courses Completed". One of these courses is "In Progress", one course is "Registered" and one course is "Not Started".

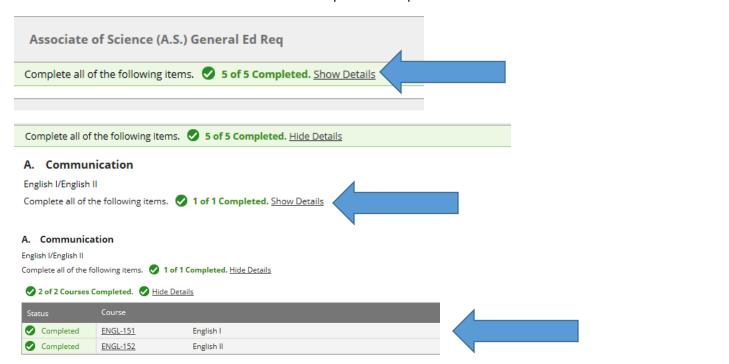


For the Social Science requirement, this student has completed one course, and the other course is planned. Therefore, the requirement displays "1 of 2 Courses Completed" and it is noted that the requirement is "Fully Planned".

Progress Screen (continued)

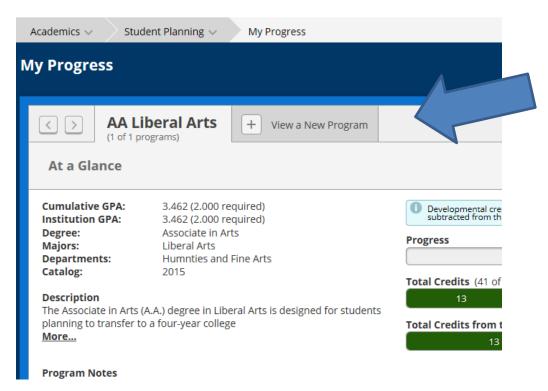


When a student has completed a requirement, Student Planning will collapse the course information. You will need to click "Show Details" to view the courses taken to complete the requirement.

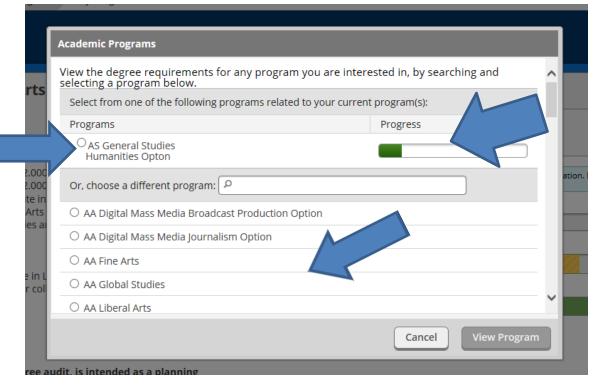


View a New Program (What if?)

The "View a New Program" option on the Progress screen is often called the "What If" function. This function allows students to select a different degree program, to see what is required and what courses remain in that degree. The "What If" function is a great tool for advisors working with a student who is considering changing majors.



Select the "View a New Program" option at the top of the Progress screen.



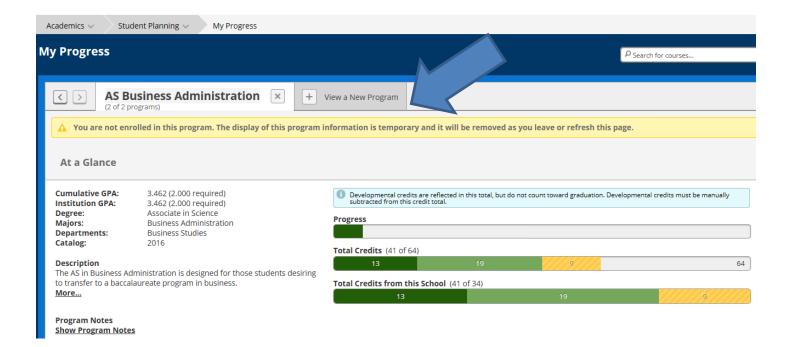
You can choose from related programs, which allows you to see if the student might be able to graduate sooner in a different major. You can even see a progress bar, which visually represents progress toward that degree.

You can also elect to select any other degree program.

View a New Program (What if?) - Continued

You can then see how the student's courses fulfill requirements in this degree program, and what courses remain to be completed. Note the warning at the top of the page, which reads: "You are not enrolled in this program. The display of this program information is temporary and it will be removed as you leave or refresh this page."

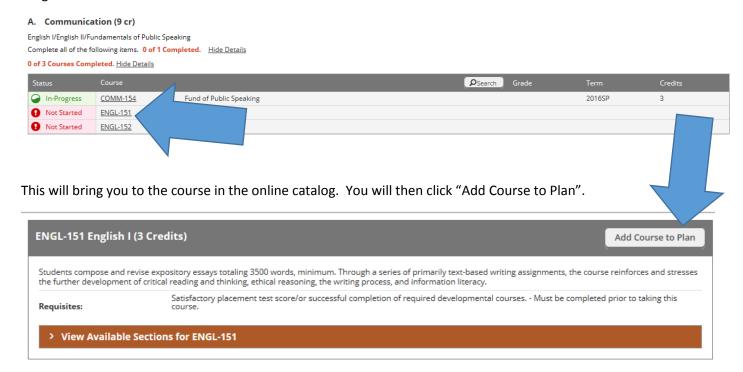
Students must meet with an advisor and complete a Change of Curriculum form to officially change their major.



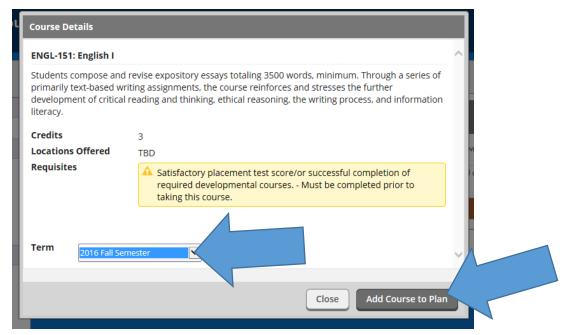
Adding Courses to the Plan

Students can add courses to their plan directly from the My Progress screen. The below instructions are for adding a course to a student's schedule from the advisor view. For instructions on adding a course to the plan from the student view, consult the Student Planning Guide for Students. The steps for adding a course to the plan are essentially the same from the advisor and student views, but the navigation to reach the screens differs slightly.

If a course is a "named" course (no other courses can fulfill the requirement), start by clicking on the course in the Progress screen.

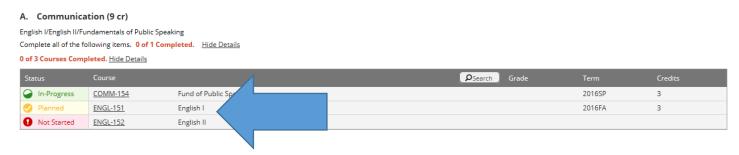


Next, select the term in which the student plans to take the course and click "Add Course to Plan".

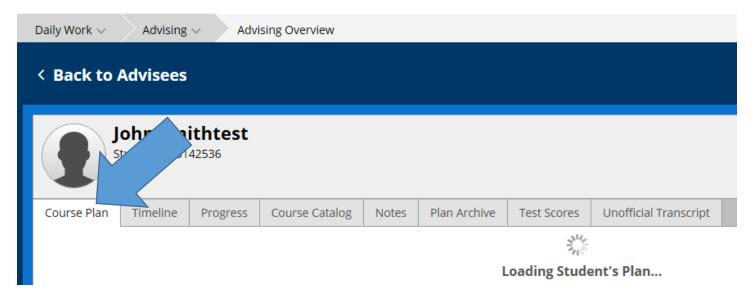


Adding Courses to the Plan (continued)

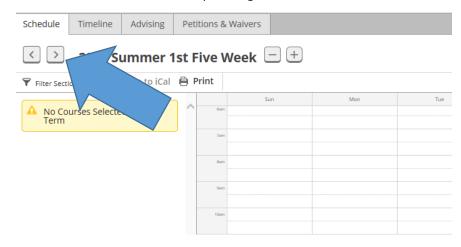
This course will then appear as "Planned" on the Progress screen.



Next, click "Course Plan" from the menu.

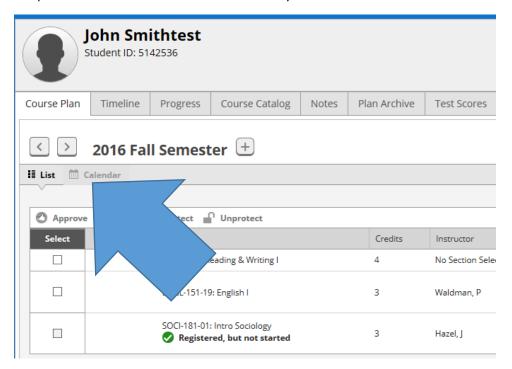


Course Plan will bring you to the current semester. You will need to click the arrow next to the term to find the semester in which the student is planning a course.



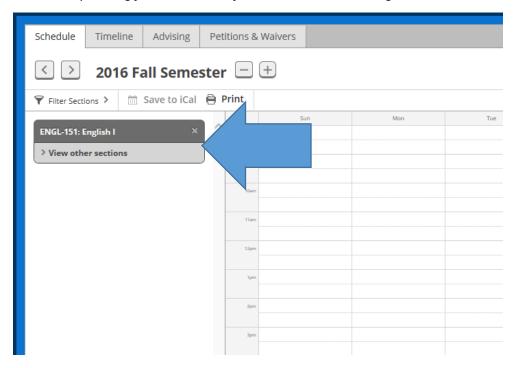
Adding Courses to the Plan (continued)

The default view for advisors on the Course Plan screen is the "List" view. Advisors should click "Calendar" to see how the planned courses fit into a student's weekly schedule. The student view defaults to the calendar view.



You will then see the planned courses listed on the left side of the screen. If the schedule of classes is not yet posted for the semester, this is as far as the student can plan.

*Note that planning for a course in a future semester does not guarantee the course will be offered in that semester.



Adding Courses to the Plan (continued)

When several courses could fulfill a requirement, you can use the "Search" function on the Progress screen to access a list of courses which will complete the requirement.

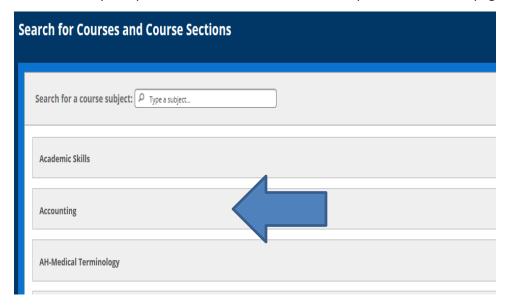
Clicking the "Search" button for the requirement will bring you to a list of courses in the Course Catalog which could be used to complete the requirement. You can select a course and add the course to the plan as outlined on pages 10-11.



You can also plan for courses using the "Search for Courses" bar on the My Progress screen. You will type in the name of the course and view the course in the online Catalog. You will add the course to the plan as outlined on pages 10-11.



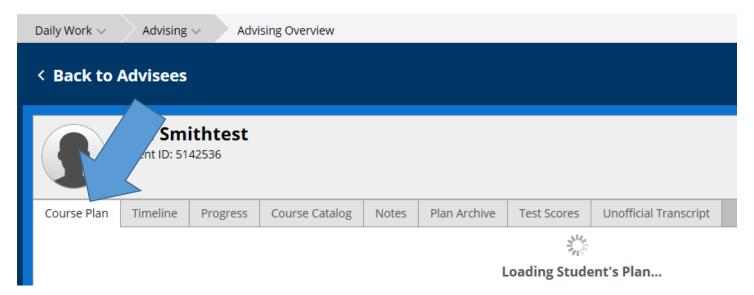
Courses can also be added to the plan using the Course Catalog. Click "Course Catalog" from the menu. Courses are searchable by discipline. You will add the course to the plan as outlined on pages 10-11.



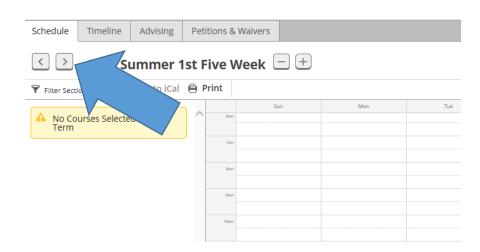
Adding Course Sections to the Plan

When the schedule of classes is posted for the upcoming semester, students can add specific course sections to their plan. Course sections determine the days of the week and time of day students will take a course. The below instructions are for adding a course section to a student's schedule from the advisor view. For instructions on adding course sections to the plan from the student view, consult the Student Planning Guide for Students. The steps for adding a course section to the plan are essentially the same from the advisor and student views, but the navigation to reach the screens differs slightly.

To start, click "Courses Plan" from the menu.

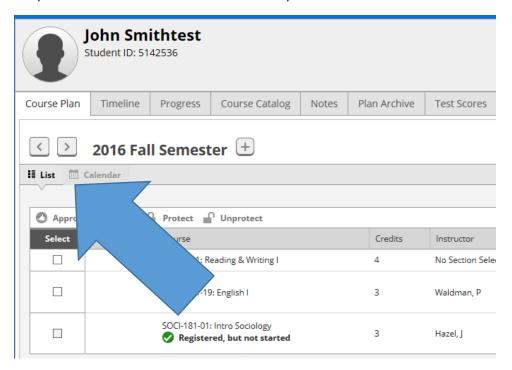


Course plan will bring you to the current semester. You will need to click the arrow next to the term to find the semester in which the student is planning a course.

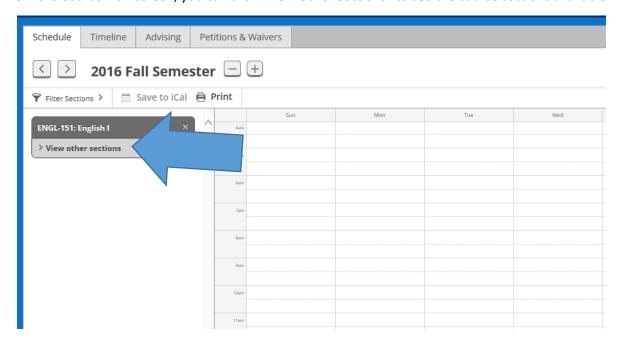


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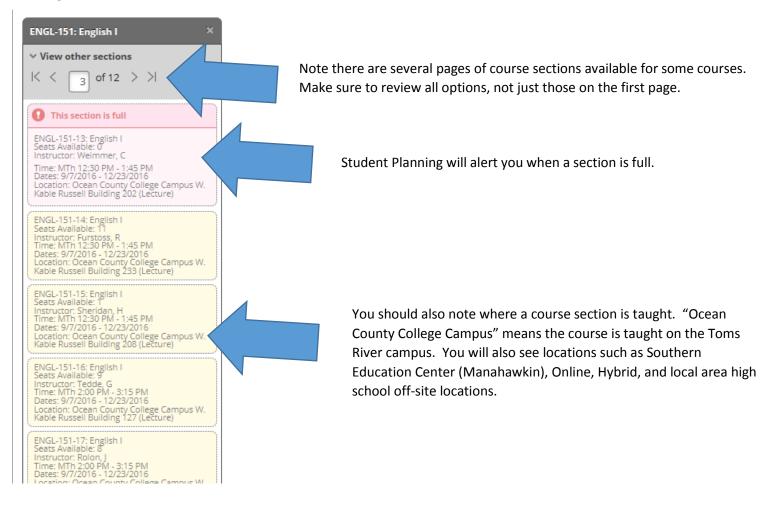
The default view for advisors on the Course Plan screen is the "List" view. Advisors should click "Calendar" to see how the planned courses fit into a student's weekly schedule. The student view defaults to the calendar view.



From the Course Plan screen, you can click "View Other Sections" to see the course sections available.



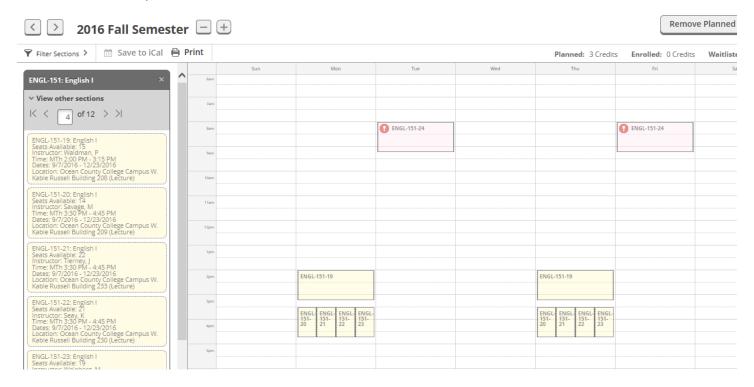
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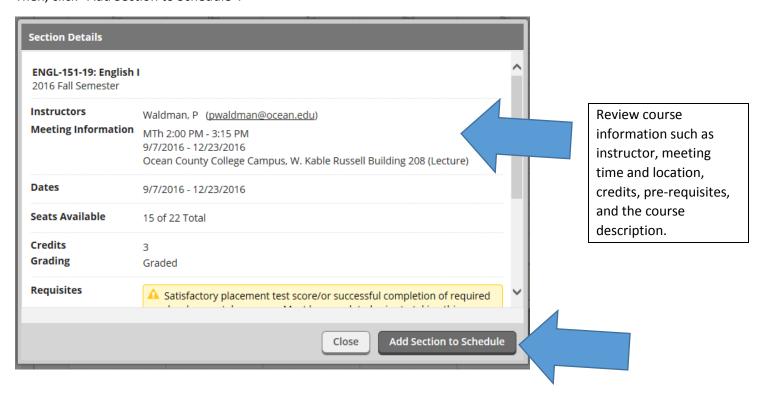
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Adding Course Sections to the Plan (continued)

Hover over the course sections to see how they fit into the student's weekly calendar. When you find a section that works for the student, click on the section in the list of sections on the left of the screen.



Then, click "Add Section to Schedule".



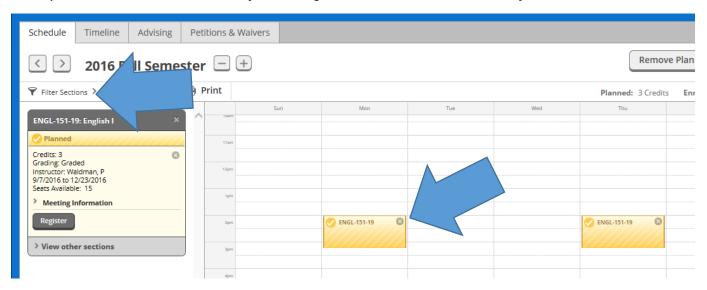
Adding Course Sections to the Plan (continued)

You will then see the section planned on the student's schedule. Planned sections appear in yellow. Until the registration period for the upcoming semester opens, this is as far as the student can plan.

*Note that this section is only planned, which means the student has not registered for the course, nor reserved a seat in the course. If the course section fills before the student registers, the student will not be able to register for that section.

You can also use the "Filter" tool to search for specific Availability (i.e., show only open sections), Location, Day of Week, Time of Day, and Instructor.

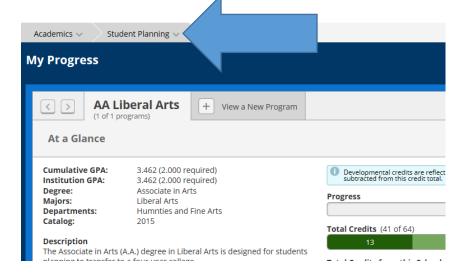
*Note you must click "Filter Sections" before clicking "View Other Sections" to see the filtered results.



Registering for Courses

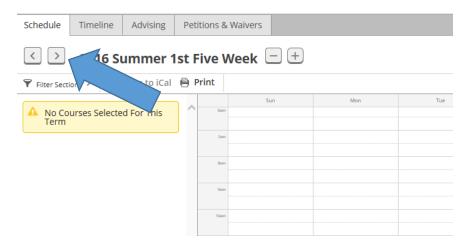
During the registration period, students with access to register for courses online can register for courses via Student Planning. All of the deadlines, rules and regulations associated with registration apply to registration via Student Planning. While advisors can assist students in planning courses, advisors can never register a student for a course.

To register, students will hover over Student Planning in the navigation bar (student view) and select "Plan & Schedule".

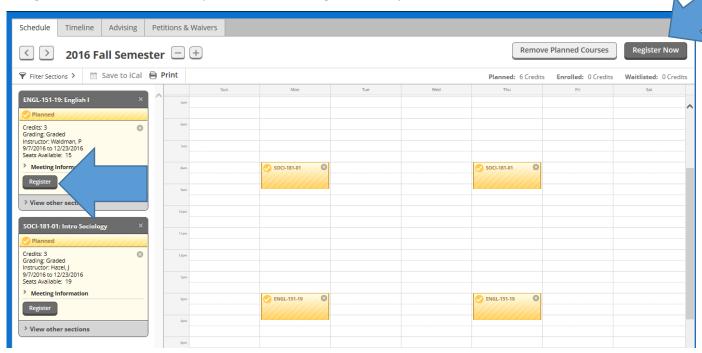


Registering for Courses (continued)

Plan and Schedule will bring students to the current semester. Students will need to click the arrow next to the term to find the semester in which they are registering for a course.

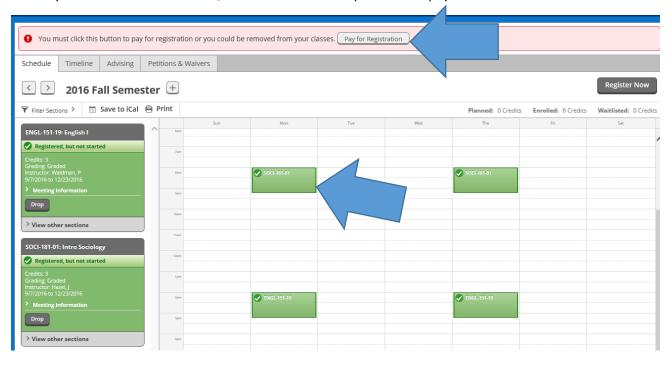


Students can click the "Register" button for each course they would like to add to their schedule, or they can click the "Register Now" button at the top of the screen to register for all planned sections at the same time.



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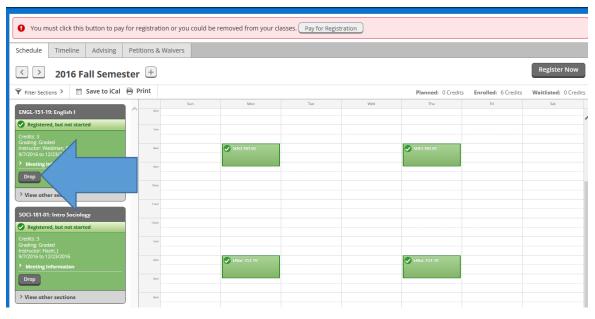
When a student has successfully registered for courses, the planned sections will turn green. The courses are now officially on the student's schedule, and the student is responsible for payment to secure these classes.



Dropping Courses

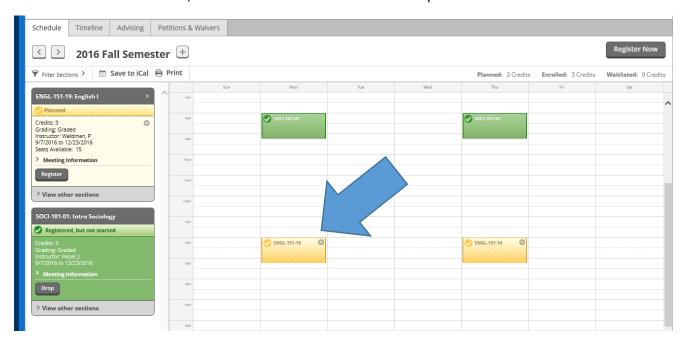
During the registration period, students with access to register online can also drop courses via Student Planning. All of the deadlines, rules and regulations associated with registration apply to registration via Student Planning.

Students can drop the course via the "Drop" button. Remember, a course is not officially dropped from the student's schedule until the student has taken this action.



Dropping Courses (continued)

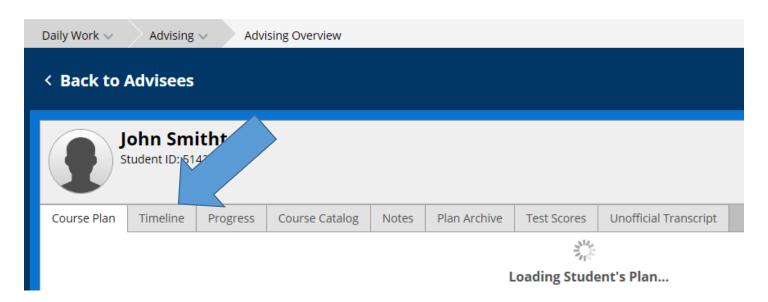
Once a student has dropped a course, it will return to a planned (yellow) section on the calendar. If the student does not intend to take the course, the student should remove it from the plan.



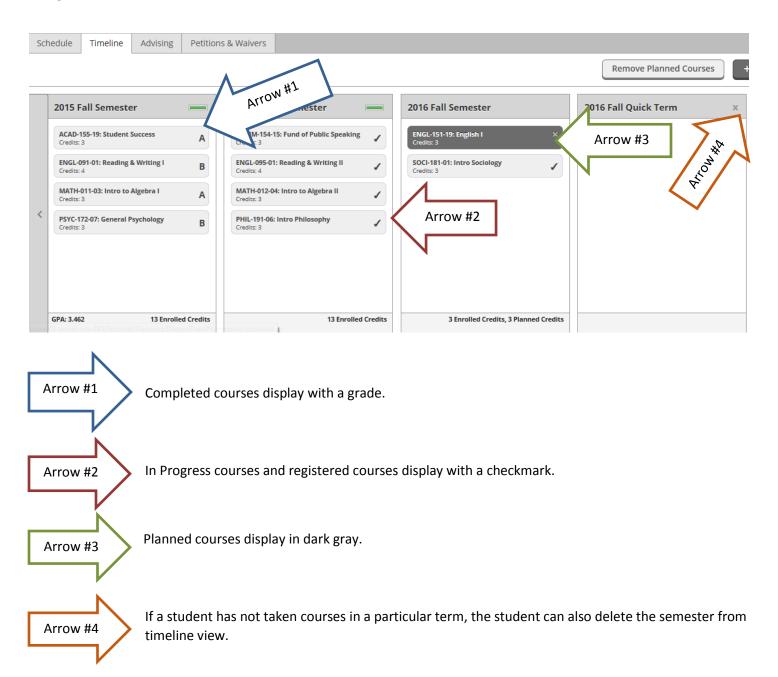
Using the Timeline View

The Timeline View is a snapshot of all the courses students completed and planned. The timeline shows a semseter by semester view of a student's courses. You can scroll through this page to see all past, current, and planned semesters.

Click "Timeline" from the menu.



Using the Timeline View (continued)



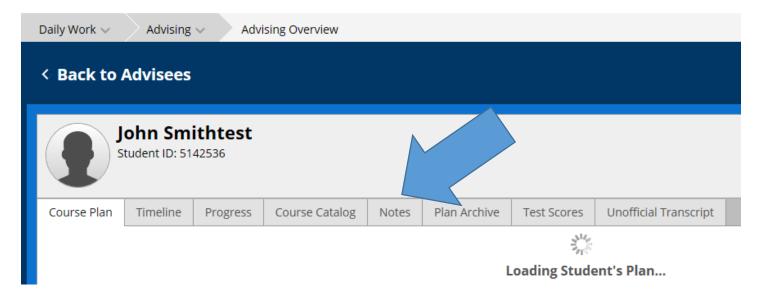
Using the Notes Function

The Notes function allows advisors to leave advising notes after meeting with a student, or to communicate some information to the student.

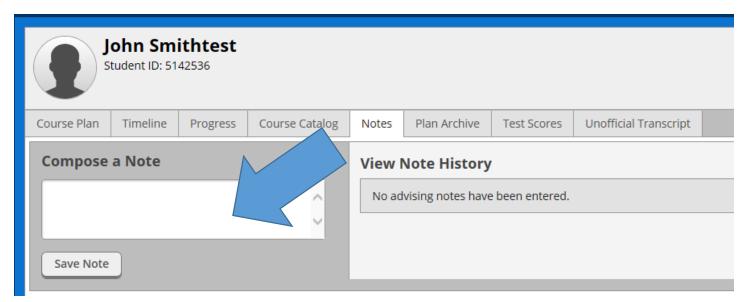
Please note: Students have access to these notes, so advisors should not enter any information that should not been seen by the student. Students will be able to view these notes only by logging into Student Planning and going to their "Advising Tab" (on the Plan & Schedule screen).

Students will have the ability to review the advisor's notes, but will not have the ability to enter notes.

Click "Notes" from the menu.



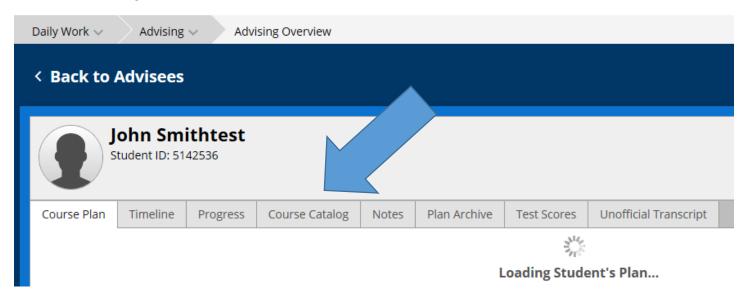
Enter and save notes to the student from this screen.



Using the Course Catalog

The Course Catalog allows you search the database of OCC courses. See the Page 13 for instructions on adding courses to the plan via the Course Catalog.

Click "Course Catalog" from the menu.

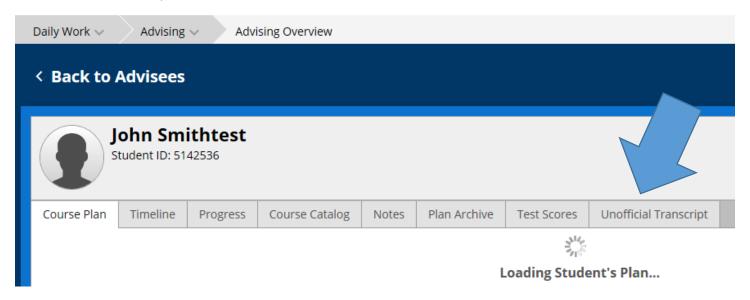


You can search for courses by name or by department.

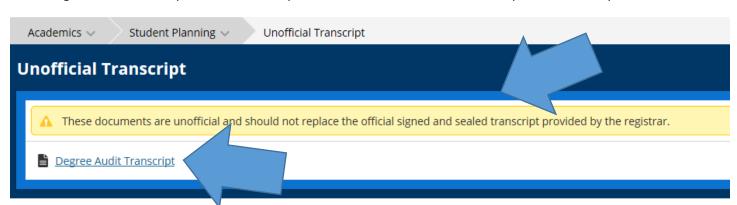


Accessing the student's Unofficial Transcript

Click "Unofficial Transcript" from the menu.



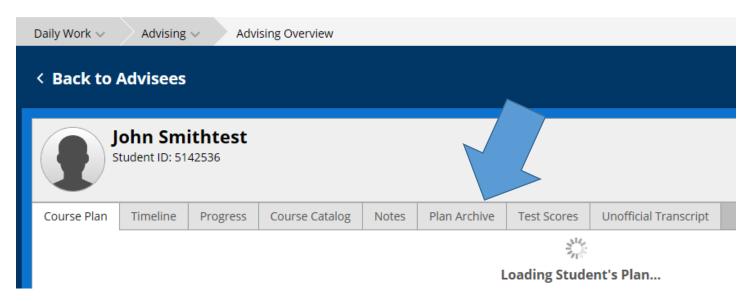
Click "Degree Audit Transcript" to download a pdf of the student's unofficial transcript. This transcript is not official.



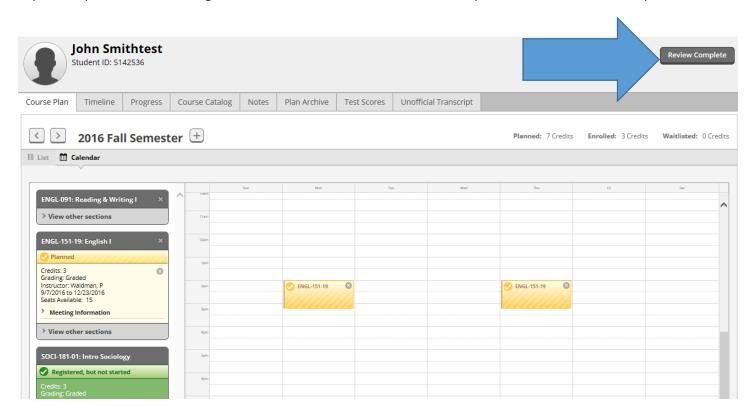
Using Plan Archive

The Plan Archive allows advisors to save a plan for a student, for advising and documentation purposes.

Click "Plan Archive" from the menu.

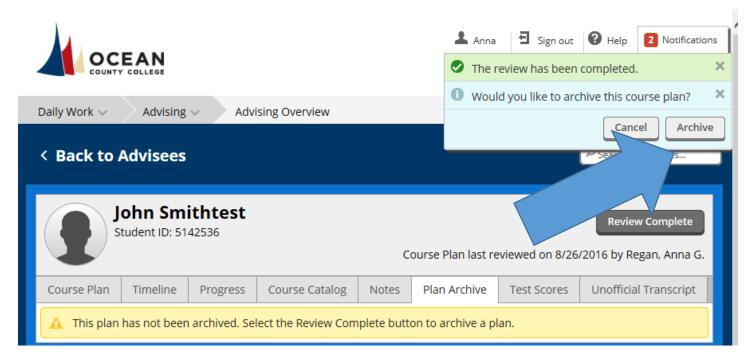


Upon completion of an advising session, advisors can click the "Review Complete" button to archive the plan.

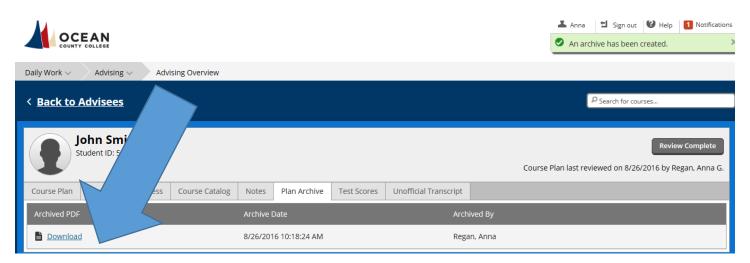


Using Plan Archive (continued)

Once the review is completed, the advisor is given the option to Archive the Course Plan.



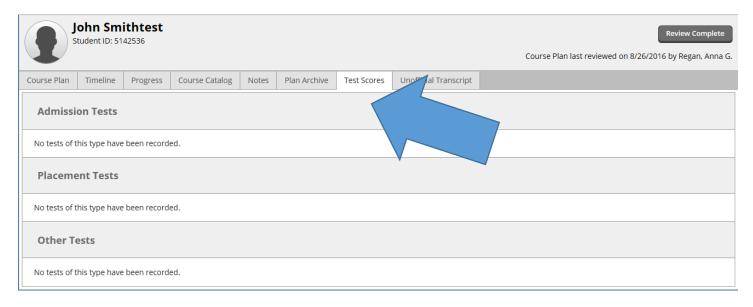
The plan is then archived in the student's account and can be downloaded as a pdf.



Accessing Test Scores

Advisors can also access a student's official test scores (Accuplacer, SAT, etc.) in Student Planning.

Click "Test Scores" from the menu.



Quick Reference Guide to Planning and Registering for Courses

