Last semester, the Office of the Registrar launched the first iteration of the new Degree Tracker via OPUS. This platform enhances Emory's previous Degree Audit tool and was designed to create meaningful conversations between undergraduate students and their advisor in a more readily accessible format. The Degree Tracker details graduation requirements for majors, minors, and general education requirements, tracking each student's progress in these areas and empowering students to thoughtfully plan for registration, graduation, and their professional careers.

Early feedback on the Degree Tracker made one thing very clear – the tool held great potential, but additional work would be needed to make sure it accommodates the flexible academic programming that best serves individual student goals and interests. In addition, we also heard many great ideas from students, faculty advisors, and department administrators on the vision they had for an even more helpful and impactful Degree Tracker experience. Based on this first wave of feedback, we began charting a course for improvement! In our second semester with the Degree Tracker platform, we're focusing on tool updates which will ensure the tool is a reliable resource for academic programs and students alike.

Here are some of the plans we have for the Degree Tracker this semester:

- **Automatic Report Refresh**
  Degree Tracker advisement reports now pull the most recent data upon login, saving students and advisors time and reducing confusion.
  COMPLETED JANUARY 2019

- **In Progress Status Indicator**
  You'll now see different designators in satisfied requirements with courses you're currently taking in comparison to those you've already completed. The Degree Tracker does assume a satisfactory completion of all such courses and will indicate them differently as satisfying requirements than from the completed ones.
  IN PROGRESS. To be launched by mid March 2019

- **Report Markup**
  Advisors and department administrators will be able to record comments directly into Degree Tracker audit reports for student review and response. This will foster more regular communication between students and advisors and will be available for access online, outside of an advising meeting.
  IN PROGRESS. To be launched by May 2019

- **Exceptions entry continues!**
  We're working with department administrators to identify and correctly categorize courses which were approved to count toward major or minor completion but don't fit into the standard requirements. We hope to have all initial exceptions handled as quickly as possible, but please let your department administrators know if something doesn't appear the way it should in your report, so they can re-classify everything quickly. We are also collaborating with the Study Abroad Office and with departments which frequently offer cross-listed courses so we can explore options to address exceptions in these areas moving forward.
  IN PROGRESS.

We in the Registrar’s Office are very appreciative of all the feedback we've received from the Emory Community on the Degree Tracker so far! Please continue to share your experiences and ideas for improvement as you spend more time in the tool. We welcome all your input via email at degreetrackerhelp@listserv.cc.emory.edu.