



DEGREE TRACKER DIGEST

Spring 2026

Course Relationships in Degree Tracker



Behind the Degree Tracker advisement report you see on your screen is an intricately woven web connecting student records, curriculum requirements, and [the course catalog](#). Whether you work with Degree Tracker to advise students or manage curriculum updates, it is important to understand the various course relationships in *and out of* the course catalog and how they affect the Degree Tracker report.

Permanently Cross-Listed Courses

A permanently cross-listed course is a single course offered collaboratively through two or more departments or programs. The course may have two or more different subjects, with the same or different catalog numbers, but they share the same course ID number, title, description, credit hours, grading basis, etc. Example: ANT 315 and BIOL 315.

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Equivalent Course Groups

Courses in an equivalent course group are deemed as equivalent in content and rigor, but they are technically separate courses. Any course within a group satisfies a program requirement the same as another course within that group. Unlike permanently cross-listed courses, they are not the same, but they are interchangeable. Example: The ACT 200 equivalent course group includes ACT 200 and ACT_OX 200.

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Ad Hoc Cross-Listed Classes (a.k.a. Cross-Listed Topics)

These are determined each semester. They are separate courses with different course ID numbers, but they have the same topic title, instructor, and class time and location. When classes are loaded into CourseLeaf/CLSS, the originating department lists each of the connected classes. This lets students know the class is the same no matter which course number they register for. However, this relationship only exists in CourseLeaf/CLSS and OPUS for registration purposes; it does not link to Degree Tracker. If your program requirements include any cross-listed topics, when you send updates to the Degree Tracker Team, you must include all connected classes, regardless of originating department. Example: The topic "Heroes, Martyrs, & Cults in Latin America" offered in Spring 2026 exists in CourseLeaf/CLSS as ANT 280R, HIST 296, LACS 270, REL 270, and SOC 289.

 [Degree Tracker Status Department Must Notify](#)

MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to learn more about how course relationships affect Degree Tracker along with best practices to ensure your program requirements in Degree Tracker are accurate and up-to-date, please join us for a special webinar on Thursday, March 5, at 9AM. Register below!

Spring Webinars

Basics for New Users	Wednesday, January 28, 9-10AM
Clarifying Course Relationships in Degree Tracker	Thursday, March 5, 9-10AM SPECIAL TOPIC!
Prepare for Degree Clearance	Thursday, March 19, 9-10AM
Exceptions Tips & Tricks	Wednesday, March 25, 9-10AM
Milestones Deep Dive	Tuesday, March 31, 9-10AM

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Degree Tracker saves time.



"Keeping track of student degree progress, as well as being available for student advising support, are key pieces of the work I do. Utilizing the Degree Tracker tool has simplified this process in many ways for both me and our students, greatly reducing the time it takes for me to identify and confirm any remaining requirements. The work of the Degree Tracker Team has also provided our office with near immediate support anytime updates to this tool have been needed, so using it has become an essential and helpful part of each workday."

- Savvy McLeod
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