

Am I on track to complete my degree?

Your degree evaluation is the place to start. If you've declared majors and minors, click on "Generate New Evaluation." If you've not declared, run a "What If" analysis.

STEP 1 *The evaluation keeps track of the credits you have earned (**and** those you are registered for) in the first part of the evaluation. You need at least 126 credits to earn a degree from Hope College--check the "Used" column to see how many credits you have earned and are currently registered for. Subtract that number from 126 and you'll see how many credits remain for you to take. Divide by the number of semesters you have left, and you'll see how many credits you need to take each semester.*

An example will help: let's suppose you're a second semester sophomore and plan to complete your degree in four more semesters. Your degree evaluation says you've "used" 58 credits. Subtracting that number from 126 lets you see that you have 68 credits left to earn. Since you want to graduate in 4 more semesters, divide 68 by 4 = 17. As long as you take 17 credits for each of these 4 semesters, you'll have the minimum number of credits required for a Hope degree. If you take 4 credits in a summer term, you'll need fewer credits each semester.

STEP 2 *Now, take a closer look at **each section** of your degree evaluation-- any section labeled "Not Met" is missing one or more requirements; any section labeled "Met" is completed. Write a list of the classes in general education, your majors, and minors (and their credit hours) you still need to complete. You may find you have time for another major or minor or elective credits or study off-campus.*

STEP 3 *With your list of classes in hand, check the college Catalog to see whether the classes you need or want are scheduled each semester, annually, biannually, or in some other pattern. The Catalog also lists any pre-requisites--do you have them?*

STEP 4 *Now that you know what you need, put together a semester-by-semester plan. You won't know for sure the times the classes will be offered and you may need to adjust along the way (so write in pencil ☺), but the plan will help you map out your path to your Hope degree.*

STEP 5 *Bring your written plan to your academic advisor. Tell your advisor about your post-Hope plans. Ask your advisor to look to make sure the combination of classes make sense. If you're planning on off-campus study, visit International Education (first floor of the Martha Miller Center) or talk with representatives from domestic off-campus programs.*