

Using the “What If”

If a student needs to change their major, declare a second major, a concentration, minor, or a host of other activities that would change their degree requirements, the “What If” tool will allow the student to see exactly how their earned college credits apply to a Ferris degree program. This often will help a student in making a decision regarding their career path and what degree will work best to achieve their goals.

Choosing “What-If” Criteria

To use the “What If” tool, go to the “Worksheets” tab and click the “What If” link on the left side. Choose the appropriate areas to match what the students area of interest is. Look at the “Chosen Areas of Study” box to make sure the list is accurate, then hit “Process What-If”.

The screenshot displays the 'What If' tool interface. At the top, a student profile is shown with fields for Student ID (12 1010101), Name (Bulldog, Joe), Degree (AAS), Major (Respiratory Care - RESP), Level (UG), Class (Junior), Campus (M), Last Audit (Today), and Last Refresh (Today at 3:47 pm). Below this is a navigation menu with 'What If' highlighted. The main content area is divided into sections: 'What-If' with dropdowns for Level (Undergraduate), Degree (Associate in Applied Science - AAS), and Academic/Catalog Yr (2016-2017); 'Choose Your Different Areas of Study' with dropdowns for Major (Pick a Major), Minor (Pick a Minor), College (Pick a College), and Concentration (Pick a Concentration), and a 'Chosen Areas of study' box containing 'MAJOR : Accountancy - ACCT' and 'MINOR : Biology - BIOL'; and 'Choose Your Future Classes' with input fields for Subject and Number, and a 'Courses you are considering' box. A 'Remove' button is visible under the 'Chosen Areas of study' box.

Changing “What-If” Criteria

If the “Chosen Areas of Study” box has incorrect criteria, select the criteria that is incorrect and press the “Remove” button.

REMINDER: The “Academic/Catalog Yr” chosen for the “What-If” is important. The student cannot change to an Academic/Catalog year prior the next Academic/Catalog year. It is important that students declare their chosen degrees (Bachelors, Associates, Minors, Certificates, and Concentrations) as soon as possible or they will be held to any changes made in the degree at the time they make their declaration.