# Southern Methodist University Academic Advisement Understanding the Degree Progress Report Graduate & Professional

The Degree Progress Report (DPR) details the progress a student is making toward the fulfillment of a degree from SMU. It runs in two formats: an Online format and a PDF version. The chart below indicates if an item is available on the Online or PDF version.

Screenshots at the end provide examples of DPR requirements and formats.

Section	Explanation			
Header Information (Online version only)	Under Careers, it will list the career for the DPR displayed. If multiple DPRs are available, click on the "v" to change between each DPR.			
	Hide Satisfied Requirements checkbox is available to only see those requirements not yet satisfied.			
	A disclaimer that explains the purpose of the DPR and directs students to verify degree requirements with the school of record. Also, included is a statement about in-progress courses. If a course is in progress, it cannot successfully satisfy a requirement until it has been graded, where the grade meets the limits set for the requirement. Click the "Important Info" button to view information.			
	View PDF button available to view a detailed pdf report.			
Header Information (PDF version only)	The header contains information that identifies the student, includes a disclaimer regarding the DPR, and defines the different types of courses that can satisfy requirements.			
	The type of DPR advisement report displays at the top of the DPR: Self-Service (runs through Student Dashboard or Advisor Center) Admin (run by dean's offices through administrative pages) What-If (a career simulation report that shows how a student's courses would satisfy the requirements of a different plan – Student Dashboard, Advisor Center, or administrative pages.)			
	The student's name, SMU ID, and current run date of the DPR report display.			
	Under the student information, a textbox contains a disclaimer that explains the purpose of the DPR and directs students to verify degree requirements with the school of record. Also included is a statement about in-progress courses. If a course is in progress, it cannot successfully satisfy a requirement until it has been graded, where the grade meets the limits set for the requirement.			
	The textbox also contains a legend that identifies five types of courses that can populate degree requirements within the DPR:			
	EN: an enrolled course that has received a grade (an "I" grade is considered in progress)  TR: a course that has received transfer credit			
	TE: a course that has received test credit			
	IP: a course that is in progress (no grade or a grade of "I")  WH: a faux grade that is found on the career simulation What-If DPR			
Program/ Plan Stack (PDF Version Only)	The Program/Plan stack lists all of the student's programs and plans (majors/minors), including the Requirement Term/Requirement Status of each.			
	Programs and plans display in the order they are entered in the system. The first program listed is the student's primary program. The first plan listed is the student's primary plan.			
	Majors display before minors within a given program.			
	The Requirement Term represents the catalog year that is followed by the student.			
	The Requirement Status indicates whether a program/plan is Satisfied, Not Satisfied, or Not Found. "Not Found" means a program or plan is not set up in my.SMU for the DPR, and students in such a program/plan should consult their advisors in their school of record for degree requirements.			
Degree Progress Report Analysis	This is a detailed analysis of all program and plan requirements (including those that calculate GPAs), and the courses taken that satisfy them. On the Online DPR, you can view more information about a requirement by clicking on the ">" symbol.			
	Note: Not all degree requirements are set up in my.SMU for the DPR, and students in such a program/plan should consult their advisors in their school of record for degree requirements.			

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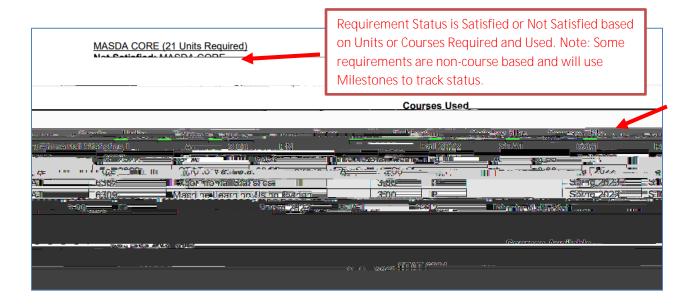
FIGURE 2. The DPR is divided into Requirement Groups (RG), Requirements (R), and Requirement Lines.

**Example of RG-2016 Higher Education M.E.D.:** 



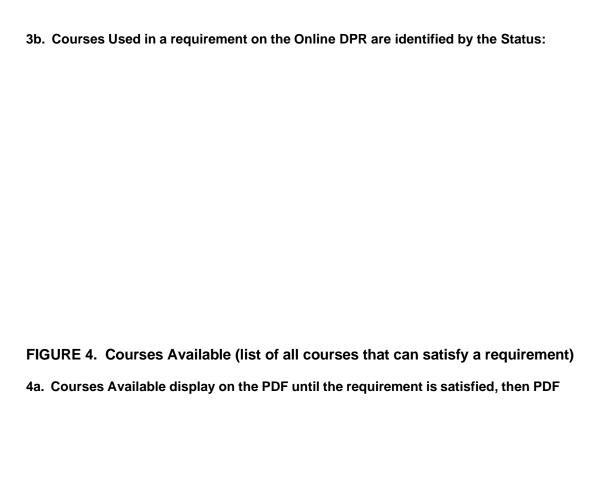
#### FIGURE 3. Requirement Status and Courses Used

3a. Courses Used in a requirement on the PDF are identified by Course Type:



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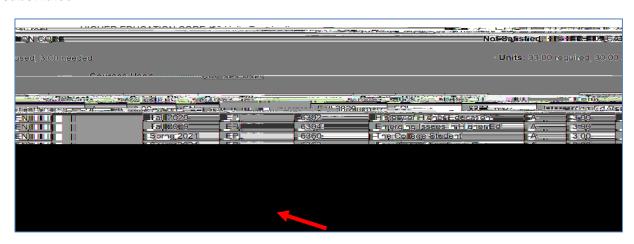
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If the requirement is not yet satisfied, available courses will be blank for status and term:



### **FIGURE 5. Student Exceptions (Course Directives)**

5a. Course Directives are substitutions that display on the PDF under the course that has been substituted:



5b. Course Directives on the online DPR are identified by a note icon for the substituted course (click on the note for more detail.):



## FIGURE 6. Excerpt of Course History (PDF Version):



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