Purpose:

The purpose of this action guide is to become familiarized with the “What If” APAS (major shopping) and to explore majors with the report.

Description:

The APAS (Academic Progress Audit System) is a report that provides information about degree requirements, courses that fulfill those requirements, and how the courses you have taken satisfy degree requirements for particular majors. It is personalized to you, showing how your coursework applies to Liberal Education and degree requirements for your declared major. The “What If” APAS report allows you to generate a sample report for any undergraduate major at the U of M to see how your completed and/or in-progress coursework fits with the requirements of a different degree program.

When a student is about to graduate from the University, it is the APAS report that is reviewed by advisors and processors to make sure a student has fulfilled all their liberal education requirements AND all their major requirements for graduation and degree clearance.

The student is also responsible for their APAS report being complete and correct. A student should check their APAS report each semester, especially right after registering for classes, in case any classes are not fulfilling requirements as expected.

Directions:

1) Think of one or two majors you would like to consider.

2) Go to z.umn.edu/apas and log in by clicking on “View APAS report” under Quick Links on the upper right corner.
   - Also note that there is a detailed tutorial at the bottom of this page that includes step by step instructions for how to read your APAS report. If you are unfamiliar with how to use your APAS report, we recommend viewing these tutorials first.

3) From the main page look under the heading, “Other audit report options:” and click on “Generate a What If APAS Report (major shopping) “.

4) Choose the Campus, College, and Degree Program by clicking on “Go to next step” after each choice. Step 4 is Review, then Generate, click on “Generate a Report” to see the What If APAS.

5) When your APAS report is generated, you will see the web version that has the multi-colored graphs at the top. Use this version for this exercise (not the Printer Friendly version) as it is easy to look at because it is coded green for completed or in progress (IP) requirements and red for incomplete requirements.
6) Click on “Open All” so that you see the entire report. Carefully read the entire report noting the red and green areas.

7) Consider the following using the information in your report:

   a. How many lower level and/or upper level Writing Intensive courses do you need to fulfill?
      
   b. List any Liberal Education requirements you need to fulfill (they will appear “red” and have a (-) minus sign to the left). What is the total number of LE credits you have left to fulfill?
      
   c. Using the graphs at the top, how many credits have you fulfilled in the major selected? __________
      How many unfulfilled in this major? __________
      
   d. Looking at the Major Requirements section, list the titles of courses you have completed that meet requirements of this major.
      
   e. Consider the requirements you have remaining and calculate the total number of credits. Knowing that an average semester is 14-16 credits, how many semesters would it take you to complete this degree? __________

**Reflection Prompts:**
When meeting with your coach, be prepared to discuss the following questions:

- What have you learned about the majors you looked at with the What If APAS report?
- What courses in this major(s) are you most excited about taking? Are there any that you would be concerned about?
- What, if any, decision have you made about the major(s) you looked at based on this information?