DEGREE PLANNER Quick Tips *for Students & Advisors*
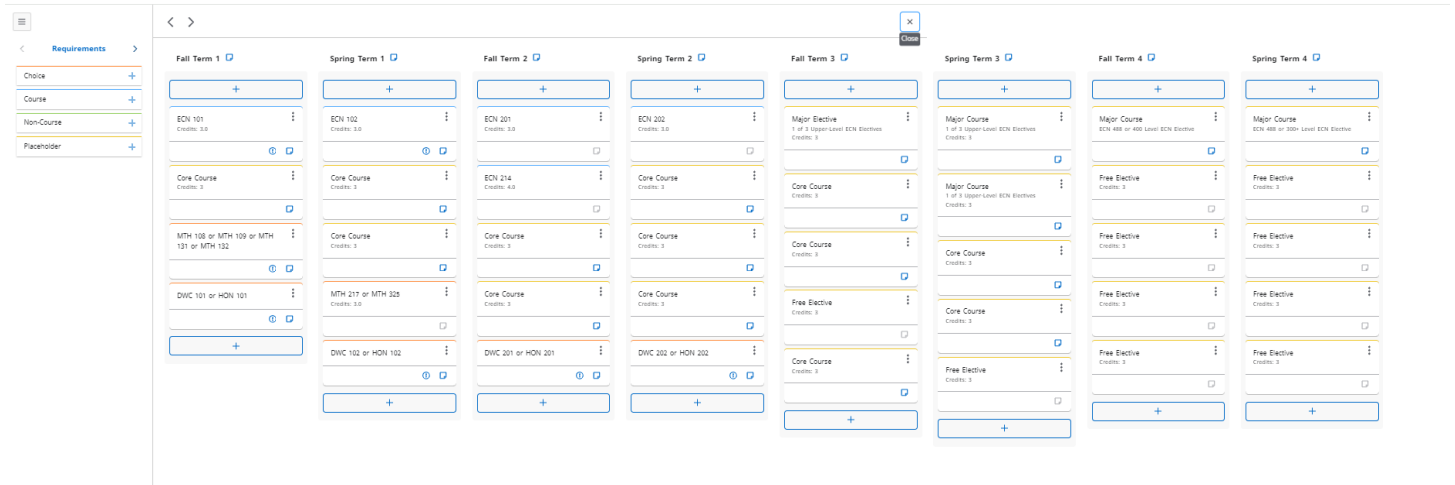
AT A GLANCE

o The *Planne*r is an elective companion to the degree audit and allows the student to easily view *Major Planning Templates* from the degree audit dashboard.

o The *Planner* is best utilized by first year students with 7-8 semesters of academic planning ahead but can be utilized by other students in an abbreviated manner.

o The *Degree Audit* remains the accurate accounting of degree requirements for the major, minor, and core curriculum.

o The student must take the initiative to utilize this tool and realize that their academic advisor is not responsible for formally approving student created plans.

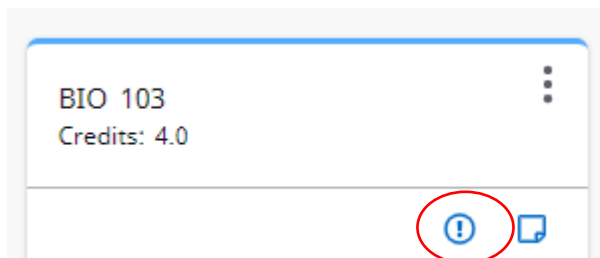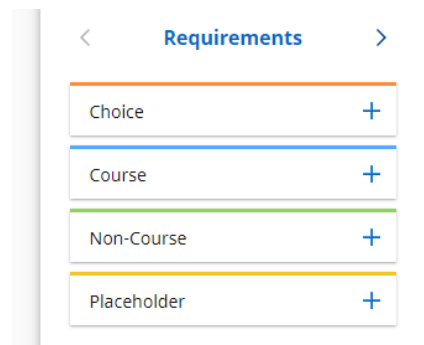## UTILIZING THE MAJOR TEMPLATES AND BLANK PLANS

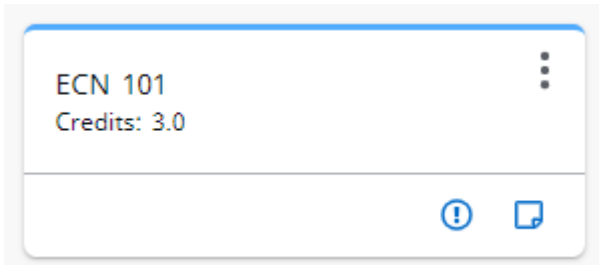| Major Planner Templates	Blank Plans
✓ The *Major Template* is an 8-semester suggested plan of study that accounts for major requirements, the core curriculum, and the number of courses necessary to reach 120 earned credits. ✓ Notes have been added to each *Major Template* to offer more detailed explanations on degree requirements. ✓ When selecting a *Major Template*, you must accurately select your class year. ✓ Students can add winter and summer terms as needed to either their *Major Template* or a *Blank Plan*.	✓ A *Blank Plan* can be utilized to build an 8-semster (4-year) degree program with reference to the *Major Template.* ✓ A *Blank Plan* can be used to plan out registration options by semester. ✓ A *Blank Plan* allows for the incorporation of double majors and minors while referencing *Major Templates*. ✓ Students can add winter and summer terms as needed to either their *Major Template* or a *Blank Plan*.

INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO: *PC DEGREE PLANNER*
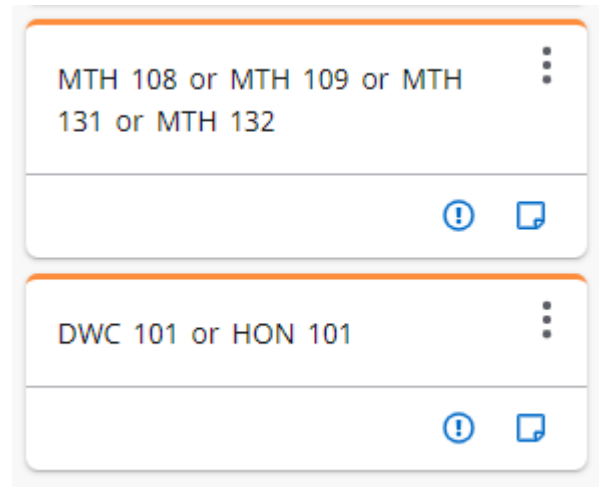
QUICK START NAVIGATION

Understanding Planning Blocks

The **Blue Exclamation Point** marks a "critical course" to be taken as a pre-requisite or taken in a strongly recommended semester of study.
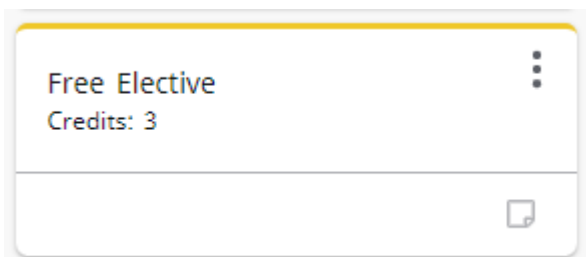
ECN 101
Credits: 3.0

The **Blue Course Block** draws from a listing of all courses contained in the college-wide academic catalog and not from courses offered in any specific term of registration.

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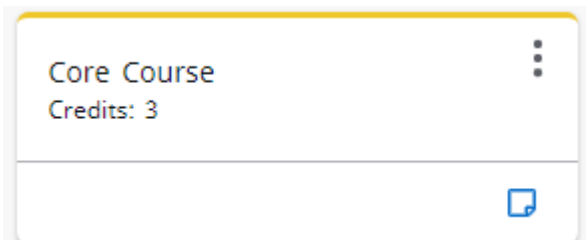
DWC 101 or HON 101

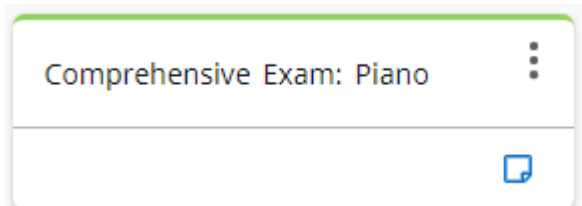The **Orange Choice Block** represents an either/or between two courses such as DWC 101 or HON 101.

The **Yellow Placeholder Block**, frequently utilized, is for requirements that are not limited to one specific course.

Free Elective
Credits: 3

Yellow Free Elective Blocks can be utilized for a second major or minor, or for free electives.
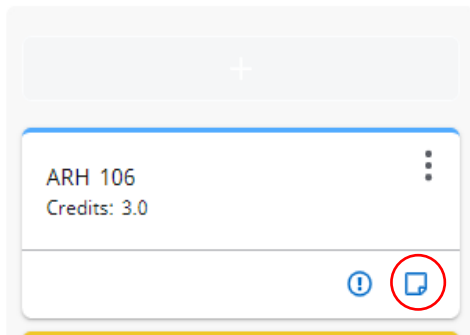
Core Course
Credits: 3

Yellow Core Blocks are planned based on student preference and course availability. The degree audit offers an accurate account of the core requirements.

The **Green Non-Course Block** is to be utilized for non-course events or obligations.

Notes are part of each *Major Template* to offer more detailed explanations on degree requirements.