



**Hello All,**

**Our office is excited about a transition we are making to the newest version of Degree Works.** Included in this email is information on the improvements you'll see as well as the timeline for the transition.

The three main improvements that you will notice are:

- **Better accessibility:** We're happy to report that the Degree Works version that we are upgrading to is greatly enhanced when it comes to accessibility, and it is fully compliant with web content accessibility guidelines.
- **Responsiveness:** The new responsive Degree Works dashboard will size appropriately for desktop computers, tablets, and mobile devices, so you can access Degree Works from anywhere. With the upgrade, you'll have a good user experience no matter which platform you're using.
- **Modern look and functions:** The new version of Degree Works is more intuitive – first-time student users will have an easier time reading and understanding their progress to degree completion, icons are clearer, pieces of the tool can be expanded or collapsed, and plans can be created with drag and drop functionality (on desktop). There's consistency and simplicity to the components so that once you know how to do something on one screen, you know how to do it on the others.

In addition to the wonderful enhancements listed above, there will also be improvements on the back-end of the tool that will allow our office to do future updates with less down-time for you. Plus, it will assist UM in overall technology modernization and collaboration, which will pay off with more efficient processes.

The new version of Degree Works will be available to you when we have successfully migrated to Banner in the Cloud in the next week. All of the data information that you get through Degree Works now will still be there, but it may take you a hot second to get used to the new look and feel. We've created a guide to help you find your way around the Student Audit. You'll find the guide and other information on the Office of the Registrar's [Degree Works website](#).

The current (classic) version of Degree Works that you are using will go away at the end of this week when Banner access is turned off to make the [switch from on-premise service to the Cloud server](#). You will not be able to access Degree Works or CyberBear while this move to the Cloud is going on. If you have questions as you're getting used to the new capabilities within Degree Works, feel free to contact Troy Morgan, [troy.morgan@umontana.edu](mailto:troy.morgan@umontana.edu).

Once the Cloud migration has completed (around Tuesday, October 3), you will be able to access the new version of Degree Works through CyberBear and Navigate.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding while we make this transition.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out.

Office of the Registrar

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Need help? Email us or give us a call Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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