

Using Technology to Streamline Transfer

What is a degree audit system?

- A software program that takes a student transcript and applies completed coursework toward degree requirements. Degree audits display what degree requirements a student has completed and what remains to be completed.

What does a *linked* degree audit system (ATLAS) offer?

- A statewide system that links together all of the individual school's degree audit systems
- A powerful advising tool for planning academic programs that lead efficiently to degrees
- A tool to facilitate seamless transfer from community college to community college and from community college to universities
- The opportunity for students to find the best match between completed course work and degree programs at multiple institutions
- Elimination of potentially costly advising errors that contribute to the accumulation of excess credits

What does a *linked* degree audit system (ATLAS) add?

- A central resource for students and advisors to obtain information on transferring to other institutions
- Immediate comparison of a student's completed or contemplated course work with degree programs at any linked school

What's required?

Two or three components are required:

- Degree audit systems on individual campuses like Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS)
- An internet system that links campus-based degree audit systems like the Course Applicability System (CAS)
- Interface designs used to interface with any student system

Oregon ATLAS will provide:

- Effective use of technology as the least expensive, most effective and efficient way to communicate transfer issues statewide
- All students with a dynamic, 24/7 evaluation tool to manage progress toward degree requirements
- Immediate information and feedback to students who are planning their transfer
- A system of consistency and uniformity for information dissemination
- System-wide transfer and advising processes with reduced or eliminated redundancy
- A mechanism to bring every institution into the system — leaving **NO** institution behind



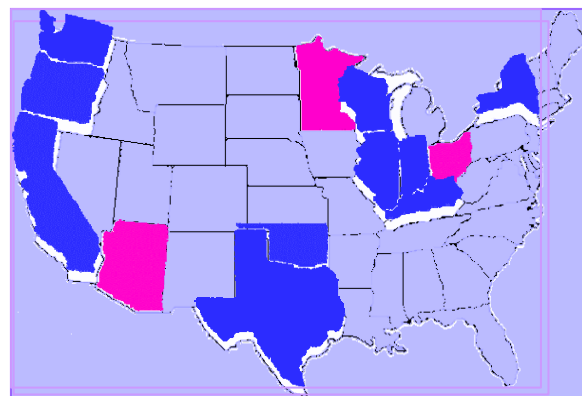
What will it take to get started?

- Use Course Applicability System (CAS) to determine it's value/benefit to Oregon's students
- Ask how you can get involved.
- Become an advocate for the funding, development and implementation of ATLAS

Where are *linked* degree audit systems used?

3 statewide *linked* degree audit systems exist in Arizona, Minnesota, and Ohio

18 course applicability systems exist—including Portland State University



To learn more about DARS or CAS visit:

<http://www.dars.muohio.edu/>

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