



KEYS to Degree Toolbox and Smart Planner | General Talking Points

Objective: *The following talking points were developed to help you promote Smart Planner and the KEYS to Degree Toolbox to students. The newest tool, Smart Planner, was introduced in October 2016, with every major included in May 2017.*

What is the KEYS to Degree (Kit to Empower Your Success) Toolbox?

Part of the [California Promise Program](#) and “[Finish in Four](#)” and “[Through in Two](#)” campaigns, the [KEYS to Degree Toolbox](#) is a collection of advising tools for students to plan, pick, enroll, assess and ultimately graduate more efficiently. These tools – which are a collection of existing and new tools – are found in the Student Center at [My Sac State](#), and include:

- Smart Planner
- Sac State Scheduler
- Enrollment
- Financial Aid Meter
- Progress to Degree (P2D)
- Transfer Credit Report
- Academic Requirements Report
- Advising Summary
- Application for Graduation

What is Smart Planner?

Smart Planner is an important tool to map out your degree at Sacramento State. Part of your KEYS to Degree Toolbox, it allows your department to provide you with a semester-by-semester roadmap that you can follow and personalize to meet your specific graduation requirements. Using Smart Planner along with the other tools in your KEYS Toolbox – including Sac State Scheduler – helps you to plan out your degree and build ideal schedules.

What are the benefits?

- Students can plan multiple semesters in advance and see which courses are typically offered by semester.



- Helps students map out pre-requisites and other requirements, and personalize their degree plan.
- Provides a consistent working model for advisors to assist students.
- Smart Planner accounts for all degree requirements: Pre-requisites, required major/minor courses, general education, and overall degree requirements.
- Visual graphics and real-time online analysis of their degree progress.
- Course demand metrics will help the university to better schedule programs and sections.

Where can I learn more?

Find more information, online resources and tutorials at csus.edu/smartplanner.