How to Read a DARS

You may select one of three types of DARS reports:

- **Normal** – color coded plain text version
- **Plain Text** – variation of normal report with no color
- **Interactive** – graphic, interactive version providing:
  - Ability to open or close all sections of the audit
  - Graphic view of major requirements for graduation tracking both number of hours and GPA
  - Color graphics of completion progress
  - Drill down options on graphics for further detail
  - Links to course descriptions

The top of every DARS report includes a legend explaining all of the codes used and specific information degree completion at Indiana State including your:

- Advisor
- College
- Catalog
- Degree
- Major

- Number of hours earned at ISU
- Overall GPA
- Number of transfer hours, if any

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<th><strong>Legend</strong></th>
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<th><strong>Transcript Statistics</strong></th>
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DARS is divided into a series of requirements and sub-requirements to track your progress in completing your degree.

Requirements begin with a general description and indicate what is needed and what is already completed or earned for that requirement.

- **EARNED** states the number of hours, courses, subgroups or minimum GPA you have already earned to complete a requirement.

  - A completed requirement is coded with OK or ✓

- **NEEDS** states the number of hours, courses, subgroups or minimum GPA (if applicable) required to complete a requirement.

  - A requirement not yet complete is indicated with NO or ✗
A requirement may contain 1 or more **Sub-requirements** that may contribute to the completion of a requirement. Each sub-requirement contains:

1. **Sub-requirements not yet finished** are indicated by a `-`.
2. **Completed sub-requirements** are indicated by a `+`.

**1) Choose one of the following groups of courses & labs:**

**2) The following course has been completed:**
- 207 MATH 13L 3.00 B

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**Detailed Course Information**

**GEOL 160 - Intro Earth & Sky Sci**
A liberal studies foundational course in scientific studies. This course will take students on a scientific expedition to the planet Earth. This course covers a diverse range of topics from the Big Bang to earthquakes, volcanoes, and evolution of life. The course is designed to give students a better understanding of how the Earth works and what methods scientists use to study the planet. **Corequisite: enrollment in 160L required. General Education Credits [GE09: A3; GE2000: Scientific and Mathematical Studies-Foundational]**
- 3.000 Credit Hours
- 3.000 Lecture hours

**Levels:** Undergraduate, 2nd Undergraduate, 3rd Undergraduate, 4th Undergraduate, 5th Undergraduate
**Schedule Types:** Lecture, Distance Education, Distance Blackboard course, Hybrid Blackboard course

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See your advisor for further help in reading your DARS. Many of the colleges at ISU provide information to their students in using DARS. Check your college’s student services office and the college web site for additional resources.