

## MyPlan – Phase 2

### Objectives

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MyPlan Phase 2 is the second of three phases in the MyPlan project. The first phase, completed and made available to students in January 2013, provides an online academic planning tool that enables students to develop a multi-year academic plan, find courses, track progress against degree requirements, and get adviser input on their plans. MyPlan is developed on the Quali Student technology platform and aligns with the UW's student systems replacement approach. It has been contributed back to the Quali Student consortium for adoption by other institutions.

The second phase of MyPlan involves developing new student-requested features including improved short- and long-term planning, support for increased adviser feedback, and system-generated reviews of academic plans to enhance student-adviser interactions and clearly show progress toward degree requirements. The project addresses student priorities identified through user research and usability tests, and offers features that promote adviser adoption and increase advisers' ability to provide substantive guidance.

#### Enhancements in Phase 2 include:

- **Enhanced Registration Planning:** Provide the ability to quickly navigate and review section details and add section-level information to the academic plan.
- **Audit MyPlan:** Provide the ability to audit an academic plan to provide students and advisers with clear and consistent feedback on degree progress.
- **Adviser Recommended Courses:** Allow advisers to recommend one or more courses for a student's academic plan.
- **Additional enhancements:** Print-friendly version; system alerts for suspended and withdrawn sections; non-course placeholders; course search enhancements; and course-level notes for advisers and students.

### Strategic Context

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MyPlan is an online academic planning tool that makes it easier for students to find courses, develop and share academic plans with their advisers, and track progress toward a degree. MyPlan streamlines the academic planning and course registration process and improves the dialog between students and advisers to achieve higher quality academic planning. Advisers can access student plans and post feedback through the Electronic Academic Record Systems (EARS) or MyGrad—systems they already use daily. MyPlan was developed in partnership with student services offices and advisers.

**MyPlan is a three-phased project:**

- **Phase 1:** This phase, completed in January 2013, established the foundation for multi-quarter academic planning and adviser-student interaction. Scope included degree audits, course searches, adviser and student views and messaging, and course planning.
- **Phase 2:** As described above, work in this phase is designed to provide clearer feedback to students about their progress toward a degree with an emphasis on pre-registration planning, degree auditing, and increased adviser input via recommended courses and sample plans.
- **Phase 3:** This phase will allow students to register for classes through MyPlan. In addition a more personalized experience will be provided based on student identity, including customized course notifications or alerts and integration with other planning tools.

MyPlan is being developed on the Kualu Student technology platform and aligns with the UW's student systems replacement approach. MyPlan is being contributed back to the Kualu Student consortium for adoption by other institutions.

## Timeline & Budget

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**MyPlan Phase 2:** October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013

Description	Phase 2
Implementation	\$1,070,000
Ongoing	TBD

## Likelihood of Success

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- **Implementation Risks:**
  - This project uses dedicated UW-IT resources. There may be some conflict with other student-system modernization efforts (e.g., resources involving the student database) and information management initiatives.
  - This project is not dependent on an outside vendor or contractor.
- **Implementation Cost:** Funding for this project comes from several sources including the Provost's Office (\$171K), UW-IT (\$479K), and the Student Technology Fee (\$420K).
- **Financial Sustainability:** The level of ongoing support and funding is to be determined. Support for the third phase of MyPlan was recently announced by the STF.
- **Technical Sustainability:** The project is consistent with the UW's strategy to modernize its student information systems.