Hello! This module will provide information about RIT’s Academic Advising Report otherwise known as the AAR.
The Academic Advising Report, or AAR, is a fantastic tool to help you track your progress towards graduation. This tool is made for students who entered RIT in 2013 and beyond. If you started at RIT before 2013, please see your advisor for details on how to track your progress towards graduation.

You are encouraged to log into your own AAR as you watch this tutorial.
You can access your AAR via the Student Center in the Student Information System, or SIS.
When you log in to SIS, you will see your Student Center portal.

You can view your AAR by selecting Academic Requirements from the “Other Academics” drop down menu, and then press the “Go” arrows.

It will take a few seconds for the Academic Advising Report to load. Only press the “Go” arrows once.
Once the AAR is loaded, click the “Expand All” button so you can view all of your requirements.
Below the collapse and expand buttons is the AAR legend.

Courses that have been “taken” will show with a check mark inside a green circle. This means that you have taken a course and a grade has been assigned. Please note, if you have earned an unsatisfactory grade for a course (for example, a grade of “W” or “F”) the Taken icon will still appear.

Courses that are in progress will show with a yellow diamond.

Courses that are planned will show with a blue star. As of August 2016, this functionality is not yet available.
The first section of the AAR contains important information. Please read this before viewing your individual report.
The AAR is organized into “requirement groups” which are made up of multiple degree or course requirements.

Your individual report will have multiple sections including “Courses in Progress at RIT”, “Courses Not Allocated”, “Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements”, “General Education: Perspectives”, “Electives”, “General Education: Immersion”, and your individual degree requirements.
Your Courses in Progress section houses courses you are currently taking and/or currently enrolled in for the next term. These are marked with a yellow diamond.
The Courses Not Allocated section is located next. Courses that exceed degree requirements will show here. In addition, courses that are not successfully completed (either through a failing grade or from a withdrawal) will also be shown.
Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements

Your Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements section outlines all of the additional criteria that must be met to graduate from your degree program. In the next few slides, we’ll explain each requirement individually.
The Degree Credit Check verifies that you have completed the necessary number of credits. Students in the Game Design & Development program must complete 124 total credits; students in the New Media Interactive Development program must complete 123 credits.
The General Education Credit Check verifies that you have completed the minimum number of General Education credits. Although students completing a Bachelor of Science degree must complete a minimum of 60 credits, the actual total number varies by major. Game Design & Development students must complete 64 General Education credits; New Media Interactive Development students must complete 63 General Education credits.
The Wellness Requirement check verifies that you have completed your mandatory wellness requirement. All Game Design & Development and New Media Interactive Development students must complete two different wellness courses at some point during their undergraduate career.
The Cumulative GPA verifies that at least a 2.00 GPA is earned at the time of certification.
The Program Writing Intensive check verifies that students complete the program writing intensive course for their respective major. IGME 236: Interaction, Immersion, and the Media Interface is the program writing intensive course for both Game Design & Development and New Media Interactive Development majors.
The General Education or Program Writing Intensive course check verifies that a student completed a general education writing intensive course or an additional program writing intensive course. The student can choose any course that fulfills this requirement.
The Residency Requirement section verifies that at least 30 credit hours are completed in residence at Rochester Institute of Technology.
The next major category is the General Education: Perspectives section. This section tracks all perspective courses and first year writing. In the screenshot you can see all of the requirements captured.
Some of the perspective categories may have specific classes listed. This means that there are specific courses you must complete in order for the requirement to be satisfied. In this example, students must complete MATH 185 in order for the Mathematical Perspective B to be satisfied.
The next major category is for Electives. This section captures General Education Elective and Free Elective requirements.

General Education Electives are always listed with the “General Education Elective” attribute on SIS or TigerCenter. They will usually come from Math, Science, or Liberal Arts disciplines.

All courses at RIT are considered Free Electives. Free Electives give students the opportunity to pursue whatever class they wish!
The next major category is the General Education: Immersion. All students at RIT are required to complete an Immersion. An Immersion is a series of three related general education courses that give students a mini specialty or focus area outside of their major. A full list of all available Immersions can be found on the main Academics page on the RIT website.

All students MUST declare an Immersion as part of their graduation requirements. You can declare the Immersion via SIS. The message here is displayed when a student has not declared their Immersion.

Once an Immersion is declared, the requirements for the chosen Immersion will appear and any classes that you have completed towards the Immersion will show here. The declared Immersion section will also move to the bottom of the Academic Advising Report.
The final category that we'll explain is your specific degree requirements. Your individual degree program section shows all of the individual requirements for your degree program. Here is a sample of the Game Design & Development program requirement screen. Keep in mind your requirement categories may look different depending on what year you entered RIT.
Here is a sample of a New Media Interactive Development program requirement screen. Keep in mind your requirement categories may look different depending on what year you entered RIT.
Also, here are some examples about how to tell if a course has been satisfied in the AAR. If you have completed a course that fulfills a requirement, you will see a green circle with a check box under the “status” column. The student above has taken UWRT 150: First Year Writing through AP credit.
Until you have satisfied a requirement, the phrase “Not Satisfied” will appear under each individual requirement.

In this example, the student has not completed any of their free electives. Therefore, this category is not satisfied.
The Academic Advising Report is a great way to view your degree requirements and track your progress towards graduation. It is our expectation that you will be regularly viewing the AAR to plan future course schedules and ensure that you are completing course requirements in a timely manner. If you see any errors in your AAR (such as courses being allocated to the wrong requirement, duplicate courses, or other errors), please contact your academic advisor.
Some final words – don’t forget that your Academic Advisor is here to help!

Check out the IGM website for advisor contact information and availability.