

## How to Develop an Academic Plan

An academic plan is a **guide** for selecting courses each term. It is a map for helping get you to a university on **your timeframe**. The academic plan is not set in stone, but flexible to meet your academic needs.

<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Gather Materials.</b> You will need <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Baccalaureate Degree Plan (BDP) for major at intended university. You can find BDP for the 16 UNC-System universities <a href="#">here</a>.</li><li>● AA or AS Program - use the catalog or UTAC <a href="#">checklist</a></li><li>● Record of any Transfer or AP credits earned</li><li>● Record of credits earned at Southwestern Comm. College</li></ul>
<b>Step 2</b>	Determine required courses on BDP. Where do these requirements fit as part of your AA or AS?
<b>Step 3</b>	Make a list of the “have to” courses that you will take as part of your degree.
<b>Step 4</b>	When you have options for courses, such as a selection between four English literature courses, identify which courses you would prefer. Make a list of courses of interest you will take as part of your degree.
<b>Step 5</b>	What is your timeframe for transfer? Determine how long you plan to be at SCC, whether as a full-time or part-time student.
<b>Step 6</b>	Review <a href="#">sample</a> academic plans on the UTAC webpage.
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>Create your Academic Plan.</b> On the <a href="#">Academic Plan</a> sheet, fill in each semester with courses you plan to take. This sheet is a guide and can be adjusted at any time.
<b>Step 8</b>	<b>Visit the UTAC.</b> Meet with an academic advisor at the UTAC to review the academic plan you have created.