

Major Area of Interest
(AS400 Information Sheet)

Note of caution:

These panels will HELP, but they may not be all that you need to determine if MAI requirements are met....

First a little background...

We have a file that should have all of the majors that schools in Jackson County offer. We have another file that, for every course available, has a list of "associated" majors. So between these 2 files, we can "tie" courses and majors together...

On panel S324, DEOs can enter the major(s) students have selected.

To the far right of that panel, you will now see 2 new columns--

Ern is the number of credits a student has already earned in courses associated with this major.

Cur is the number of credits a student is currently attempting in courses associated with this major.

Guidance can use this to monitor the status of a student's progress toward meeting the required 4 credits of electives. At this point, though, the guidance counselor only sees the totals of credits and doesn't really know which ones are valid electives and which ones that match the MAI are core courses. There are 2 more panels to help with seeing details...

From S324—if you put your cursor on the particular MAI that you are interested in seeing details on, then press the F11 key, you will get the S529 panel. This panel displays all courses from academic history that are associated with that MAI. (the program bypasses any academic history record that has an X-flag (forgiveness) and only shows those that have a valid grade and credit earned). This can be a tool to see the student's progress, but counselors will have to do some analysis to sort between core and elective courses.

The second new panel, is a display of all courses from the current schedule file (S614) that are associated with the selected MAI. (the program bypasses any current record that has an N-flag (no credit), any course that is flagged as not grade eligible, any inactive schedule record, and any course that does not have a credit attempted assigned to it) . Again, this panel can be a tool to see the progress toward the MAI requirement as it pertains to courses in progress.

My only complaint with the new panels is that it is very easy to get "lost" going from panel to panel, so here is a summary of how the function keys can move you through. (if you ever cannot get to the specific panel you want, you can always type that specific number in the panel field, hit enter, and it will take you straight there...)

Starting from S324--

F11 takes you to the detail S529 (F11 toggles back and forth between detail and summary)

Once on S529--

F23 takes you to the MAI academic history detail (a new S520)

From new S520--

F11 takes you to the MAI current schedule detail (a new S614)

(here, F11 toggles you back and forth from the new S520 and the new S614)

From new S614--

F23 takes you back to the S529 MAI status panel

(then F11 takes you back to S324)

FYI, on S529, the F9 takes you to the grad status panel (S522) – and there's no real way back to the MAI info except by starting over on S324.

DEOs have a query report (MAIRPT) that they can run for Guidance that shows all students and their selected majors. There aren't any reports that will print out the information produced on these panels, however, you should be able to do a print-screen if needed.