



Faculty Senate

Catalog Rights

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Approved Catalog Rights Language:

Catalog rights establish the catalog year a student can use for completing a Cerritos College degree or certificate. The catalog year represents the academic year beginning with the fall term and including the subsequent spring and summer terms.

Catalog rights protect students from being held responsible for changes made to the course requirements for a specific degree or certificate in the years following their initial enrollment, so long as continuous attendance is maintained. A student's catalog rights will default to the catalog in effect at the time continuous attendance was established. Students may elect to assume rights to a catalog other than the default as follows:

- The catalog in effect at the time all requirements for the award are met; or
- The catalog in effect at any intervening term between the time the period of continuous attendance began and the time all requirements for the award are met.

Students with coursework from a California Community College (CCC) and/or California State University (CSU) prior to starting Cerritos College can elect to assume catalog rights as listed above for purposes of awarding an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) or full certification of CSU general education, Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), or the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC). For students pursuing an ADT, full certification of CSU general education, IGETC for CSU, or Cal-GETC is required; however, universities have their own catalog rights policies, and students may be required to take additional courses after transfer.
