

Chapter 4 – Academic Affairs

AP 4027 Catalog Rights

References:

Title 5 Section 40401; Senate Bill 1440 Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act

The College Catalog contains rules, regulations, and policies at Mt. San Antonio College. It also includes all academic programs and requirements for degrees, certificates, and transfer general education requirements. The Catalog has a list of every class that is offered at Mt. SAC, including the number of units, a description, any prerequisites or advisories, and whether the class is degree applicable and/or transferrable. The College Catalog is utilized to view courses needed to complete a certificate or associate's degree, to see the general education patterns, and to look up rules and policies.

When a student has continuous attendance at Mt. SAC, the year they begin is their Catalog year. Students can also use future Catalogs if that is their preference. If they stop attending Mt. SAC, they may lose Catalog rights. This means if programs or rules change, they will need to follow the new Catalog that is published the year they re-start at Mt. SAC. Please see below to understand how to maintain Catalog rights.

1. A student remaining in continuous attendance in ~~regular sessions~~ at a regionally accredited post-secondary institution may, for the purpose of meeting graduation requirements from Mt. San Antonio College, elect to meet the requirements in effect at any time between entrance to Mt. San Antonio College and graduation from Mt. San Antonio College.
2. ~~The division dean~~ department chairperson in which the program resides may authorize substitutions for discontinued courses per the College's Program Course Substitution process.
3. For purposes of this section, students are considered in "continuous attendance" if any of the following exist:
 - a. the student was enrolled in any credit course at Mt. San Antonio College at the time of the class census date during ~~either of the past two regular sessions (Intersession attendance does not apply towards catalog rights.)~~ academic year;
 - b. the student completed any units in a credit course at another regionally accredited post-secondary institution in ~~at least one regular semester or two regular quarters in the previous academic year (Intersession attendance does not apply towards catalog rights.); or~~
 - c. the student was on a leave approved by Mt. San Antonio College.
4. Exception: A student who meets the requirements noted above, but who has not been enrolled in any credit course at Mt. San Antonio College at the time of the class census

date during any **session** of the previous ~~four regular sessions~~ (two years), may not use requirements more than two academic years prior to the current requirements, except as required by law.

5. **For purposes of general education for the associate degrees for transfer, Mt. San Antonio College will award degrees to students who meet the general education pattern requirements of the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements and shall not impose any local college requirements, including local catalog requirements, for a student to be eligible for the associate degree for transfer.**

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