

Chapter 4 – Academic Affairs

AP 4027 Catalog Rights

References:

Title 5 Sections 40401 and 55062; 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 course that is offered at Mt. SAC, including the number of units, course a descriptions, any prerequisites or advisories, and whether the course is degree applicable and/or transferrable. The College Catalog is utilized to view courses needed to complete a certificate, associate degree, associate for transfer degree, or bachelor'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 began is their initial 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 requirements that are published the year they re-start at Mt. SAC. Please refer 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. Catalog rights are based on the academic year in which a student begins enrollment, with each Catalog year starting in the Fall. If a student first enrolls in the Winter, Spring or Summer term, their Catalog rights align with the catalog for the preceding Fall semester.
2. The department chairperson in which the program resides, in consultation with the division dean, 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 the past academic year (during any term);
 - b. the student completed any units in a credit course at another regionally accredited post-secondary institution in the previous academic year; or
 - c. the student was on an academic 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 two academic 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, Mt. San Antonio College will award degrees to students who meet requirements for an approved intersegmental lower-division general education pattern used for transfer to the University of California or California State University and shall not impose any local college requirements, including local catalog requirements, for a student to be eligible for the associate degree.

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