

**Committee on Educational Policy**  
**Catalog Rights**

Effective for all undergraduates who entered in fall quarter 1993 or after, students may follow the degree requirements from either the [UCSC General Catalog](#) published at the time of entering UCSC or subsequent catalog(s). Students need not follow a catalog in its entirety, but may elect to follow different catalog years for their college requirements, university and general education requirements, the requirements of their major(s), and the requirements of any minor(s).

- The catalog year will initially be set for the first year of enrollment at UCSC. Students may elect to follow major or minor requirements from other catalog years(s) when filing the [Petition for Declaration of Major/Minor](#). All requirements for graduation outlined in the catalog(s) selected must be met before graduation. Changing catalog year(s) is done by making contact with your department/major adviser (for major requirements) or college adviser (for general education requirements).
- Students transferring from other collegiate institutions may elect to meet as graduation requirements one of the following:
  - those in effect at the time of transfer to UCSC;
  - those subsequently established; or
  - those in effect when the student entered a previous collegiate institution, provided that entry was not more than three years prior to the time of transfer to UCSC.
- Students who seek readmission to UCSC after a break in attendance greater than two years (six regular quarters) must adhere to the graduation requirements in effect at the time of readmission or those subsequently established.
- Although General Education *requirements* are determined by catalog year, the specific *courses* that satisfy a particular GE requirement can change from year to year. The Registrar's Office annually publishes an updated list of courses that satisfy each GE requirement (except Disciplinary Communication). Since the GE status of a course may change, to fulfill a GE requirement, a student must take the course in a year in which its GE status is recognized.
- The courses that satisfy the Disciplinary Communication GE requirement for each major are published in each year's General Catalog. Students should consult the General Catalog for the year in which they plan to take their DC course(s) to find out the courses that are needed.

Students who entered prior to 1993 should see an adviser. Their catalog year for graduation, whether the year they entered UCSC or a subsequent year, will be decided at the discretion of their major department and/or their college.

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