



STUDENT SERVICES

M E M O R A N D U M

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To: Student Services Council

From: Ben Britten

Re: Catalog Rights

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This memorandum serves as a notice that discussions regarding the resetting of catalog rights for students matriculating from high school should commence amongst constituent groups.

The 2025-2026 Allan Hancock Academic Catalog states:

*“Graduation requirements for an associate degree or vocational certificate are determined according to the catalog year in effect at the time of initial enrollment. In order to maintain catalog rights, a student must be in continuous enrollment during each successive academic year. To maintain continuous enrollment, a student must attend at least one credit class in an academic year. For purposes of catalog rights, the academic year begins each summer and ends the subsequent spring session.*

*It is important to note that:*

- 1. Students who maintain continuous enrollment at Allan Hancock College (AHC), or students who are continuing at another accredited institution within the United States are eligible to graduate from AHC under the catalog year in effect at the time they first enrolled at AHC.*
- 2. Students who stop attending AHC for a year or longer are eligible to graduate from AHC under the catalog in effect the semester the student re-enters AHC again. One year is defined as one academic year. The student must maintain continuous enrollment thereafter.*
- 3. If a student attends another college after they have not attended AHC for a year or longer, and does not re-enroll at AHC, they are eligible to graduate from AHC under the catalog in effect the semester they petition to graduate. One year is defined as one academic year.*

*Exceptions to the above policy may be made by the director, Admissions and Records, for medical reasons or for military service.”*

These rules apply to ALL students, regardless of enrollment status. More specifically, students who are considered special admits or concurrent enrollment students have no provision stating their catalog rights will be reset once they matriculate from High School to Allan Hancock College. This

means a student may enroll in a concurrent enrollment course their freshman year of high school (or in some cases earlier) and so long as they take at least one concurrent enrollment or any CCAP course every academic year, they will have catalog rights well before their high school graduation date.

While this practice is aligned with the wishes of the California Community College's Chancellor's office as well as the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCC) (Stewart Jr. et.al., 2025), this is not a shared practice with the California State University or University of California systems which dictate transfer students must adhere to the catalog rights obtained upon enrollment after high school graduation.

Our current practice may have dire transfer repercussions for students who are currently taking CCAP courses and have AHC catalog rights prior to 2025-2026 because these students have catalog rights to the now defunct CSU and IGETC GE patterns, both of which will no longer be acceptable for students with catalog rights beginning in 2025-2026.

Discussions have taken place with institutional technology and the Banner Steering Committee to ensure the possibility of changing a student's catalog rights systemically upon matriculated enrollment.

#### Reference

Stewart Jr., R. L., Chow, K., Grose, N., Lin, Y., and Mica, K. (2025). Academic Senate for California Community Colleges; *Spring Plenary Session Adopted Resolutions*, p. 11.