

Catalog Rights for GE

This is intended to provide guidance on how Evaluators apply catalog rights and GE selection, when students petition to graduate.

Scenario A:

Assuming catalog rights are maintained, a student seeking an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) can graduate using *any* catalog year since they began at MiraCosta, selecting CSU GE, IGETC or CalGETC.

- As long as the GE pattern was in place when the student began, and they have maintained enrollment, they can select it.
- Whatever transfer GE pattern is selected, Evaluators will check whether students meet the various versions (e.g., IGETC with or without Ethnic Studies).

Scenario B:

A student seeking an AA or AS can graduate using any transfer GE pattern (CSU GE, IGETC or CalGETC).

- As long as the GE pattern was in place when the student began, and they have maintained enrollment, they can select it.
- Whatever transfer GE pattern is selected, Evaluators will check whether students meet the various versions (e.g., IGETC with or without Ethnic Studies).

Scenario C

Local AA or AS with local GE

For local degrees, current practice requires that a student's local GE selection (Plan A or MCGE) match the catalog year used for graduation, which should correspond with their major. If a student encounters barriers to meeting this requirement due to recent changes in local GE options, please follow the steps below:

- If the student does not meet major requirements, for any academic year for which they have catalog rights, determine whether a substitution or waiver (through the respective department) would be appropriate.
- If the GE area is the concern due to changes involving Plan A, Plan A with Ethnic Studies, or MCGE, please forward the case to Karen Wong to determine whether an exception or substitution can be approved through the COE.

We are currently exploring whether a blanket substitution or waiver can be implemented for students with continuous enrollment who have been negatively impacted by local GE changes. If a solution is identified, we will determine whether an adjustment can be made to the degree audit system for the new MCGE to minimize the need to review multiple individual scenarios. We will also review our current catalog rights language to ensure it is clear and best serves the needs of our students.

Best regards,
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