

Catalog Rights-Continuous Enrollment

Students graduating within five (5) academic years of initial enrollment shall have the option of completing either: (a) the degree requirements of the College catalog in effect at the time of initial enrollment; or (b) any set of revised degree requirements published in a subsequent Bakersfield College catalog. Initial enrollment begins when the student earns a transcript notation such as a grade of A, B, C, D, F, NP, P, I, IP, RD, W, EW, MW, UG, SP, M, or M+ in at least one course within the Kern Community College District.

Students graduating more than five (5) academic years after initial enrollment must adhere to the specific degree requirements in effect in any Bakersfield College catalog within the five-year period prior to the students' graduation.

To maintain catalog rights, the student must maintain continuous enrollment during the five (5) year period. Continuous enrollment means the student must earn a grade of A, B, C, D, F, NP, P, I, IP, RD, W, EW, MW, UG, ~~or~~ SP, M, or M+ in at least one course each academic year within the Kern Community College District.

For the purposes of continuous enrollment, an academic year begins with the summer semester and includes the following fall and spring terms. ~~You~~ Students may petition to regain catalog rights with a counselor or advisor within the Counseling and Advising Department. This process may require specific documentation, and students are encouraged to inquire about timeframes and any additional requirements.

Catalog rights apply only to Bakersfield College graduation and program requirements. If other institutions change their requirements for entrance, graduation, satisfaction of general education patterns, or in other ways, it may be necessary for the student to meet the new requirements upon transfer, even if continuous enrollment has been maintained.

Students are strongly encouraged to meet with the Counseling and Advising Department to discuss and clarify the specific expectations and requirements of potential transfer institutions, as well as any unique program requirements that may apply. Students who fail to maintain continuous enrollment risk losing their catalog rights, which may affect their ability to graduate under the original or subsequent catalogs.