Catalog Year Policy (approved by the Curriculum Council: April 15, 2011)

Graduation Requirements/Catalog Contract Policy

When determining the graduation requirements for a given student:

- Students must meet all applicable degree requirements from the published catalog(s).
- The student’s catalog year for institutional and baccalaureate core requirements are established by their first term of attendance (matriculation date) at Oregon State University as an admitted student.
- The student’s catalog year for college/major(option)/minor requirements is based on the date of declaration of the major(option)/minor; consequently, a student’s first (primary) major(option) must be in the same catalog year. If a primary option is declared in a subsequent academic year, the primary option will be aligned with the catalog year of the primary major. If the primary option did not exist in the catalog year of the primary major, the primary major will roll forward to the catalog year of the primary option.
- Additionally, while the student’s first major(option) must be in the same catalog year, any additional declarations of majors/options/minors will be determined by the declaration dates (and corresponding catalog years) established by the change of academic program process. A student, in collaboration with their advisor, can also choose to graduate under a subsequent (to their most recent major declaration date) catalog year within the same major(option).
- At the time of graduation, all students, including transfer students, must use a catalog that is not more than ten years old. A student may petition to the Head Advisor of their College for any extension of a catalog greater than ten years from their expected graduation term.
- Current OUS policy requires a student to reapply after not enrolling at OSU for four consecutive terms (not including summer terms); the published catalog for the resulting readmission/matriculation date will become the catalog of record for graduation requirements. The Planned Educational Leave Program defined in AR 13.d beginning with 2011-2012 academic year, provides a mechanism for a student to sustain their original catalog of record during a planned absence.
- For Degree Partnership Program students, the first term the student is admitted to OSU will be the matriculation date and will determine the catalog year for institutional and baccalaureate core requirements. The catalog year for college/major(option)/minor requirements will be the same as all other OSU students.
- Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of information in the OSU General Catalog. However, Oregon State University or the Oregon State Board of Higher Education may find it necessary from time to time to make changes in courses, curricula, or degree requirements. Students already admitted to a program in which such changes have been made will be reasonably accommodated, if possible, to ensure their normal progress toward a degree. A student may, however, still be required to conform to changes in courses, curricula, or degree requirements as deemed necessary by Oregon State University or the State Board of Higher Education.