



AP 4027 Catalog Rights

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A student in continuous attendance in the Butte-Glenn Community College District shall have the choice of completing the requirements for an award published in any catalog in effect at the college during that student's period of continuous attendance according to the following provisions. An award is defined as any associate degree, baccalaureate degree, certificate of achievement, certificate of competency, or certificate of completion.

Establishment of Catalog Rights

A student's catalog rights will default to the catalog in effect during their first primary term of attendance (fall or spring semester). This includes enrollment in a credit course, noncredit course, concurrent enrollment or dual enrollment. This does not include Credit for Prior Learning courses. Students who have completed the prerequisites and applied for an impacted, application-based program at Butte College will also be considered to have established catalog rights to the academic year corresponding with the start date of that application cycle.

This single default catalog year will be applied to both major and general education/graduation requirements. A student who changes their program of study while attending Butte College will default to the current active catalog year. Exceptions to these default catalog years may be made with counselor approval, provided that the major requirements or general education/graduation requirements are within the student's period of continuous attendance.

Continuous Attendance

Continuous attendance is defined as attending at least one primary or intersession academic term during the calendar year at a regionally accredited institution of higher learning. This includes the following provisions:

- Courses for which a letter grade, P, NP, CR, UG, W, MW, or EW are awarded shall count toward meeting the continuous attendance requirement.
- Absence due to an approved educational leave or for attendance at another accredited institution of higher learning shall not be considered an interruption in attendance if the absence does not exceed two years.
- Students who have completed the required prerequisites for an impacted, application-based program at Butte College, have continuously applied at every eligible opportunity, and are awaiting acceptance, are considered in continuous attendance.

Application of General Education (GE) and Graduation Requirement Courses

A course is typically applied to the GE area and graduation requirement that it was honored for at the time it was completed. Due to systemic changes in the structure of both local GE (starting in the 2024-25 Butte College Catalog as per Title 5 § 55061) and transfer GE (starting with Cal-GETC as per AB 928 in the 2025-26 Butte College Catalog), the following provisions are given to students who possess catalog rights that overlap with these transitions:

- Students who retain catalog rights to an award with CSU GE, IGETC, or the Local (pre-2024/25) GE as the designated general education pattern may continue to use those patterns towards their degree or certificate, even if they complete courses in Fall 2025 and beyond when those patterns are no longer published.
- Courses completed Fall 2025 and beyond may be applied to historical GE patterns under catalog rights for their pre-2025/26 major, provided that they were on the corresponding GE pattern in the 2024-25 catalog

Students who transfer to another institution should be advised that their catalog rights may not be honored by this same standard. They are subject to the catalog rights policy of that institution.