

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. 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", or "W" in at least one course each academic year. For the purposes of continuous enrollment, an academic year begins with the summer semester and includes the following fall and spring terms. Petitions for exceptions should be directed to the Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs. 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. (2017-18 Bakersfield College Catalog page 36)