CATALOG RIGHTS AND EXCLUSIONS

The university has established the following Catalog rights and exclusions relating to requirements for students in an academic program (major, minor, certificate). While these Catalog rights establish specific academic program requirements for students, the exclusions noted ensure that the knowledge and skills acquired by students will be current with the state of knowledge in their fields of study.

Rights

1. Students' academic requirements are based on the Catalog that is in force during their first fall, spring or summer term of enrollment in a degree or certificate program at Kent State University.
2. Students may elect to complete an academic program (major, minor, certificate) under a more recent Catalog. When changing Catalog year, students must comply with all of the requirements relevant to their program in the newer Catalog.
3. Students may declare a different Catalog for a minor, certificate or second major/degree. However, students must comply with all of the requirements relevant to the additional program in the different Catalog.
4. Catalog rights may be granted through inter-institutional curricular agreements. Such rights are subject to the same exclusions noted below.

Exclusions

1. Regardless of their first term of enrollment, students are governed generally by the university academic, administrative and operational policies in the Catalog currently in force.
2. Students who transfer to another university and return to Kent State are readmitted under the Catalog-in-force at the time of readmission.
3. Dismissed students are reinstated under the Catalog-in-force at the time of reinstatement.
4. Undergraduate students who interrupt their enrollment at the university for one full academic year or longer, consecutively, including summer, are updated to the Catalog-in-force at the time of their most recent reenrollment. Transient work and alternative credit do not qualify as enrollment at Kent State University.
5. Kent State will not permit reentry into programs that are no longer offered at the time of the students’ most recent readmission, reinstatement or reenrollment.
6. Undergraduate students who are enrolled continuously in a degree or certificate program in a catalog older than six years may be required to update to a more recent Catalog.
7. Changes in degree requirements will be made to keep programs in compliance with accreditation, certification, licensure or industry standards. Implementation of these standards may require that students update to a more recent Catalog.
8. Program changes may be required by financial urgency, unavailability of faculty or unavailability of other instructional resources. In these instances, the dean of the students’ college will identify available alternatives for the completion of program requirements.
9. Course specifications such as title, credit hours, prerequisites, status (e.g., Kent Core), etc., are based on the term for which the student registered for the course. If the course is revised after the student completed it, the student does not gain or lose anything with that revision.