

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS AND STANDARDS

April 1, 2014

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Minutes of the December 2, 2013 Meeting

The minutes of the December 2, 2013 meeting were approved as distributed.

Catalog Change

The motion to change Section 1340.20 Change of Catalog Edition of the Undergraduate Catalog was approved and brings the policy on catalog change in line with the policy on re-entry (students must apply for re-entry after an absence of three semesters). The change is effectively immediately.

1340.20 Change of Catalog Edition

Students must normally satisfy the degree requirements of the catalog in effect at the time they enter Georgia State University. However, in some circumstances, revisions may be required to provide more effective programs. The term “degree requirements” refers to the courses and grades required to earn the degree. Changes in academic regulations affect all students, regardless of the catalog edition; examples include the scholastic discipline policy, procedures for removing incomplete grades, and appeals procedures.

There are several instances when a student will be required to change catalog editions and satisfy the curricular degree requirements of the catalog in effect at the time he or she:

- Officially changes colleges within the university;
- Officially changes their degree;
- Officially changes majors within a college;
- Officially changes from post baccalaureate status to any degree-seeking status;
- Re-enters the university **after an absence of three or more semesters; after** a period of two or more consecutive years during which time he or she did not earn academic credit at Georgia State;
- Reenrolls at Georgia State after attending another institution as a transient student with the intention of transferring credits earned at the other institution to Georgia State without having followed protocol as outlined on the Registrar’s Transient Request Form. This regulation applies to any length of absence from the university. In such cases, students are considered to be transfer students;
- Reenrolls at Georgia State after attending another institution as a transfer student. This regulation applies to any length of absence from the university; and
- Has not graduated by the time his or her catalog edition is ten years old.

Students may choose to satisfy the degree requirements of a later catalog, but, if they choose to do this, they must meet all the requirements of the later catalog. Degree requirements of more than one catalog edition cannot be combined. Students who choose to satisfy requirements of a later catalog must notify the University Advisement Center or the Office of Academic Assistance of their college.

Exploratory Major

The motion to adopt an exploratory major policy was approved.

Exploratory Major Policy

Effective Fall 2014, Students who declare a major or a pre-major, but fail to meet program requirements of the major (including GPA, minimum course grades or admittance through an application process) and who have no opportunity to progress in that academic program, will have their major administratively changed to exploratory. Students must declare another major after 1 semester as an exploratory major.

The Exploratory Major policy will be added to the appropriate place in the Undergraduate Catalog.

Academic Honesty Policy

The motion to revise the policy on Academic Honesty was approved as amended. The following is a summary of the changes approved to make the policy clearer and more consistent.

1. The faculty member must consult with the department chair regarding appropriate academic and/or disciplinary penalties before filing a charge of academic dishonesty. This change is suggested to ensure consistency of penalties within units.
2. The notice of academic dishonesty is sent to the student by the college dean, not the faculty member. This change is suggested to make the notification consistent and to make it clearer to the student that he or she has the right to appeal to the college.
3. The time allowed for an appeal is reduced from 20 days to 10 days. This change brings this policy in line with other university policies and shortens the time between the initial charge and the final resolution of the case.
4. The policy makes clear that the student may be notified either by certified mail or via the student's university e-mail account. This is consistent with notification requirements of other university policies.
5. The policy suggests but does not mandate that departments create their own statements of what constitutes academic dishonesty within the context of a specific discipline, along with recommended penalties for infractions. This change is intended to encourage discussion among departmental faculty about how to handle academic dishonesty and to improve consistency in following
6. The policy has been edited for clarity, including a brief summary of the procedures to be followed on p. 3.

Nursing Program Admissions Requirements

The motion to modify the admissions requirements of the Nursing Program was approved. The motion reducing the number of students eligible to apply to the program and provides a mechanism to redirect students are not admitted to Nursing to other health-related majors where they can be successful.

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