

## Motion 1. Change of Catalog Edition

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Effective immediately, Section 1340.20 of the Undergraduate Catalog is revised as follows:

### 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.

Rationale: This change 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).