

Academic Governing Council
Decision Form
Catalog Policy 8.5 (Student's Right to Continue Under the Catalog Requirements
Under Which he/ she Entered)

This form is to be used when the Academic Governing Council makes a decision on an issue. This form is sent to the Provost.

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Proposed Policy:

Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) students are required to fulfill the graduation and program requirements of the Catalog in effect at the time they officially declare their program as a degree-seeking student. If students change their program, they must fulfill the graduation and program requirements of the Catalog in effect for the academic year in which the student made the change. Students may petition to fulfill the graduation and program requirements of the Catalog in effect at the time of graduation instead of being governed by the above two guidelines.

For students declaring multiple academic programs, the date of declaration determines the Catalog requirements for each academic program.

(Please see full policy language at the end of this form.)

Rationale:

- The purpose of this policy is to clarify for GRCC students what program requirements will be used for their graduation audit, to allow students to align their course selections to these Catalog requirements.

The Curriculum Operations Support Team (COST) identified the issues:

- Current policy is from 1991 which hasn't been updated
- Current practice is not in line with policy
- With all of our curriculum work, the policy is not in the student's nor college's best interest
- Current policy does not support Academic Standing Policy 8.17 that was passed in October 2013

Supporting Data:

- This policy was developed using a team approach, with representation from faculty members, Counseling, Student Support, Curriculum, and the Provost's office. This issue was discussed at AGC meetings in January, February, and March 2014
- The team identified need for revision, pulled together a cross college team of stakeholders, benchmarked 2 year and 4 year partners' processes, developed policy. Presented to AGC for feedback, and will work with the curriculum revision team for implementation.

Implications for Action:

- (default) Students will utilize the catalog from the year they declared their program including any program changes
- Students can elect to utilize the current catalog at time of graduation
- Students have an option to appeal for extenuating circumstances
- Students must follow the Readmit Policy

Evaluation Plan:

This academic policy should be reviewed again in Winter, 2019.

Date of Decision by AGC: March 11, 2014

Response from Provost:

The Provost endorses the Catalog Policy 8.5 as approved by the AGC effective July 1, 2014.

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