Degree Works Tips

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Catalog Year

Benefits to Changing Catalog Year:

Beginning in **Fall 2020**, the upper level requirement was lowered from 11 units/courses to 9 units/courses and double counting became allowed for up to 2 courses between majors/minors. If the student is in the 2020 catalog or later, this double counting will be automatic (double counting forms are no longer needed).

Beginning in **Fall 2022,** the limit of courses that may count toward the degree from within a department (14 units) was removed.

Beginning **Fall 2023**, changes were made to allow additional scores in AP, IB, CAM classes (elective credit only) and to allow chairs to count the higher scores in majors/minors.

In addition, new majors/minors are often added which requires switching to the newer catalog year in order to declare those.

Keep in mind that if the catalog year is changed, it will update ALL majors/minors to that catalog year.

You may view which catalog year a student is currently under by looking at the top information box on the audit (see picture at right).
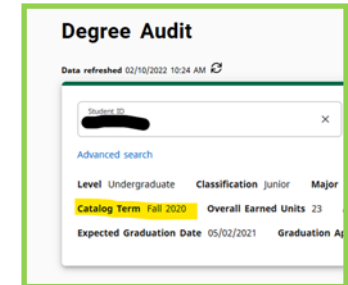
Reasons to Avoid Changing Catalog Year:

There are a few reasons you may need to avoid changing catalog year:

1. Majors/minors may be removed. A student cannot declare a deleted major/minor in a catalog year in which that major/minor does not exist.

2. Major/minor requirements are updated. It may be difficult for a student to complete the new requirements of the major/minor if they have been working toward a previous catalog year's requirements.

We have updated the audit every year based on catalog changes. However, if you see anything that looks like it doesn't match the catalog, please contact the Registrar's Office. Keep in mind if the student is in an older catalog, their requirements will reflect the older requirements.

We also hope these tips have been helpful. If you have other issues you would like to hear more about, let us know that as well.