



Degree Works Tips

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Catalog Year

Some Possible Benefits to Changing Catalog Year:

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.

Beginning in Fall 2024, the Physical Education requirements were lowered.

Beginning **Fall 2026**, changes were made to allow double counting to apply to certificates as well but students are still limited to 2 courses total double counting in any combination of major/minor/certificate.

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).

Degree Audit

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Student ID: [REDACTED]

Advanced search

Level	Undergraduate	Classification	Junior	Major	
Catalog Term	Fall 2020	Overall Earned Units	23		
Expected Graduation Date	05/02/2021	Graduation App			

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.