

AGC Decision Form
8.5 Catalog Policy

Approved by AGC Executive Committee on February 2, 2023

Decision

On January 17th, 2023 the AGC membership voted to endorse the 8.5 Catalog Policy with two added statements to the existing policy:

The GRCC Catalog goes into effect at the beginning of the Fall semester and expires after seven (7) years (Summer Semester).

A student may not go back to an expired catalog. If a student does not stop out and is unable to complete their program requirements prior to a catalog expiration, they may request an extension from the Student Records Office.

The full policy statement now reads:

Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) students admitted as degree seeking students are assigned the Catalog year in place during the semester they are admitted. This Catalog year is used to evaluate fulfilled graduation and academic program (major) requirements. **The GRCC Catalog goes into effect at the beginning of the Fall semester and expires after seven (7) years (Summer Semester).**

If a student declares a new academic program, they will be assigned a Catalog year based on the effective date of that change.

Students returning as degree-seeking, after an extended absence greater than two years (six semesters, including summer), will be assigned a Catalog year based on the semester declared on their readmit application.

Students may request through an advisor to fulfill the graduation and academic program requirements of any Catalog year in place after their semester of admittance, or readmittance (if applicable). **A student may not go back to an expired catalog. If a student does not stop out and is unable to complete their program requirements prior to a catalog expiration, they may request an extension from the Student Records Office.**

Sponsor/Champion of Proposed Policy

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Rationale and/or Supporting Data

The committee benchmarked other Michigan community colleges. As a result, members felt that indicating the length of time the GRCC Catalog will remain in effect would benefit GRCC students.

The committee also reviewed data on the amount of time it takes part-time students to complete a degree, the average being six (6) years. In light of this, an additional year was granted to benefit part-time students.

The policy was scheduled for review during the 2022-2023 academic year.

Implications for Actions

To coincide with the AY 2023-24 catalog publication date of March 1st, 2023, implementation should take place as soon as possible.

Date of Decision by AGC

January 17th, 2023

Vote: 94% approved, 2% not approved, 4% abstained

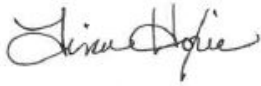
Section to be Completed by the Provost

Evaluation Plan

Next scheduled review of policy: 2027-28

Response from Provost

Approved for immediate implementation.



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February 7, 2023

Date