

AR 4000 Catalog Rights (new AR#)

❖ From current SMC AR 4351 Catalog Rights (old AR #)

For the purposes of this section, “continuous enrollment” means attendance in at least one semester in each calendar year. Absence due to an approved educational leave or for attendance at another accredited institution of higher learning shall not be considered an interruption in attendance, if the absence does not exceed two years.

For purposes of meeting graduation requirements, a student may elect to meet the requirements by either following catalog rights:

- (1) at the time the student began such continuous enrollment or
- (2) at the time of graduation.

Catalog rights dictate that a student may satisfy the requirements of a degree or certificate by completing the general education and major/area of emphasis requirements in effect at any time of their continuous enrollment. ~~Continuous enrollment is defined as enrollment in consecutive Fall and Spring semesters until completion.~~

A student is entitled to receive a degree or certificate of achievement provided the student has met all degree or certificate requirements consistent with catalog rights. Santa Monica College will post the degree or certificate to the student’s transcript based on the applicable catalog year rights and report to the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office on the term it is granted.

References: Title 5, Section 40401
Ed. Code Sections 66600, 89030 and 89035

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§ 40401. Election of Regulations.

An undergraduate student remaining in attendance in regular sessions at any California State University campus, at any California community college, or any combination of California community colleges and campuses of The California State University may for purposes of meeting graduation requirements elect to meet the requirements in effect at the campus from which the student will graduate either

- (1) at the time the student began such attendance or
- (2) at the time of entrance to the campus, or ??????
- (3) at the time of graduation.

Campus authorities may authorize or require substitutions for discontinued courses. A campus may require a student changing his or her major or any minor field of study to complete the major or minor requirements in effect at the time of the change.

For purposes of this section “attendance” means attendance in at least one semester or two quarters each calendar year. Absence due to an approved educational leave or for attendance at another accredited institution of higher learning shall not be considered an interruption in attendance, if the absence does not exceed two years.

A campus may prescribe that particular requirements be met within as few as seven years of the date of award of the degree.