CATALOG RIGHTS FOR GRADUATION

To meet the five requirements listed in the previous section¹, you must follow the specifics listed in this catalog. As long as you maintain attendance by enrolling in at least two quarters each calendar year, your degree requirements will remain those in this catalog. However, you may elect to meet the requirements of the catalog in effect at the time you graduate. These principles are called your "catalog rights."

If you are absent due to an approved Educational Leave or to attend another accredited institution of higher education, you will not lose your catalog rights as long as you are not away for more than two years.

Your catalog rights for your master’s degree are governed by the catalog in effect at the time you were admitted to your program. If you break attendance by not enrolling in two quarters in a calendar year, your graduation requirements will be governed by the catalog in effect at the time you reenter.

Please note that requirements of certain programs (e.g., teacher credential programs) are governed by outside agencies. The requirements of these programs are subject to change based on changes dictated by these outside agencies.

¹ Master's Degree Requirements (for information purposes only here)

You must complete the five requirements listed below:

1. Fulfill the University Writing Skills Requirement;
2. Be Advanced to Candidacy;
3. Complete at least 45 quarter units applicable to your degree (45-52 in the Interdisciplinary Studies Major, 48 in Public Administration, 52-54 in Multimedia, 52-64 in the MBA, 72 in Counseling).
   - All units must be earned within the five calendar years immediately preceding the receipt of your degree. (Outdated units may be accepted for one additional year with the approval of your department and the Associate Vice President, Academic Programs and Graduate Studies. If not completed in the sixth year, currency in the subject matter of the outdated courses must be demonstrated. Courses older than seven years are only applied to the degree in exceptional circumstances.)
   - No more than 13 units, out of the total units required for your degree, can be completed when not in residence in your program (e.g., while at other schools, while an undergraduate with permission to take graduate courses, while pursuing an additional baccalaureate degree in "Unclassified Post-Baccalaureate" status, while enrolled in another graduate degree program, or while enrolled in Continuing Education courses-including Open University courses)*
   - At least 1/2 of the units in your program must be 6000-level
   - No lower division units can be counted
   - No more than 9 units of university thesis or 5 units of departmental thesis or project work can be counted
   - No more than 15 units may be in CR/NC courses (16 in Public Administration, 24 in Counseling)

4. Complete a program of study approved by your department, which must include a thesis, project, or comprehensive examination; and

5. Earn a 3.0 grade point average in all units counted towards your degree.

*Note: A change in the residency requirement is proposed in another action item.

BACKGROUND
INFORMATION: Currently there is no explicit statement regarding catalog rights for graduate students in the University Catalog. This action would add language consistent with language in the Undergraduate section of the catalog to the Graduate section of the catalog.