

Catalog Rights Cheat Sheet

GE Pattern	Use	Effective Term	Notes
CSU GE	AA/AS degree	Fall 2021	<p>Prior to Fall 2021, students could not use CSU GE to fulfill the GE requirements for the AA/AS degree</p> <p>Scenario #1: Student has pre-Fall 2021 catalog rights, completed all CSU GE requirements before stopping out and losing catalog rights – can apply for CSU GE certification without Area F and use this toward the AA/AS degree</p> <p>Scenario #2: Student has pre-Fall 2021 catalog rights, but is pursuing a degree effective Fall 2021 or later – needs to complete Area F toward the AA/AS degree</p>
IGETC	AA/AS degree	Fall 2021	<p>Prior to Fall 2021, students could not use IGETC to fulfill the GE requirements for the AA/AS degree</p>
CSU GE	Transfer	Fall 2021	<p>Prior to Fall 2021, students were required to take 3 courses in Area D and there was no Area F</p> <p>Students who began at a CCC or CSU prior to Fall 2021, and maintained continuous enrollment, will not be held to the Area F requirement due to their pre-2021 catalog rights</p>
IGETC	Transfer	Fall 2023	<p>Prior to Fall 2023, students were required to take 3 courses in Area 4 and there was no Area 7</p> <p>Students who began at a CCC or CSU prior to Fall 2023, and maintained continuous enrollment, will not be held to the Area 7 requirement based on their pre-2023 catalog rights</p>

CSU catalog rights policy:

An undergraduate remaining in “attendance” in regular sessions at any CSU campus, at any CCC, or any combination of CCCs and campuses of the CSU.

“Attendance” means attendance in at least one semester each calendar year.

GE catalog rights vs. major catalog rights

Students can use one catalog year for meeting GE requirements and another catalog year for meeting major requirements, so long as they maintain continuous enrollment.

Scenario: Student is earning the AS-T in Business Admin 2.0 (2023-2024 catalog year). Student has been attending GCC since Fall 2022 (has pre-2023 IGETC catalog rights). Therefore, student can use the pre-2023 IGETC catalog rights without Area 7 to fulfill the GE requirements to earn the ADT even though the major requirements are from the 2023-2024 catalog year.

GE catalog rights vs. GE approval dates

Students can follow the CSU GE or IGETC “catalog” based on the chart above, which is distinct from when a course was approved.

Scenario #1: Student has been attending GCC since Fall 2022 (has pre-2023 IGETC catalog rights). Student took ECON 127 in Fall 2023 (approved for IGETC Area 2A). Therefore, student can use pre-2023 IGETC catalog rights without Area 7 and use the ECON 127 because it was approved when the student took it.

Scenario #2: Student last attended GCC in Fall 2012 and took GERM 101 (approved for CSU GE Area C2 when they took it). Student does not have pre-Fall 2021 CSU GE catalog rights because they do not have continuous enrollment. Therefore, student will have to complete Area F, but already has Area C2 completed even though it was taken in a different catalog year.

In short, the term in which the student takes the course does not determine their GE catalog rights – the version of the GE pattern they follow – their continuous enrollment does.