

# Catalog Rights Proposal

## Current Language:

### Catalog Rights for Continuing Students

Provided that continuous enrollment is maintained, students may elect the degree or certificate requirements in which they have declared a major that is in effect at

- 1) the time of entrance to Hartnell College, or
- 2) any catalog thereafter. Continuous enrollment is defined as attendance at Hartnell College during both fall and spring semesters each year. Any academic report symbol ("A" through "F," "P," "NP," "I," "IP," "RD," "W") shall constitute enrollment. Upon reentry to the college after an absence, catalog rights will be reestablished using the current academic catalog determined by the student's semester/term of reentry.

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## Updated/Proposed Language: *Reference Chabot College, MPC and Long Beach CC*

### Catalog Rights for Students

A student has catalog rights for the purpose of meeting degree or certificate requirements by maintaining continuous attendance at Hartnell College. Graduation requirements are subject to change with each catalog. Catalog rights ensure that, although a catalog may change, applicable graduation requirements will always be those delineated in the selected catalog at the time of a student's enrollment.

Continuous attendance is defined as enrollment in at least one term during an academic year (Fall, Spring, Summer). A student who does not meet continuous attendance requirements during an academic year is considered to be a returning student and would follow the catalog requirements in effect at the time of their return. The academic year begins in the fall term. Students whose first semester of attendance is summer, would have catalog rights to the academic year immediately preceding the summer semester. Any academic record symbol such as (A through F, P, NP, CR, NC, I, IP, RD, EW, MW, W) shall constitute enrollment.

If there is an absence of at least one academic year and a student returns to Hartnell College, catalog rights will be reestablished using the current academic catalog determined by the student's semester/term of reentry to the College. If there is an absence of at least one academic year and a student does not re-enroll at Hartnell College, the student can choose either the degree or certificate requirements from a catalog during their time of continuous enrollment given they met all requirements for graduation. Students can also select the current catalog year requirements at the semester/term of submitting a graduation petition. Catalogs may change each academic year. It is advised that students meet with a counselor regularly to review any changes.

Requests for exception to this policy may be addressed by submitting a petition to the A&R designated administrator.