

Effective Catalog

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Academic/Catalog

Policy Owner: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Policy Statement:

Students enter Fort Lewis College on the catalog for the academic year in which they first matriculated. This will serve as the effective catalog for the student's degree requirements. Students may elect to use any of the next five iterations of the catalog after they matriculate, provided they maintain active student status. However, no catalog more than six years old at the time of graduation will be accepted as the source of graduation requirements.

Students graduating from Fort Lewis College must meet the degree program and course requirements for graduation set forth in the catalog in effect at the time of their matriculation or any subsequent catalog between then and the time of their graduation. Students must choose a primary degree (B.A. or B.S.) and catalog year. The Liberal Arts Core requirements from the student's primary degree and catalog will be counted towards all degree requirements. Students in multiple credential programs (majors, certificates, minors) may use multiple catalogs outside of the primary degree, provided no catalog more than six years old at the time of graduation is used.

If a student stops out of the College for one calendar year (three terms including summer), they must apply for re-admission to Fort Lewis College as a "returning student," and their effective catalog will be updated to the academic year in which they return. Returning students may elect to use any of the next five iterations of the catalog following their return but may not use a catalog that is more than six years old at the time of graduation.

A student who matriculated more than six years before graduation will meet the requirements of the catalog in effect at the time of graduation or may petition via the "Exception to Graduation Requirements" process to be permitted to graduate under some intervening catalog not more than six years old. The student must contact the Registrar's Office for more information regarding this process.