

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 9, 2025

TO: Andrew Klein, Ph.D.
Speaker, Faculty Senate

FROM: Kristen Harrell, Ph.D.
Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Texas A&M Student Rules

Attached please find proposed revisions to the Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee on Friday, June 6, 2025.

PROPOSAL

Rule 14.5 – Degree Requirements



JUSTIFICATION

Across the university, to change a student's catalog year on their degree, they must request the change through their department. Student rule 14.5 states "Students may choose to move to a later catalog", making it seem like the students can make this change whenever they wish. I am submitting this request to have the phrase "choose to" instead say "request to" in order to make it clear that they must first get permission from their department before it happens.

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14. Degree Requirements

Student Rule 14: Degree Requirements

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14.5 A student is expected to complete the baccalaureate degree course and hour requirements as outlined in the catalog in effect at the time he or she first enrolls at Texas A&M. A student transferring to Texas A&M from another institution may ~~choose~~ **request** to move to a Texas A&M University catalog in effect at the same time the student first enrolled at the institution from which the student transferred. Students may ~~choose~~ **request** to move to a later catalog. Normally, a student will not be granted a degree based upon completion of the requirements set forth in a catalog more than seven years old. Declaration of a change of catalog must be submitted to the [dean or designee](#), in writing, after the student has consulted with their academic advisor. It is incumbent on the student to verify that the change has been made. With the specific written approval of their dean, or designee, a student may vary their catalog course requirements. The baccalaureate degree requirements for a graduating student who first enrolled more than seven years prior to the time of graduation will be established by their dean, or designee.

The *Undergraduate Catalog* is published in the spring, and its provisions are applicable during the next long session, September through August. A student who registers for the first time in the university during a summer session is subject to the degree requirements set forth in the catalog effective for the fall semester immediately following their initial enrollment or any catalog issued in the following six years.

The diploma of the university, with the appropriate degree, will be granted to the student who has made formal application for the degree, has all grades on record in the registrar's office by no later than 5 p.m. Friday, the first week of classes of the succeeding semester or summer term following commencement, and has satisfied the requirements outlined below: