Georgia State University Policy

2.40.04 Courses Listed in University Catalogs

Policy Summary

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Full Policy Text

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Administration of Policy

Mandating Authority:
University Senate

Responsible Office(s):
Office of the Registrar, 2nd floor Sparks Hall, 3-2275
Senate Committee on Admissions and Standards

Responsible Executive(s):

Policy History

Approving Body: Senate

Rationale or Purpose

A. Course listings constitute the basis for the selection of courses by many students, and although
these listings must be brief, they should provide students with basic information about the courses.

B. Courses should be included in the catalogs only if it is reasonable for a student to expect that courses listed will be taught sometime within the following three years.

C. Without a systematic and periodic review of the course listings, courses which have not been taught for a reasonable period of time may remain in the University catalogs indefinitely. Continuing to list such courses is misleading to students.

D. Colleges can develop procedures for reviewing course listings for courses which have not been taught and for considering the reinstatement of those which have previously been dropped from the catalogs.

E. Courses which have been dropped from the catalog may subsequently be taught if provisions for doing so are included in college procedures.

Additional Information

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Additional Helpful Resources