

With the new [CSU General Education Breadth Requirements](#), effective for fall 2021 and subsequent catalog years, there are questions arising around catalog rights. The change in CSU General Education Breadth requirements were implemented to comply with [AB1460](#) which required an Ethnic Studies requirement. One question that has recently come up is regarding catalog rights and high school students taking dual enrollment courses.

The CSU catalog rights are outlined in [Section 40401](#) and this section indicates an “undergraduate” student. We treat dual enrollment students as first-time freshman as defined in section [40601](#) - *The term “first-time freshman” means an applicant who has earned college credit not later than the end of the summer immediately following high school graduation or an applicant who has not earned any college credit.*

This is more advantageous to these students as they are not held to any transfer admission requirements and their college credit is treated as honors courses, dually counted for HS admission requirements and transferred in as college credit.

Catalog rights only pertain to undergraduate students. High school students are first-time freshman for admission, regardless of how many college credits they transfer. A student becomes an undergraduate *by earning college units after high school graduation in the first regular academic term (fall).*

It is also important to note that students intending to transfer to UCs should carefully weigh the units they are taking as they may have issues later if they wish to transfer. This document may be helpful - <https://www.sdmesa.edu/student-services/transfer-center/documents/uc-transfer-maximum-limitation-policy-chart.pdf>.

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