WHAT'S NEW IN THIS CATALOG 2025-2026

All revisions are effective Fall 2025

Academic Affairs Canvas Site

View (https://learn.vccs.edu/courses/276224/pages/academic-affairs-webinars/) our latest webinars on Academic Affairs. You may need to register first at https://learn.vccs.edu/enroll/EK8XFA (https://portal.my.vccs.edu/idp/AuthnEngine/#/authn).

Transfer VA Curricular Changes (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/curricular-changes/)

We kindly remind you to stay up to date with the latest updates regarding the statewide Transfer VA initiative changes to NOVA courses by regularly checking our Academic Affairs site. Our site is the best resource to track these curricular changes and the programs they impact.

New Degrees

Health Sciences: Public Health Major, A.S. (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/programs/health-sciences-as/)

Social Sciences: History Major, A.S. (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/programs/social-sciences-history-major-as/)

Liberal Arts: Deaf Studies Major, A.A. (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/programs/liberal-arts-deaf-studies-major-aa/) - This degree moved from Social Sciences to Liberal Arts

Degrees Switched from Specialization to Major with Minor Revisions and New Program Codes

Liberal Arts: Art History Major, A.A. (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/programs/liberal-arts-art-history-major-aa/)

Liberal Arts: Communication Studies Major, A.A. (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/programs/liberal-arts-communication-studies-major-aa/)

Liberal Arts: Deaf Studies Major, A.A. (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/programs/liberal-arts-deaf-studies-major-aa/)

Liberal Arts: English Major, A.A. (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/programs/liberal-arts-english-major-aa/)

Liberal Arts: International Studies Major, A.A. (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/programs/liberal-arts-international-studies-major-aa/)

Science: Mathematics Major, A.S. (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/programs/science-mathematics-major-as/)

Social Sciences: Political Science Major, A.S. (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/programs/social-sciences-political-science-major-as/)

Degrees with New Program Code

Liberal Arts, A.A. (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/programs/liberal-arts-aa/) - 648

Science, A.S. (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/programs/science-as/) - 880

Social Sciences, A.S. (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/programs/social-sciences-as/) - 882

Discontinued Programs

Criminal Justice: Advanced Forensic Investigation, C.S.C. Discontinued Fall 2025 (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=3701)

Criminal Justice: General Forensic Investigation, C.S.C. Discontinued Fall 2025 (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=3700)

Criminal Justice: National Security, C.S.C. Discontinued Fall 2025 (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=3703)

Social Sciences: Geospatial Specialization, A.S. - Discontinued Effective Fall 2025 (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=3776)

Course Title and Course Description Changes

ART 153 Ceramics Handbuilding I - Handbuilding I

ART 154 Ceramics Wheel Throwing I - Wheel Throwing I

ART 160 Film Production

ART 161 Cinematography - Cinematography

ART 235 Ceramics Handbuilding II - Handbuilding II

ART 236 Sculptural Ceramics - Wheel Throwing II

ART 237 Ceramics Glaze Formulation and Firing - Glaze Formulation and Firing

General Education Elective Changes

ADJ 100 Survey of Criminal Justice now counts as a Social/Behavioral Science Elective.

Next Discontinued Programs Expiring Summer 2026

Reminder: Students in programs that have been discontinued must graduate within 3 years from the term of discontinuance.

Curriculum Code	Degree Type	Name of Program	Discontinuation Date	Last Date to Graduate
5550	A.A.	Music	Fall 2023	Summer 2026
5590	A.A.A.	Music	Fall 2023	Summer 2026
2650	Certificate	Professional Writing	Fall 2023	Summer 2026
6995	A.S.	Health Sciences (all students must be moved to the 620 Program code)	Fall 2023	Summer 2026
8822	A.S.	Teacher Education	Fall 2023	Summer 2026

Seven Year Rule for Catalog Years

To fulfill the requirements for graduation, the Catalog used for certifying the student's completion of their academic program must not be older than seven years from the date of their graduation. Please see below an example for guidance on how to measure when a student catalog year expires.

Catalog Year 2019-2020

Students placed in the following catalog terms in SIS are considered to be placed in the 2019-2020 catalog year: Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020

Catalog Year	Placement
Fall 2019-Summer 2020	1st Academic Year
Fall 2020-Summer 2021	2nd Academic Year
Fall 2021-Summer 2022	3rd Academic Year
Fall 2022-Summer 2023	4th Academic Year
Fall 2023-Summer 2024	5th Academic Year
Fall 2024-Summer 2025	6th Academic Year
Fall 2025-Summer 2026	7th Academic Year

Last Term to Graduate is Summer 2026

The table below outlines the 'Seven Year Rule' for catalog years, indicating the last date by which students must complete their degree requirements based on the academic year they entered.

Catalog Year	Last Date to Graduate
Fall 2019-Summer 2020	Summer 2026
Fall 2020-Summer 2021	Summer 2027
Fall 2021-Summer 2022	Summer 2028
Fall 2022-Summer 2023	Summer 2029
Fall 2023-Summer 2024	Summer 2030
Fall 2024-Summer 2025	Summer 2031
Fall 2025-Summer 2026	Summer 2032