Walden Catalog and Student Handbook

Introduction

Log in to the Walden Catalog (http://catalog.waldenu.edu); this takes you to the main page of the most current catalog. Catalogs contain information about programs, courses, and curricula. The catalog is the student’s primary resource for academic information.

To access the current handbook, open the drop-down menu in the upper right of the home page by clicking on the down arrow. Choose the current handbook and click Go. The handbook is a compilation of University policies and procedures.

The Walden University Student Handbook is the primary resource for academic policies and procedures, academic and student resources, and financial services policies for Walden students. The handbook is available only on this website.

Students who are admitted for, and enrolled during, the 2012–2013 academic year are subject to the policies and procedures described in this Walden University Student Handbook. The University reserves the right to change any provision, offering, requirement, or fee at any time within the student’s enrollment period.

The Walden University Catalog and Student Handbook are updated quarterly—in September, December, March, and June. The most recent version of the catalog is the default publication, but you can access the current handbook or other catalogs from the current academic year by opening the drop-down menu in the upper-right corner of this page, making a selection, and then clicking Go. Older catalogs are available by selecting the Archived Catalogs link in the side navigation pane.

Students who are enrolled during the 2012–2013 academic year are subject to the degree requirements described in the Walden University Catalog for the academic year in which they were admitted.

Additionally, students are subject to the policies and procedures described in the most current Walden University Student Handbook, regardless of the academic year in which they were admitted. The University reserves the right to change any provision, offering, requirement, or fee at any time within the student’s enrollment period.

Student Catalog

Tour of the Home Page

The banner at the top of the page shows Walden’s logo and the tag line—“A Higher Degree. A Higher Purpose.” The “Student Publications” title indicates that this site houses not only the Catalog and Handbook but also is home to the University’s guidebooks:
• A Guide to the Knowledge Area Modules: Making the KAMs Work for You; The Dissertation Guidebook
• The Doctoral Study Guidebook
• The Thesis Guidebook

You can access these guidebooks by selecting University Guidebooks from the “Select Catalog or Handbook” drop-down menu.

Just beneath the search box on the home page where you select your book are two icons. The first (printer) icon allows you to create a print-friendly page of the current page. The second icon (question mark) takes you to a help page. These icons are on most or all pages of the books, both at the top and the bottom of the pages. On the interior pages, a third icon (star) is included. Clicking on the star icon allows you to add and/or save frequently accessed information in your MyPages folder.

The side navigation pane includes links to major sections of the book. The link items change depending upon which publication you choose—catalog, handbook, or University guidebook—but they are the same for all pages within a given publication. At the top of the left navigation pane is a search box. If you are not sure where the information you seek is in the book (which section it is in), type your entry into the search box and hit Enter or click on the magnifying glass. A list of possible choices appears, broken down by categories. The “Advanced Search” feature allows users to enter a keyword or phrase and check only certain sections to limit the search to those specific categories. Another way to determine how to find specific information is to access the “Where to Look” chart from the home page. This chart lists commonly searched items and indicates in which book you will find the information.

Toward the bottom of the side navigation pane is a link to Course Descriptions—all courses that are currently live for all programs—approximately 3,000 courses. The Faculty and Administration link takes you to pages listing the current Faculty Members and administrators for each program, school, and college.

Do you prefer a PDF? Click on Downloadable Current Catalog (PDF), and you can access a PDF of the entire catalog. The MyPages link allows you to create an account to save frequently needed pages of programs, courses, links, and searches.

The main part of the page has general information and links to interior pages (subsections within the main sections) of the book. Most pages show "Go to Information..." links which, when clicked, display more information about that section.

At the bottom of the page are links to other University websites and pages that may be of use and interest to you, as a student.
Structure

The hierarchy of the catalog is similar to the organizational structure of the University. The University has five colleges:

- The Richard W. Riley College of Education and Leadership
- College of Health Sciences
- College of Management and Technology
- College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- College of Undergraduate Studies.

The College of Health Sciences, College of Management and Technology, and College of Social and Behavioral Sciences are further divided into schools, which house the range of programs offered. The schools in the College of Health Sciences are School of Health Sciences and the School of Nursing. The College of Management and Technology is comprised of the School of Information Systems and Technology and the School of Management. The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences includes the School of Counseling, the School of Psychology, the School of Public Policy and Administration, and the School of Social Work and Human Services.

To find information about a specific program, click on the name of the college in the side navigation bar. The contents for that college appears with links to the schools and programs within the schools. Some programs are further divided into concentrations (for undergraduate programs) or specializations (for graduate programs), the major areas of study within the program. Certificate degrees are also listed in the college contents page.

On the main program page there is a description of the program, learning outcomes, degree requirements, courses, and program data. Some programs also have course sequence charts and licensure information. All of this information is available by clicking on the main program page.

The courses listed on the program, concentration, and/or specialization pages are also links that open up to display the course description. Some courses are designated with a ♦ symbol. The ♦ indicates that the course is available to be taken individually and not only as part of a degree program.

The only center listed within the catalog is the Center for Student Success because that center develops and offers specific courses to help students improve and succeed in their pursuit of a degree.
Student Handbook

Tour of the Home Page

The home page of the Handbook is very similar to the home page of the Catalog, with all of the same features. The primary difference is that the links in the side navigation pane are unique to the sections of the Handbook.

It is important for you to see the hierarchy of information within each section as some sections have links that go down three levels deep. Near the top of the side navigation pane is a link to Contents. The Contents pages show the order, organization, and structure of information in the handbook within each section.

Structure

The Walden University Student Handbook provides access to help undergraduate and graduate students quickly locate and search University policies, procedures, and resources. This book is divided into major categories, which are links in the side navigation pane. Select Admission, Academic Policies and Procedures, the Academic Calendar, Learning Resources, Student Support Services, Financial Aid Policies, or other topics to access information that is both University-wide and school-specific. Each of the main sections includes links to subsections and descriptions.

If, at any time, you have questions about where to find a specific answer or need clarification of a procedure or policy, you may contact your Academic Advisor. He or she is available to help.

My Pages

You can add important content to your My Pages area for customized website navigation.

1. Click on My Pages on the side navigation menu of the Walden Catalog or Student Handbook home page.
2. Then click Create an Account to create your user account.
3. Start customizing your My Pages by clicking on the Add to My Pages link when you are on a content area you would like to save for future reference.
4. A pop-up window takes you to your My Pages area.
5. Your My Pages displays the links you saved.