

Dixie State University Policy

527 Student Athlete Progress Toward Degree



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I. Purpose

- 1.1 Dixie State University (DSU) ensures that all student-athletes participating in intercollegiate athletics at DSU meet academic and progress toward degree requirements set forth by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

II. Scope

- 2.1 All student-athletes who are on an official DSU team roster are held to the academic requirements and progress toward degree expectations set forth in this policy. Those who do not meet the set requirements risk being declared academically ineligible for competition or practice in intercollegiate athletics at DSU.

III. Definitions

- 3.1 **Student-Athlete:** A Dixie State University student who participates in an official competitive sport sponsored by the institution. The athletic department determines which sports are officially sponsored by the institution. Intramural and club teams are not considered official or sponsored sports.
- 3.2 **Team Roster:** A list of student-athletes who are a part of an official sponsored sport offered at Dixie State University. The athletic department determines and keeps record of all team rosters.

IV. Policy

- 4.1 In order to practice and compete in an athletic program, student-athletes will comply with the following NCAA and institutional satisfactory progress requirements:

- 4.1.1 New student-athletes must be enrolled, and remain enrolled, in a full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate degree.
- 4.1.2 Student-athletes must declare a major and make progress toward that specific degree prior to their fifth semester of collegiate enrollment and be eligible by all NCAA standards.
- 4.1.3 Student-athletes that have already received a baccalaureate degree must be enrolled in either 12 credits leading to a second baccalaureate degree or 9 credit hours leading toward a graduate degree.
- 4.1.4 Continuing student-athletes must enroll in a minimum of 12 credits each semester.
- 4.1.5 Continuing student-athletes must have received a passing grade in an average of 12 or more credits towards a Baccalaureate degree during each of their previous fall and spring semesters, or they must have received a passing grade in 24 or more credits toward a Baccalaureate degree since the beginning of the previous fall term.
- 4.1.6 Continuing student-athletes must receive a passing grade in at least 75 percent of the semester credits required for degree progress during fall and spring semesters (e.g., no more than six credits taken during summer will count toward satisfactory progress).
- 4.1.7 Student-athletes must receive a passing grade in at least nine credits toward their Baccalaureate degree each fall and spring semester in order to be eligible to compete during the following semester.
- 4.2 To fulfill the "satisfactory completion" requirements, a student-athlete must achieve a minimum cumulative grade-point average (GPA, based on a maximum of a 4.000) of a 2.000 as measured at the beginning of the fall term, or at the beginning of any other regular term of the academic year.
 - 4.2.1 First year freshman student athletes are not required to have a cumulative 2.000 GPA until the end of their second full time semester.
- 4.3 All credits that apply to the student-athlete's degree (e.g., part-time, transfer, advanced placement, and other types of credit) shall be used in determining the number of semester credits completed, and all applicable credits will be included in the calculation of the minimum GPA requirements.

V. References

- 5.1 NCAA Division II Manual (<https://www.ncaapublications.com/>)

VI. Procedures

- 6.1 All student athletes will be checked and certified that they are meeting all progress toward degree requirements at the beginning and end of every semester. All certification is done by the Eligibility Coordinator and is also verified by the Athletic Compliance Office, Athletic Director or Faculty Athletic Representative each semester.

VII. Addenda- N/A

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