ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY POLICY

Student-athletes must recognize that they are a student first and foremost and maximizing academic success should be their first priority. In order to maintain eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics at Eastern University, student-athletes must maintain satisfactory progress towards their degree in terms of both grades and credit hours. The following section identifies how Eastern University defines satisfactory progress.

All eligibility decisions are made by the Assistant AD for Compliance. The following guidelines are designed to aid student-athletes as they pursue both academic and athletic success.

1. Student-athletes must carry 12 or more credit hours per semester. Dropping below 12 credits will result in immediate athletic ineligibility and may impact the student-athlete's financial aid award and campus housing arrangement.

2. All student-athletes must satisfactorily complete (earn) 24 credits within a given academic calendar year. Summer courses may be used to regain satisfactory progress but must be pre-approved through the Registrar's Office.

3. First year student-athletes must maintain an overall (cumulative) GPA of 1.750 by the end of their first semester.

4. Acceptable academic progress thereafter is defined by number of credits earned and a corresponding required overall GPA:
   - 1-24 credit hours earned = 1.750 overall GPA
   - 25-42 credit hours earned = 1.850 overall GPA
   - 43-55 credit hours earned = 1.950 overall GPA
   - 55+ credit hours earned = 2.000 overall GPA

5. Student-athletes' academic progress will be monitored by the Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance during the mid-term review and at the end of each semester.

6. Mid-term warnings will be sent to each respective coach and corrective action as deemed necessary will be taken by the coach to help ensure good academic standing.

7. Student-athletes who fail to achieve the required GPA for their classification and/or who do not earn the required number of credits within a given academic calendar year are placed on academic probation and become ineligible for athletic competition.

Like all students, student-athletes on academic probation are potentially subject to further consequences from the University. Refer to the University Catalog for further information on academic dismissal and the appeal process.

CLASS ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

It is the expectation of the athletic department that all student-athletes attend classes regularly, and submit assignments on time. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to notify their professors, well in advance, of any class time that will be missed due to an athletic contest. By both NCAA rules and University policy, practice time is not an excuse to miss class.

The University does not currently hold a campus-wide approved absence policy for student-athletes. However, our faculty have been accommodating when an athlete needs to miss class under the following circumstances:
   - Student-athlete communicates absences in a timely fashion. This should be done at the beginning of the semester with a reminder the week of the conflict.
   - Student-athlete is making necessary progress toward success in the class.
   - Student-athlete does not miss class any time other than for games.
   - Student-athlete turns in all assignments, and takes tests on time.
   - Student-athletes are not allowed to miss class to practice or play in a non-traditional season contest. This is an NCAA regulation.

If a student-athlete’s grade is in question because of absences due to participation in athletics, the student-athlete should notify the Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) immediately. Dr. Tom Franek can be reached by email at tfranek@eastern.edu or by phone at 610-225-5670.