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Academic Eligibility

Satisfactory Progress Requirements

While you are a student athlete at the University of Wisconsin, you will be held accountable for your ongoing eligibility. Although the Academic Services staff is here to assist you, it still is a good idea for you to become familiar with the basic rules and what is required to be in line with them. This involves a number of things, i.e., carrying the correct number of credits, maintaining a sufficient grade point average, declaring a major, and being able to prove that you can graduate within five (5) years of starting at the UW.

You have five (5) years to compete for four (4) years - this allows for a red shirt season. Within each of those five (5) years you are expected to maintain a satisfactory **qualitative (GPA)** and **quantitative (credits)** progress as follows. Keep in mind you **must carry** a minimum of 12 credits each semester in order to practice and compete.

Big Ten Starting Year of Residence#	Minimum Required Credits Completed#	Minimum Cumulative GPA (Big Ten)#	Cumulative GPA (UW)#
1 (2nd Semester)#	12#	1.65#	#
2#	24#	1.8#	2.0 *#
3#	51#	1.9#	2.0 *#
4#	78#	2.0#	2.0 *#
5#	105#	2.0#	2.0 *#

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* Consult Specific College#

Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes

- All freshmen must have completed 12 credits with a minimum 1.65 G.P.A. before starting the second semester in order to practice and compete. The first 24 credits **MUST** be taken on the UW Madison campus.

For Example: You carry 12 credits first semester freshman year – you earn 9 credits of BC and 3 credits of F. Your GPA for the semester is a 1.87 – you are eligible. You carried the 12 credits to completion (meaning you did not drop below 12 credits), you did not pass all credits, but you still have above a 1.65 GPA – you are eligible. *Remember you will need to make up these 3 credits on the UW Madison campus to attain 24 credits by the end of the academic year.*

- All first-year students (**freshmen**) **MUST** complete the first 24 credits on the Madison campus.
- All student athletes must carry a minimum of **12 credits each semester** to be eligible to practice and compete. We will put a block on your record preventing you from dropping below full time status – see your academic advisor if you wish to drop below 12 credits.
- Semester Eligibility: All student athletes must be eligible on the first day of classes of the given semester to qualify to compete that semester.

- All student athletes entering the fifth semester must declare a major in writing to a specific college.
- All student athletes entering the seventh semester must present a graduation matrix in writing to The Office of Academic Services. In many cases this is a current copy of your DARS report and a list of classes needed to graduate all must be signed by your on-campus advisor.

Computing Cumulative GPA for Competition

- All grades are used in GPA computation.
- All incompletes count as failures until satisfied.
- All NW grades count as failures for Big Ten GPA computation.
- Grades from other institutions are not used in GPA computation.

UW Classification #	Degree Credit Hours Earned #
Freshman #	1 - 23#
Sophomore #	24 - 53#
Junior #	54 - 85#
Senior #	86 +#

Athletic Eligibility by Term and Year

#	Fall #	Spring #	Notes #
Freshmen #	Must enroll and carry through to end of term 12 credits and earn a minimum 1.65 semester GPA. #	Must enroll in and carry through to end of term 12 credits and earn a minimum 1.65 semester GPA. Must have successfully completed 6 credits previous term. #	Must successfully complete 18 credits in fall/spring terms. (*75/25 if began prior to fall 2003). Six credits of remedial courses can count toward the quantitative credit requirement in the freshmen and sophomore years. #
Sophomore	Must have successfully completed 6 credits previous spring term. Must begin term with	Must begin term with min. 1.80 cumulative GPA. Must have successfully completed	Must successfully complete 18 credits in fall/spring. (*75/25 if began prior to fall 2003). Remedial credits taken sophomore year can count toward the 18 in regular terms and toward the 6 passed credits but not toward the quantitative requirement (i.e. 51 credits in fall). #

	<p>minimum 1.80 cum GPA and 24 earned credits in residence (UW-Madison).</p> <p>Students not meeting this will be ineligible the entire sophomore year. #</p>	6 credits previous term. #	
Junior #	<p>51 earned credits and 1.90 cum GPA.</p> <p>Must have declared a major program of study or have pre-major approval on file.</p> <p>Must have 40% of degree requirements complete at start of term.</p> <p>Must have successfully completed 6 credits previous spring term. #</p>	<p>Must begin term with min. 1.90 cumulative GPA.</p> <p>Must have successfully completed 6 (degree applicable) credits previous term.</p> <p>Must have 5 yr graduation verified by faculty advisor. #</p>	<p>At the beginning of the junior year, remedial credits taken in freshmen year can no longer count toward quantitative requirement.</p> <p>Must successfully complete 18 credits in fall/spring (*75/25 if began prior to fall 2003). #</p>
Senior #	<p>Must begin term with minimum 78 credits and 2.00 cum GPA.</p> <p>Must have 60% of degree</p>	<p>Must begin term with min. 2.00 cumulative GPA.</p> <p>Must have successfully completed 6 credits</p>	<p>Must successfully complete 18 credits in fall/spring (*75/25 if began prior to fall 2003).</p> <p>May be enrolled in less than 12 credits if department verifies that student will graduate at end of that term. #</p>

	<p>requirements complete at start of term.</p> <p>Must have successfully completed 6 credits previous spring term. #</p>	<p>previous term.</p> <p>Must have 5 yr. graduation verified by faculty advisor. #</p>	
5th Year #	<p>Must begin term with minimum 105 credits and 2.00 cum GPA.</p> <p>Must have 80% of degree requirements complete at start of term.</p> <p>Must have successfully completed 6 credits previous spring term. #</p>	<p>Must begin term with min. 2.00 cumulative GPA.</p> <p>Must have successfully completed 6 credits previous term. #</p>	<p>May be enrolled in less than 12 credits if department verifies that student will graduate at end of that term. #</p>

Effective Dates #	
Date Effective #	New Requirement #
Fall 2003 for all student-athletes #	<p>Must pass 6 credits each term beginning Fall 2003 and thereafter. Prior to junior year, credits may be applicable toward any degree program. Junior year and after, credits must count toward student's specific degree program. #</p>
Effective August 1, 2003: for those student athletes first entering a collegiate institution full time on or after 8-01-03. #	<p>Must pass at least 18 total credits in fall/spring terms.</p> <p>Transfer students will be held to above however credits don't have to be transferable.</p> <p>Allowable remedial credits go from 12 to 9.</p> <p>Missed term prorated credits go from 12 to 9 credits. Required percentage of degree requirements go from 25/50/75 to 40/60/80 (Note: This won't have an impact until Fall 2005 when these students enter their fifth semester.) #</p>

How to Calculate Your GPA

The university determines your grade-point-average (GPA) by figuring the number of grade points earned and dividing that total by the number of credits you are attempting. Here is a step-by-step explanation.

The chart below shows the grade point scale. Each letter grade is assigned a certain number of grade points for each credit the course carries. For example, an "A" is worth four grade points per credit, while an "F" receives zero points per credit.

Letter Grade	Grade Point Value
A #	4.0 #
AB #	3.5 #
B #	3.0 #
BC #	2.5 #
C #	2.0 #
D #	1.0 #
F #	0.0 #

Multiply the number of grade points by the number of credits the course carries. For example, if you receive an "AB" for a four-credit course, multiply 3.5 (the grade points assigned to an AB) by 4 (the number of credits) to get 14 points. Repeat the calculation for each course.

Note: Courses taken credit/no credit, satisfactory/unsatisfactory and audited are not included in the GPA.

Add together the grade points for each course and divide by the total number of credits to determine GPA.

Example #			
Class #	Credits	Grade	Grade Point
Comm Arts 100	3 #	A #	12 #
Geography 127	5 #	C #	10 #
Math 112 #	3 #	AB #	10.5 #
Psych 202 #	3 #	BC #	7.5 #
Totals #	14 #	#	40 #
$40 / 14 = 2.857 \#$			

Additional marks not associated with a letter grade that may appear on your transcript include:

- **I** – Incomplete, a temporary grade used when work is not completed during a term. The symbol IN will be used to indicate an incomplete in a Cr/N course.
- **P** – Progress, a temporary grade used for courses extending beyond one term. The final grade determines the grade for each term and replaces P grades for the course.
- **DR** – Dropped, recorded for any course officially dropped later than two days before the last day to add courses.

- **NW** – No work is used to indicate that a student never attended the class and no work was submitted.

75% - 25% Requirement

Each student athlete must earn at least 75 percent of the semester credit hours required for satisfactory progress during the regular academic year. The student athlete may not earn more than 25 percent of the semester credit hours used to meet satisfactory progress requirements during the summer.

Example A:

Joe E. enrolled at the university in September 1998. During his first academic year, Joe completed 23 credit hours. In addition, Joe completed 3 credits during the summer. During the 1999-00 academic year Joe completed 13 credit hours. During the summer he completed nine credits. Joe E. needs 48 credits to meet NCAA requirements for satisfactory academic progress (Big Ten requires 51). Joe E. has completed 48 credits. According to the 75% rule, 36 credit hours (or $48 \times .75$), must be earned during the regular academic year. Joe E. is eligible.

Example B:

Sue Z. enrolled at the university in September 2000. During her first academic year, Sue earned 17 credit hours. She attempted to take 7 credits during the summer. Although the 7 summer credits would have given Sue 24 credits for the year, she was academically ineligible because she did not earn 75 percent of the necessary credits during the academic year. Sue Z. is ineligible.

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