

NCAA Division I Student Athlete Guide

We appreciate the work you do to help your students and advisees on campus, including our student-athletes. We do not expect academic advisors to stay informed on all the NCAA rules and regulations for eligibility. We do hope, however, the following information will help you as you advise TU student-athletes. Please feel free to contact the OASiS staff member listed for the appropriate sport if you have questions regarding any of our student-athletes.

- Student-athletes must be enrolled full-time (12 credits for undergraduates, 9 for graduates) each semester to maintain NCAA eligibility for practice and competition. If a student-athlete wishes to drop below 12 hours, permission must be obtained from The Office of Academic & Student Services (OASiS). A student-athlete who drops below full-time status will immediately render himself/herself ineligible to compete and practice and potentially have financial aid consequences.
 - Exception: A student-athlete may be enrolled less than full-time if they are in the final credits needed for graduation.
- Student-athletes must declare a major and minor (if required by their college) by the start of their fifth academic-year semester (that is, fall and spring), typically fall of junior year.
- If a student-athlete is on athletic scholarship, the athletics department will provide funding (renewable on an annual basis per NCAA rules) for one degree for a student-athlete to graduate within a four-year period.
 - Exceptions: A student-athlete still has eligibility remaining after year four because they were redshirted or received a medical hardship waiver(s). Student-athletes in this group may seek a second major, add a minor, graduate and declare a second degree, or graduate school in order to maximize their academic goals within the time they have eligibility remaining.
 - Exceptions: A student-athlete completed his or her eligibility within four years but has not yet graduated with one undergraduate degree. Student-athletes in this group will apply for a 5th year of athletic scholarship funding in order to graduate on time.
- The majority of sports teams practice between 2:00-6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. Some of our teams have morning workouts or practices between 6:00-8:00am.
- During the course advising period, please provide student-athletes with several course options, if possible. Oftentimes recommended courses may conflict with practice times. It is our hope to try and avoid conflicts if possible, so having some substitutions is very helpful.
- Student-athletes are not permitted to miss class for any athletic-related reason other than for competitions, which has been noted on the travel notices sent out to faculty by the Registrar's office. Student-athletes are expected to attend every class except for those days identified in the student-athlete travel notice. They are also expected to communicate with you about these absences and how to make up missed work ahead of time and according to their faculty member's guidelines.
- Student-athletes often get physically injured while representing the university in practice and competition. If this occurs the Associate Athletic Director for Academic & Student Services will forward medical documentation (either concussion or surgeries) from the Sports Medicine Department to the student-athlete's current faculty, appropriate Associate Dean of the student's college, Director of Student Access, the Senior Associate Athletics Director for Compliance, and the Faculty Athletics

- Representative, and provide updates on the student's clearance for the NCAA return-to-learn policy to the faculty within the university Dropguard system.
- Student-athletes in the sports of football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, and men's and women's soccer are approved to take summer school courses before matriculation and throughout their academic career, so this can help alleviate scheduling issues during the academic year with particular classes.
 - Some student-athletes wish to graduate early so that they can either pursue professional sport opportunities, or in order to complete both an undergraduate and graduate degree while they are competing at Tulsa. This may also be possible, given summer school or fifth year opportunities.
 - We expect student-athletes to advocate for themselves for their scheduling needs.
 - Excessive electives are not degree applicable, so student-athletes are not able to just enroll in anything to be full-time. They should stay on track with degree applicable courses as much as possible.
 - Student-athletes on the football team have a 9-hour rule in which they must successfully pass a minimum of 9 hours during the fall semester. Students who do not successfully pass 9 hours in the fall lose 4 games of competition the following season.

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Sport Seasons:

- Fall Term Sports:
Football, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Volleyball, Men's and Women's Soccer
- Spring Term Sports:
Softball, Women's and Men's Track
- Sports Crossing Both Fall and Spring Terms:
Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Golf, Men's and Women's Tennis, Rowing

The following chart summarizes the NCAA continuing eligibility information:

Semester of Enrollment	NCAA Continuing Eligibility & Satisfactory Progress Requirements
1st Sem	Must be certified by the NCAA Initial Eligibility Center
3rd Sem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 semester credits • 18 credits earned during academic year • 90% of GPA for graduation (1.80) • Six degree applicable credits/term • A maximum of six semester hours of remedial courses may be used in the first year
5th Sem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40% of degree requirements • 18 credits earned during academic year • 95% of GPA for graduation (1.90) • Six degree applicable credits/term • Declaration of degree program
7th Sem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60% of degree requirements • 18 credits earned during academic year • 100% of GPA for graduation (2.00) • Six degree applicable credits/term
9th Sem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% of degree requirements • 18 credits earned during academic year • 100% of GPA for graduation (2.00) • Six degree applicable credits/term
Post-Graduate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six-degree applicable credits/term • Maintain 2.00 cumulative GPA