

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETES

Student-athletes must be eligible according to the regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II and the academic eligibility standards of Frostburg State University. Specifically, in order to be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics, student-athletes must meet the following criteria:

1. Be regularly admitted as a degree-seeking student.
2. At the time of participation in intercollegiate athletics, be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Incoming freshmen must be classified as a Final Qualifier by the Eligibility Center to participate during their first year.
3. At the time of participation in intercollegiate athletics, be registered for and maintain enrollment in 12 or more credit hours, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Student-athletes may practice and compete during the vacation period immediately preceding initial enrollment provided they meet all other eligibility requirements.
 - b. Undergraduate students enrolled in their final semester of a baccalaureate program, who is certified as enrolled in all courses required to complete degree requirements by the Registrar's Office, may practice and compete while enrolled in less than 12 credit hours with the approval of the Assistant Director of Athletics for Compliance and Certification.
 - c. Graduate students who previously attended this institution as an undergraduate may practice and compete while enrolled in a minimum of nine credit hours with the approval of the Assistant Director of Athletics for Compliance and Certification.
4. Student-athletes may participate in a maximum of four seasons of competition in any one sport during the first 10 semesters (15 quarters) of full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution.
5. Prior to participation, transfer students' eligibility must be reviewed by the Assistant Director of Athletics for Compliance and Certification and the Director of Special Academic Services in accordance with NCAA rules and regulations.
6. Continuing or readmitted students must meet **all** of the following eligibility standards:
 - a. Pass a minimum of 9 credits during the preceding academic semester.
 - b. Pass a minimum of 18 credits for the Fall and Spring semesters combined.
 - c. Pass a minimum of 24 credits since the beginning of the previous Fall semester. This includes Intersession and Summer courses.
 - d. By the beginning of the fifth full-time semester, declare an academic major as proof of normal progress towards the degree.
 - e. After the beginning of the fifth full-time semester, all courses

- completed must count in the student-athlete's declared degree program.
- f. Meet the minimum academic progress standards defined for your academic level (see table on this page), with the following exceptions:
7. If you are ineligible at the beginning of a semester, you may become eligible mid-semester under the following circumstances. In any of these circumstances, you will not be eligible until the grade change is officially recorded in the Registrar's Office.
 - i. Successful completion of a course in which you earned an incomplete (I) grade.
 - ii. An official grade change.
 - iii. A grade change due to recognition of an institutional error.
 8. If a student-athlete is allowed to re-enroll on academic probation or based on a successful appeal of academic dismissal, or the student-athlete is readmitted on academic probation, he/she will not be allowed to participate in athletics unless his/her Frostburg State University cumulative grade point average meets the minimum specified above for the number of semesters of enrollment, and the student-athlete has met all other eligibility standards outlined on this page (credit hours, progress toward degree, etc.).
 9. Requests for the application of the exceptions specified above must be submitted to the individual or committee listed. Requests for waivers of NCAA regulations must be submitted to the Assistant Director of Athletics for Compliance and Certification for approval and transmission to the appropriate authorities.

Minimum Academic Progress Standards for Athletes

Semester at FSU Frostburg State ¹	Minimum Cumulative GPA ²
First & Second	1.65
Prior to Third or more	2.00

¹Semester at Frostburg State = number of semesters enrolled at FSU, including current semester and excluding summer and intersession.

²Cumulative FSU GPA = all letter grades (A, B, C, D, F, FX, WF) earned in all courses attempted at Frostburg State University, excluding prior grades in courses repeated at FSU and grade forgiveness. Enrollment at schools other than FSU can not improve the GPA because credits, not grades, transfer from these institutions.