

# **NCAA Academic Updates**

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# **Update on NCAA Division I Governance Structure**



# **NCAA Division I Two-Year College Transfer Legislation**



# NCAA Division I Two-Year College Transfer Academic Requirements - Qualifiers

A student who met Division I initial-eligibility requirements out of high school (“**qualifier**”) must meet the following requirements to *compete* in their first academic year at Division I:

- Attend two-year college full time for at least one semester or quarter.
- Transfer average of at least 12-semester or quarter credit hours for each full-time term at the two-year college.
- Have a 2.500 GPA in all transferable hours.
- All students are limited to two physical education activity credit hours from the two-year college to meet credit hour and GPA requirements.



# NCAA Division I Two-Year College Transfer Academic Requirements - Nonqualifiers

A student who did not meet Division I initial-eligibility requirements out of high school (“**nonqualifier**”) must meet the following to be able to receive *athletics aid, practice and compete* in their first academic year at Division I:

- Attend two-year college full time for at least three semesters or four quarters.
- Earn an Associate of Arts degree (A.A.) or equivalent.

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# NCAA Division I Two-Year College Transfer Academic Requirements - Nonqualifiers

- Transfer at least 48-semester or 72-quarter credit hours, which include the following transferable credits:
  - Six-semester/eight-quarter hours of English;
  - Three-semester/four-quarter hours of math; **and**
  - Three-semester/four-quarter hours of natural/physical science.
- Have a 2.500 GPA in all transferable courses.
- All students are limited to two physical education activity credit hours from the two-year college to meet credit hour and GPA requirements.



# **NCAA Division II Path to Graduation**

**Freshman Academic  
Requirements**

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# Freshman Academic Requirements

- Two sliding scales with different GPA requirements for qualifiers and partial qualifiers.
- Scales do not mirror the Division I sliding scales.
- Provides increased access for underrepresented groups.
- Effective date will apply to PSA's initially enrolling at a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2018.



# Progress Toward Degree

- No change to current good academic standing requirements.
- Increase term-by-term requirements from six- to nine-semester/eight-quarter hours.
- 18-semester/27-quarter hour requirement developed to ensure that student-athletes are dedicating time to academics during the “regular academic year.”
- 2.000 GPA requirement aligns with many institutions' policies for good academic standing.
- Effective for all incoming and continuing student-athletes in fall 2016 and thereafter.



# Progress Toward Degree

Completion of [including summer]	Good Academic Standing [based on institutional policy (annually or term-by-term)]	Term-by-Term [cannot use summer hours to meet term-by-term requirement]	Regular Academic Year [Non-Summer Hours]	Grade-Point Average Options [can be recertified midyear to regain eligibility]
Year One	Institutional Policy	Nine-semester/eight-quarter hours	18-semester/ 27-quarter hours	2.00
Year Two	Institutional Policy	Nine-semester/eight-quarter hours	18-semester/ 27-quarter hours	2.00
<b>Designation of Degree</b>				
Year Three	Institutional Policy	Nine-semester/eight-quarter hours	18-semester/ 27-quarter hours	2.00
Year Four	Institutional Policy	Nine-semester/eight-quarter hours	18-semester/ 27-quarter hours	2.00
Year Five	Institutional Policy	Nine-semester/eight-quarter hours	18-semester/ 27-quarter hours	2.00



# Progress Toward Degree

- Change requires student-athletes to earn 24-semester or 36-quarter hours each academic year.
  - Entering year three, a student-athlete may satisfy the requirement by earning a cumulative total of 48-semester or 72-quarter hours.
- Effective for all incoming and continuing student-athletes in fall 2016 and thereafter.



# Progress Toward Degree

Completion of [including summer]	Credit Hours – End of Academic Year [including summer hours]
Year One	24-semester/36-quarter hours
Year Two	24-semester/36-quarter hours <b>OR</b> 48-semester/ 72-quarter hours in Years 1 and 2 combined
<b>Designation of Degree</b>	
Year Three	24-semester/36-quarter hours
Year Four	24-semester/36-quarter hours
Year Five	24-semester/36-quarter hours





# Two-Year College Transfers

- Three options for a two-year transfer to be immediately eligible at a Division II institution.
  - 2.200 GPA required for all two-year transfers who do not earn an A.A. degree.
  - A two-year transfer who graduates with an A.A. degree is not subject to additional core credit-hour requirements (e.g., English, math, natural/physical science).
  - Limits the number of physical education course credit hours.
- Effective for two-year transfer initially enrolling at a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2016.





# Two-Year College Transfers

Qualifier with no four-year attendance and ONLY one full-time term at two-year college	All other qualifiers, partial qualifiers and nonqualifiers	All other qualifiers, partial qualifiers and nonqualifiers
ONLY one full-time semester/quarter	Two full-time semesters/three full-time quarters	Two full-time semesters/three full-time quarters
12 semester- or quarter-hours of transferable degree credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12-semester or 12-quarter-hours of transferable degree credit per term of attendance:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six- semester/eight-quarter hours of transferable English;</li> <li>• Three-semester/four-quarter hours of transferable math; and</li> <li>• Three-semester/four-quarter hours of transferable science</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Graduate
Cumulative GPA of 2.200	Cumulative GPA of 2.200*	
Limit of two physical education activity credits for credit requirements and GPA	Limit of two physical education activity credits for credit requirements and GPA	



# NCAA Division I Two-Year College Transfers

**Hot topics**



# Transferability of Core Courses

- Credits must transfer to the certifying institution as specific English, math or science credit, regardless of how the courses are identified on the two-year college's transcript.
- Not required to have specific course “MATH”, “ENGL”, “PHYS” or “CHEM” designation to be acceptable transferable credit.
- If the English, math or natural/physical science department determines the credit to fulfill an English, math or natural/physical science requirement in any degree program at the institution, it meets the legislation.



# Transferability of Core Courses

How can you help?

- Have course descriptions and syllabi available for the four-year institution in the case that the transferability of the course needs to be discussed.
- Know who is on your campus and recruiting your student-athletes.
- Work with four-year institutions and student-athletes early in the recruiting process.
- Focus on placing student-athletes in courses that you are sure will transfer. Use your pipelines.



## Transferable GPA Calculation (Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.2)

- ALL transferable grades must be included.
  - Failed courses.
  - Unsatisfactory (D or F) grades in courses.
- Max of two physical education activity credits.
  - Physical education degree program or an education degree program.
- Repeat courses - Only the most recent grade earned may be used.
- Transfer policy limits - Must use all transferable degree credits.



# Baseball and Basketball - Midyear Enrollee

- In **baseball and basketball**, a qualifier or nonqualifier who satisfies the two-year college transfer legislation, but **initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the institution's first term of the academic year, shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year.**

Bylaws 14.5.4.2.5 (2-4) and 14.5.6.4 (4-2-4)





# Use of Hours Earned during Summer Terms

- Not more than a total of 18 semester or 27 quarter hours of the transferable degree credit may be earned during summer terms, and not more than nine semester or 13.5 quarter hours of the transferable degree credit may be earned during the summer term(s) immediately prior to the transfer.

Bylaw 14.5.4.2.3



# Credit Earned at Four-Year Institution

## Credits can be used if...

- These hours are **accepted** by the two-year college and are **placed** on the **transcript** or other **official document** by the two-year college from which the SA transfers prior to the date of initial regular enrollment at the NCAA member institution; or
- Any **official document** (other than the student's transcript) used by the two-year college for this purpose includes the **official seal** of the two-year college, is **signed** by the **appropriate academic official** of the two-year college and is forwarded **directly** from the two-year college to the appropriate admissions official of the certifying institution.

Bylaw 14.5.4.5.2



# NCAA Interactive Transfer Tool

Want to transfer?



# Resources

**NCAA Public Line**

**317/917-6008**

**Monday – Friday**

**Noon to 4 p.m. Eastern time**



# Questions?

