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## Student-Athlete Academic Eligibility - Legislation

**14.4.1 Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements.** To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the institution as determined by the regulations of that institution subject to controlling legislation of the conference(s) or similar association of which the institution is a member and applicable NCAA legislation.

**14.4.3.1 Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements.** Eligibility for competition shall be determined based on satisfactory completion of at least:

- (a) Twenty-four-semester hours of academic credit prior to the start of the student-athlete's second year of college enrollment;
- (b) Eighteen-semester hours of academic credit since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution's preceding regular two semesters; and
- (c) Six-semester hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term (e.g., fall semester) in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution.

**14.4.3.2 Fulfillment of Percent Degree Requirements.** A student-athlete who is entering his or her third year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 40 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fourth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 60 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fifth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 80 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. The course requirements must be in the student's specific degree program (as opposed to the student's major).

## NEW!!!

**The NCAA has a new banned substance list this year. Student-Athletes need to check with the Sports Medicine staff prior to using any substances.**

**The drug testing consent form and banned substance list can be found [HERE](#).**

## So What Does it Really Mean?

Most importantly, do not make any changes to your schedule without discussing the change with your academic advisor first.

Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements means you are enrolled in a degree-seeking program and you are making progress toward earning a degree.

- Entering your second year: 24 credits (18 during the fall/spring semester)
- Entering your third year: 40% of the course requirements for your degree program\*
- Entering your fourth year: 60% of the course requirements for your degree program\*
- Entering your fifth year: 80% of the course requirements for your degree program\*

Another important requirement for academic eligibility: You must pass at least 6 credit hours in order to be eligible for the next semester (excluding summer school).

\*The course requirements must be in your specific degree program (as opposed to your major).

## Bookstore Policy

Full-Scholarship student-athletes are permitted to purchase required books at the University Bookstore for classes in which they are currently enrolled. If a student-athlete drops a class at anytime throughout the semester, they are responsible for returning the required books for the class back to Megan Finch in the Compliance Office. Megan will send out email reminders and deadlines to return books, but turning in the books before they are requested is greatly appreciated!

Student-athletes, did you add a class to your schedule? Make sure you pick-up a drop/add form from your academic advisor before you go to the bookstore. If not, you might get held up at the bookstore if they do not have your updated schedule.

Student-athletes, do you need to purchase a book that is not at the University bookstore? You can pick-up an Outside Vendor form from your academic advisor so you will not have to pay for the book yourself. If the book is not available at any bookstores accepting the Outside Vendor form, purchase the book on your own. Keep the receipt and turn it in to Megan with a copy of your syllabus where the book listed as required. She will process the reimbursement and send you an email when the check is ready to be picked up.

## COMPLIANCE SCENARIO!

Around Thahorn is a baseball prospective student-athlete. Around will be visiting NC State's campus this upcoming weekend on an official visit. Around and his parents will be flying in late Thursday night and will start the visit Friday morning.

What expenses can be provided to Around and/or his parents Thursday night without triggering the start of the visit?

- A. Lodging and a "to go" meal can be provided to Around only
- B. Lodging and "a to go" meal can be provided to Around and his parents
- C. Lodging and a "sit down" meal with a coach can be provided to Around only
- D. No expenses may be provided without triggering the start of the visit

The answer is A. **NCAA Official Interpretation- 3/26/09- Meals and Lodging while in Transit to Official Visit (I)**-states that:

(a) A prospective student-athlete may receive lodging in the locale of the institution without beginning the 48-hour official visit period in instances in which he or she arrives in the locale too late to begin the official visit that day. Such expenses may not be provided for any other individual who is accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the official visit (e.g., parents, spouse) prior to the start of the 48-hour official visit period, including the cost of additional occupants in the same room.

(b) A prospective student-athlete may receive a drive-thru or "to-go" meal while in transit with an athletics department staff member from the major airport or bus or train station nearest the institution without beginning the 48-hour official visit period. Such expenses may not be provided for any other individual who is accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the official visit (e.g., parents, spouse, children) prior to the start of the 48-hour official visit period.

(c) A prospective student-athlete may receive a "sit-down" meal at the major airport or bus or train station nearest the institution while accompanied by an athletics department staff member at the time of his or her arrival for an official visit or a "sit-down" or "drive-in" meal enroute to the institution's campus with an athletics department staff member, even if such a meal occurs outside a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus; however, such a meal begins the 48-hour official visit period. Under these circumstances, the prospective student-athlete's parents (or legal guardians), spouse and/or children may also receive such a meal.

(d) A prospective student-athlete may receive a meal at or in the vicinity of his or her place of lodging without beginning the 48-hour official visit period in instances in which he or she arrives in the locale of the institution too late to begin the official visit that day, provided no athletics department staff members or student-athletes are present during the meal. Such expenses may not be provided for any other individual who is accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the official visit (e.g., parents, spouse, children) prior to the start of the 48-hour official visit period.

**BACK TO SCHOOL WORD SEARCH**

W	O	L	P	A	C	K	F	O	O	T	B	A	R	
G	R	E	Q	U	I	R	E	D	E	A	N	E	B	E
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A	M	W	O	P	T	N	A	L	P	I	Y	A	L	N
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WORD BANK	
Wolfpack	Book
Compliance	Banned
Employment	Eligibility
Bookstore	Class
Schedule	Academics
Policy	Reminders
Required	Optional

*Reminders for Coaches:*

- If you are on Facebook, join the [Compliance Fan Page](#).
- Send phone numbers of new prospects you are recruiting to [Megan](#) or [Robin](#).
- Potential walk-on or tryout students should see Scott to start the process.
- Send Scott your team’s practice schedule a week prior to the start of practice.
- If you make any changes with your staff, please notify [Robin](#) by email.
- Don’t forget to turn your NLI requests early!

*Reminders for Student-Athletes:*

- Check out the [Compliance Website](#) and join the [Compliance Fan Page](#) on Facebook.
- Complete an [Employment Form](#) (available at Compliance) if you are having a job during the school year.
- Scholarship and Pell Students can continue turning in receipts.
- Always check with the Sports Medicine staff before you take any supplements.



[Gopack.com/compliance](http://Gopack.com/compliance)

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