



COMPLIANCE WEEKLY UPDATE

NCAA Academic Eligibility Earning Percentage Towards Degree

General Rule: Per NCAA academic benchmarks, a student-athlete must earn a specified amount of credits towards their degree each year of enrollment.

YOU MUST EARN A MINIMUM OF THIS MANY CREDITS:

6

14

21

28

PRIOR TO ENTERING THIS YEAR OF ENROLLMENT:

2nd

(Sophomore)

3rd

(Junior)

4th

(Senior)

5th

(5th-Year)

Exception: These benchmarks are dependent on a student-athlete's actual terms of enrollment as opposed to recognized class. **The NCAA defines a year of enrollment as three quarters** (any combination of being enrolled during fall, winter and spring), excluding summer. However, credits earned during the summer may count towards this benchmark.

Examples: The following are 2 *different* scenarios for a student-athlete who is a first-year student during 2015-16 (class of '19).

Case 1	FA	W	SP	SU	Case 2	FA	W	SP	SU
2015-16	3	3	2	OFF	2015-16	3	OFF	2	OFF
2016-17	The student-athlete earned a <u>minimum of 6 credits prior to the start of their 2nd year of enrollment</u> (4th quarter), therefore ELIGIBLE during the 2016-17 academic year.				2016-17	3	The student-athlete did not earn <u>6 credits</u> during 2015-16, BUT was not yet enrolled for a full year (3 total quarters) until after <i>fall 2016</i> . Therefore, the start of their 2nd year of enrollment would not be until the start of the <i>winter 2017</i> quarter. So, they are ELIGIBLE during the 2016-17 academic year due to earning 6 credits from their <i>altered</i> first year of enrollment (FA15, SP16, and FA16).		