Introduction
Ohio University's faculty serve an essential role in providing quality education and mentoring experiences for Ohio University’s 400 plus student-athletes. Excellence in teaching and academic advising are core to the mission at Ohio University (OHIO). With over a thousand faculty members serving in this essential role, the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (IAC) recognizes the additional requirements for OHIO student-athletes that might present challenges for faculty advisors. To support our faculty and student-athletes, the IAC offers this supplemental guide to assist faculty in their teaching and advising endeavors.

What is the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (IAC)?
The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee assists the president, provost, director of athletics and the NCAA faculty athletics representatives in the interpretation and implementation of athletic policies. The IAC is an advisory group that reports to the president and works closely with the director of athletics and the athletic department. The IAC membership is comprised of students, faculty, staff and community representatives, plus the director of athletics and the senior woman administrator.

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What is Dual Support for Student-Athletes?
Student-athletes at Ohio University require a dual advising system to ensure proper academic and NCAA compliance. Student-athletes meet with their college faculty advisor, also known as their academic advisor, who provide advising on course selection, academic planning, and learning experience opportunities within their field of study. Once a student-athlete develops an approved course of study, the academic advisor may release their academic hold.

A student-athlete will also meet with an NCAA Eligibility & Student-Athlete Success staff member, also known as an eligibility coordinator. Eligibility coordinators will verify a student-athlete’s planned course schedule and determine whether the academic schedule coordinates with practice schedules and meets NCAA eligibility. Upon approval, eligibility coordinators will release a student-athlete’s athletic hold.
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Roles and Responsibilities

- Track academic progress to monitor compliance with continuing eligibility requirements
- Academic focused weekly meetings with at-risk student-athletes
- Create travel letters and communicate with faculty regarding academic status
- Monitor study hall and coordinate tutoring appointments
- Meet with prospective student-athletes and their families during recruiting visits to discuss academic related topics
- Maintain records per student-athlete for NCAA purposes
- Communicate with FAR (Faculty Athletic Representative) and Chair of IAC about trends within the NCAA and any impact to the Ohio University student-athlete

How many credits does a student-athlete need to enroll?
Fifteen or more credits per semester

Which courses are counted for NCAA eligibility requirements?
Major and college requirement credits are accepted as degree applicable for NCAA eligibility. Minor and certificate credits can also be counted as degree applicable.

What is the Intercollegiate Athletics (ICA) hold?
The ICA hold stands for “Intercollegiate Athletics” and is placed on a student-athlete’s account to prevent the student from changing his/her schedule or dropping below full-time status. Changing a class schedule can negatively impact a student-athlete’s eligibility to compete.

Does an ICA hold affect a student-athlete registering?
The ICA hold will not allow a student-athlete to add/drop a course online in the current term, but it will allow a student-athlete to register for the next semester. MyOHIO Student Center can be used to add a class without dropping the ICA hold. The ICA hold is put on the student-athlete’s account the first week of the semester.

How can a student-athlete lift the ICA hold?
The student-athlete should contact his/her eligibility coordinator in athletics.
Can an eligibility coordinator in athletics lift priority registration holds?
No, they cannot lift priority registration holds. Student-athletes are strongly reminded by their eligibility coordinator to meet with their college advisors to get the holds lifted prior to their registration enrollment dates.

Why do student-athletes ask to meet early for advising when they are freshmen/sophomores?
Student-athletes ask to meet early for advising because they have priority registration. Freshmen and sophomores may register during the junior or senior registration period and will need to get their holds lifted early to enroll on time.

Why do student-athletes have priority registration?
Priority registration helps student-athletes enroll into a schedule that has the least amount of class conflicts for competition and practice.

When does a student-athlete declare his/her major?
A student-athlete must declare a major and have it officially listed on his/her DARs before the start of junior year. The student-athlete must meet 40 percent (48 credit hours) of the major to be eligible to compete for NCAA progress toward degree requirements before the start of junior year. If a student-athlete is listed incorrectly in a major, he/she will be academically ineligible. Student-athletes declare their majors as early as possible to avoid this issue.

Can a student-athlete miss class for practice?
No, a student-athlete cannot miss class for practice. A student-athlete should only miss class if he/she has a competition and is listed on the travel roster.

Are missed classes due to competition/travel University excused absences?
Missed classes due to competition/travel are recognized as University-sponsored activities and are considered excused absences.

What is the purpose of a travel letter?
A travel letter is an official document which confirms a student-athlete’s competition information (date, departure and return times, location and travel roster). On the back of the travel letter is a memo from the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost regarding absences for student-athletes. Travel letters are given to student-athletes the first week of class to provide to their instructors.

Why can’t a student-athlete email me his/her absence instead of handing in the travel letter?
The travel letter is the official document for the instructor to have for his/her records regarding competition dates.

Can a student-athlete make up an exam and/or work during practice time if that is the only time available for a faculty member?
Yes, a student-athlete can be excused from practice to make up an exam or work. Student-athletes are asked to communicate with their instructors regarding available times.

I cannot find a time to reschedule an exam with a student-athlete. Can an eligibility coordinator proctor an exam for me?
Yes, an eligibility coordinator can proctor a make-up exam and can email the proctoring policy. Please contact the NCAA Eligibility and Student-Athletes Success staff for more information.
Ohio University is committed to full compliance with all NCAA and Mid-American Conference rules. Below is a summary of rules and policies that relate specifically to academics, course instruction and faculty members.

**Academic Misconduct**
NCAA rules govern the eligibility of student-athletes to compete. Several factors affect eligibility, but the most important one is academic performance. To be eligible to compete, student-athletes (with only few exceptions) must be full-time, maintain NCAA mandated progress toward degree completion, and grade point average. The NCAA has developed a new simplified academic misconduct policy that determines when conduct (either student or institutional) triggers an NCAA violation. The new academic misconduct policy is tied specifically to the institution’s own academic misconduct policy.

Some examples of faculty conduct that could result in an NCAA violation:
- Offer special courses for student-athletes only
- Create assignments for student-athletes that differ from those required of all other students in a class
- Offer student-athletes incompletes or extra credit work unless the opportunities are available to all students, as identified in a course syllabus
- Authorize a course waiver or substitution of academic requirements unless the same would be done for any other student under similar non-athletics-related circumstances
- Authorize a grade change, unless an error has occurred. All grade changes should be for non-athletics-related reasons
- Handle any case of academic dishonesty or other prohibited classroom behavior by student-athletes in a manner any different from which you would handle such behavior by any other student

Such conduct puts the student-athlete, his/her team, and the University in jeopardy. Not only would the student-athlete be penalized, but Ohio University could be guilty of a violation of NCAA rules.

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