This Session Is …

- Advanced
  - Advanced interpretive issues.
  - Advanced case studies.
  - NCAA staff will be available to address institution specific questions following the session.
- Fun!
  - In the theme of progress, if you can identify the invention that the individuals in our case scenarios are responsible for, you can win a prize!
  - No cheating. (Seriously, it is a compliance presentation. That would just be wrong.)

Session Outline

- Good academic standing.
- Term-by-term credit hours.
- Annual credit hours.
- Designation of degree.
- Grade-point average.
- Exceptions.
• To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in good academic standing as determined by the academic authorities who determine the meaning of such phrases for all students of the institution, subject to controlling legislation of the conference(s) or similar association of which the institution is a member.

NCAA Bylaws 14.01.2.1 and 14.02.6

• The definition of good academic standing applied to student-athletes shall be a standard at least as demanding as the minimum standard applied to all students in order to participate in extracurricular activities at that institution.

Official Interpretation 8/9/1995
Question and Answer

What does good academic standing mean at my institution?

The NCAA cannot tell you. The definition is entirely based on institutional policy for all students.

Official Interpretation 8/9/1995

Question and Answer

How often does the legislation require certification of good academic standing?

Good academic standing must be certified in accordance with institutional policy.

- If institutional policy for all students requires certification at midyear, the same standard applies to student-athletes.

Official Interpretation 8/9/1995

Question and Answer

If an institution permits students on academic probation (or similar status) to participate in extracurricular activities, could a student-athlete on probation participate in intercollegiate athletics?

Yes, provided the individual satisfies all conference and NCAA progress-toward-degree requirements.

Official Interpretation 8/9/1995

Educational Column 1/15/2014
Impact of Path to Graduation Legislation on Good Academic Standing

No Change!!!!

Term-by-Term Credit Hours

- Student-athletes must complete six-semester or six-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution.

- For transfer students, credit hours must be transferable to the certifying institution.

Bylaws 14.4.3.1 and 14.4.3.1.1
Question and Answer
May coursework completed at another institution be used to satisfy the six-hour rule?

Yes, provided:
(a) Course is taken during a regular term at that institution;
(b) Course is completed within the parameters of the certifying institution’s regular academic term; and
(c) Certifying institution accepts the course and places it on the student-athlete’s transcript for a regular term.

Staff Interpretation 04/13/2005

Question and Answer
If a SA transfers from a quarter school to a semester school (or vice versa), how does the institution evaluate whether the SA met the six-hour requirement?

The certifying institution may calculate the hours based on the earned transferable credit hours as they appear on the previous institution’s transcript, rather than converting the transferable credit hours to the certifying institution.

Official Interpretation 2/12/2010

Case Study
• Sophomore Pedro Flores attended preseason soccer practice at Walk the Dog State College, a four-year institution, for five days prior to the start of the fall term.
• Preseason practice did not go well and Pedro decided to enroll at a Division II institution for the fall term.
• Is Pedro ineligible for competition because he did not earn six hours during the fall term at Walk the Dog State College?

Official Interpretation 10/7/2009
Case Study

- No.

- Because Pedro transferred to the certifying institution during the same regular academic term he is not required to bring in six hours from the fall term.

- Institution would need to evaluate whether he earned six hours during the spring 2014 term when he was last enrolled full time.

Official Interpretation 10/7/2009

Question and Answer

Is a two-year college transfer who earns an Associate of Arts degree required to satisfy the six-hour requirement?

Yes.

Bylaw 14.4.3.1.1

Case Study

- Mary Anderson, a four-year college transfer, meets the one-time transfer exception. She earned six hours in her last full-time term at Deluge University. Only three of those credit hours transferred to the certifying institution.

- When can Mary regain eligibility?

- Following the next academic term. Mary meets the one-time transfer exception, but does not meet the six-hour requirement.
### Current Rule
- SA must complete six hours in last term of full-time enrollment.

### Effective August 1, 2016
- SA must complete **nine** hours in last term of full-time enrollment.

### Annual Credit-Hour Requirement

#### Actual Method
- 24-semester/36-quarter hours:
  - Since the previous fall.
  - Over certifying institution’s previous two semesters or three quarters.

#### Averaging Method
- 12-semester/quarter hours:
  - Per term during each of the academic terms in academic years in which the SA was enrolled in at least one term.
Eligibility in fall 2014:

• Actual Method – Not Eligible. (9+0 = 9)

• Averaging Method – Not Eligible. (14+14+9+0 = 37) \(\frac{37}{4} = 9.25\)

### Averaging Method

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SA could potentially use the missed-term exception provided he or she satisfies the requirements.

Bylaws 14.4.3.1 and 14.4.3.4-(a)

### Part-Time Terms

Hours earned during a part-time term may be used provided SA is held accountable for the term.

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- \(12 + 6 + 3 + 9 + 9 + 9 = 48\) hours
- \(48/4 = 12\) hours per term
- Part-time term does not impact SA’s 10-semester/15-quarter clock.

**Impact of Path to Graduation Legislation on Annual Credit-Hour Requirement**

**Current Rule**
- 24-semester/36 quarter hours:
  - Since the previous fall.
  - Over certifying institution’s previous two semesters or three quarters.
  - Or
- 12-semester/quarter hours:
  - Per term during each of the academic terms in the academic years in which the SA was enrolled in at least one term.

**Effective August 1, 2016**
- 24-semester/36 quarter hours:
  - Since the previous fall.
  - Over certifying institution’s previous two semesters or three quarters.
  - Or
- Cumulative total of 48-semester/72-quarter hours:
  - Entering third year of collegiate enrollment.
  - No averaging after year 2.

**Hours Earned During Regular Academic Year**
- 75 percent of credits used for progress toward degree must be earned during the regular academic year.
- No more than 25 percent may be earned in the summer.

- Regular Academic Year:
  - Opening of the institution’s fall term through spring commencement exercises.
**Case Study**

- Blunder University is certifying Bette Nesmith Graham using the averaging method. Does Bette meet 75/25?

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Step 1: 48 total hours required  
Step 2: \(48 \times 0.75 = 36\)  
Step 3: \(9+6+12+6 = 33\)

Bette does not satisfy 75/25.

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**Case Study**

- Lonnie G. Johnson enrolls midyear at Drench University in spring 2014.
- Qualifies for the midyear enrollment progress-toward-degree exception.
- Lonnie is required to earn 12 hours total per the midyear enrollment exception.

Bylaw 1.4.4.3.1.4.3
Case Study

• Does Lonnie satisfy the 75/25 requirement for eligibility in fall 2014?

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• Yes. He must earn nine \((12 \times 0.75 = 9)\) of the 12 hours during the regular academic year.

Bylaw 14.4.3.1.4.3

Impact of Path to Graduation Legislation on Credit Hours Earned During Regular Academic Year

Current Rule

• 75 percent of credit hours used to meet progress toward degree must be earned during regular academic year.

Effective August 1, 2016

• SA must earn 18-semester or 27-quarter hours during the regular academic year.

Designation of Degree
Designation of Degree

- Student-athlete must designate a major by the beginning of the fifth semester or seventh quarter of collegiate enrollment.

- During first two years of enrollment credits used to meet progress toward degree may be credits towards any of the institution's degree programs.

- Beginning in year three, all credit hours used must be degree applicable.

Impact of Path to Graduation Legislation on Declaration of Degree

No Change!!!!
Grade-Point Average

Based on credit-hour completion:

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Bylaw 14.4.3.2

Impact of Path to Graduation Legislation on Grade Point Average Requirement

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Regulations for Administration
Repeated Courses

May be used to provided:

(a) The course is only used once.

(b) Credit for a course that may be taken multiple times (e.g., physical education activity course) does not exceed institutional limit.

Bylaw 14.4.3.3.7

Case Study

• Arthur Fry attends Sticky University.

• As a freshman Arthur took a biology course. He earned three credits in the course with a "D" grade.

• Sticky University uses the biology course towards progress toward degree for Arthur.

• As a junior, Arthur declares neuroscience as a major.

Bylaws 14.4.3.1.6 and 14.4.3.3.7

Case Study

• In order for biology to count towards Arthur’s degree in neuroscience, he must receive a “B”.

• Arthur retakes biology in the spring of his junior year.

• Can the institution use the three credits Arthur earns in the repeated course towards progress toward degree?

• Answer: No. The course may only be used once.

Bylaws 14.4.3.1.6 and 14.4.3.3.7
Missed-Term Exception

• May be prorated at 12 hours per term of actual attendance if the SA misses a term or consecutive terms.

• SA cannot engage in outside competition during the missed term.

• SA must have been eligible for enrollment during absence.

• SA must have fulfilled progress-toward-degree requirements for the terms in which he or she attended.

Bylaw 14.4.3.4

Missed-Term Exception

• May be used one time during SA’s entire period of collegiate enrollment.

• May not be used during initial year of collegiate enrollment.

• Part-time hours earned during missed term may not be used to meet progress toward degree.

Bylaw 14.4.3.4
### Question and Answer

**Can this SA used the missed-term exception?**

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**Bylaw 14.4.3.4**

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### Question and Answer

**No.**

- SA did not meet the six-hour rule in fall 2013.

**Bylaw 14.4.3.4**

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### Additional Exceptions

- Midyear enrollee.
  - Applies to both midyear enrollees and midyear transfers.
  - May prorate credit hours at 12 credits per term of actual attendance.

- Nonrecruited, nonparticipant.
  - Initial season of eligibility.
  - SA has been at the institution for one academic year.
  - SA was not recruited.
  - Has not received athletics aid.
  - Has never practiced or participated in intercollegiate athletics beyond a limited preseason tryout.

**Bylaw 14.4.3.4**
Additional Exceptions

- Graduate-student exception.
  - SA who is a graduate student is not subject to progress-toward-degree legislation.
  - Must be in good academic standing in order to compete.

- Two-year nonparticipation exception.
  - SA has not competed or participated in countable athletically related activity beyond a 14-day tryout for a consecutive two calendar year period.
  - Must be in good academic standing at CERTIFYING institution in order to compete.

Bylaw 14.4.2.4