

## **ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

In order to be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletic competition, a student-athlete must meet academic eligibility standards established by GVSU, the NCAA and the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC). The Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance and the Registrar will certify the eligibility of all student-athletes prior to intercollegiate competition.

The following is a summary of the academic eligibility standards that one must follow in order to be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics at GVSU. The summary of academic eligibility standards follows the NCAA and GLIAC regulations with GVSU requirements added where applicable. A student-athlete shall not represent an institution in intercollegiate athletic competition unless the student-athlete:

- Has been admitted in accordance with the regular published entrance requirements for the institution. GVSU student applications are evaluated, accepted and processed by the Admissions Office.
- Must be in good academic standing as defined by GVSU.
- Must be in a full-time program of studies. At GVSU a full-time program for an undergraduate degree requires a minimum of 12 credit hours, and a minimum of 9 credit hours if enrolled in a graduate degree program. A student-athlete who drops below 12/9 credit hours is immediately ineligible to practice and/or compete at the time their enrollment is dropped below full-time.
- Must earn a minimum of 9 new credit hours the preceding regular academic term in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full-time at any collegiate institution.
- Must earn a minimum of 18 new credit hours combined preceding fall/winter semester.
- Must earn a minimum 24 new credit hours each academic year (fall/winter/summer), with no more than 6 credits counted from spring/summer terms.
- Must declare a major by the beginning of the individual's fifth semester of full-time collegiate attendance.
- Must maintain satisfactory progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as determined by the NCAA and GVSU. The calculation of credit hours shall be based upon hours earned or accepted for a degree credit in a specific baccalaureate degree program.
- Beginning in the 5th semester of full-time collegiate enrollment all credit hours utilized for eligibility must be towards the individual student-athlete's declared degree program(s).
- A student-athlete must achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 prior to the beginning of each fall term.