

# Advising the Student–Athlete

- »» What Advisors Need to Know About NCAA Eligibility

# “Are You An Athlete?”

Don't ask; have them tell.

How can an advisor find out if a student is an athlete without asking him/her?

- ❖ Make conversation– Why did you decide to choose DSC OR who sent you to see me?
- ❖ Look for clues on transcript
- ❖ Obtain a list of student–athletes in your major from the Registrar

# Maintaining NCAA Eligibility

## *The 12/24 Hour Rule*

To maintain NCAA eligibility, student-athletes must meet one of the following eligibility calculations:

Complete a combined total of 24 semester credits in the two preceding semesters (*Actual Method*)

OR

Complete an average of 12 semester credits for each of the previous terms (*Averaging Method*)

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## *The 75/25 % Rule*

To maintain NCAA eligibility, student-athletes must earn at least 75% of their credits during the regular academic year (Fall & Spring).

- ❖ If a student-athlete begins in the Fall, then s/he cannot take more than 6 credits during the summer and have them count for eligibility.
- ❖ If a student-athlete begins in the Spring (mid-year), then s/he cannot take more than 3 credits during the summer and have them count for eligibility.

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## *Declaring A Major*

Student-athletes must declare a major before the beginning of their 5<sup>th</sup> semester in order to maintain eligibility. The sooner, the better.

- ❖ Beginning with the 5<sup>th</sup> semester, student-athletes are expected to carry at least 12 credits in their declared major.
- ❖ The major must be one for which Dixie offers a bachelor degree program.
- ❖ The major must be identified (“coded”) in Banner.
- ❖ Advisors should explain the process by which a student may officially declare his/her major.
  - Does the student need to visit his/her major advisor to request a change of major?
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# You Want to Change What?!

## *Avoid Add/Drop & Major Change Questions*

REFER ALL REQUESTS FOR ADD/DROP OR CHANGES OF MAJOR TO  
Mo Eckroth, [eckroth@dixie.edu](mailto:eckroth@dixie.edu) OR  
Jaclyn Kerouac, [kerouac@dixie.edu](mailto:kerouac@dixie.edu)

- ❖ Advisors should not make any changes to a student-athlete's schedule after appropriate courses have been selected. If a student athlete requests a course change, refer him/her to Mo or Jaclyn.
  - If a student falls below 12 credits in Banner, even for the two seconds it takes to add another course, s/he will lose eligibility.
- ❖ If a student -athlete indicates that s/he wants to change his/her major, then send them to Mo or Jaclyn. (This does not include changes from "undeclared" into a major.)
- ❖ If a student -athlete indicates that s/he wants to transfer, then send him/her to Mo or Jaclyn.

# Why Are You Taking Scuba Diving...Again? *Course Scheduling*

To maintain NCAA eligibility, student-athletes must...

- ❖ Carry at least 12 unduplicated credits that apply toward GE completion or to their declared major.
- ❖ Any failed class can be repeated.
- ❖ Be aware that courses that are repeated do not count in the required 12 semester credits
  - Student must take at least 12 credits in addition to the course being repeated
- ❖ Be aware that courses which are not described as “repeatable for credit” in the catalog will not count toward progress toward a major.

Note: 0900 level course do not count after the freshman year.

# Advisement DOs

## *General Recommendations for Course Scheduling*

When advising students, including student-athletes, consider the following items:

### Undeclared Student-Athletes

Assist them in selecting courses that will satisfy GE requirements while also satisfying prerequisites for multiple majors.

### Electives for Declared Student-Athletes

Whenever possible, recommend that students take upper division electives instead of lower division electives. Many student athletes have eligibility issues that arise from not meeting Dixie's upper division credit requirement.

### All Student-Athletes

Advise student-athletes to repeat only the GE courses that they have failed or major prerequisites for which they did not earn the minimum grade requirement.