



Student-Athletes NCAA Eligibility Overview



Initial Athletic Eligibility – Certification based on high school core-curriculum requirements and test scores, or prior collegiate transcripts in the case of transfer students.

Continuing Athletic Eligibility - Following a student-athlete’s initial collegiate semester, he or she must meet the following criteria in order to maintain or possibly regain eligibility for intercollegiate athletics:

- 1) Currently be a full-time student (enrolled in minimum 12 credits);
- 2) Achieve **2.0** Minimum GPA and be in Good Academic Standing at MSUM;
- 3) Complete a min. of **9** credits during the immediate prior term (fall or spring);
- 4) Complete a min. of **18** credits during the academic year (fall and spring)
- 5) Satisfactorily complete **24** credits in academic year that immediately precedes that semester of competition.
 - a. 24-method can be calculated before the fall or spring term, credits earned in the summer are counted.
 - b. 12-averaging method can only be calculated after the 3rd or 4th full time semester.
- 6) Declare a major prior to his or her 5th semester, and thereafter be making progress-towards-degree (PTD) in that major.

Progress-Towards-Degree (PTD): To determine whether credits will qualify as PTD, consider the bucket approach shown below. Students have three “buckets” that PTD credits can fit into. Once a bucket has reached capacity, no more of those types of credits may qualify as PTD.

General Education



Capacity: 42 Credits

Fitting into specific Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum categories per MSUM Bulletin.

Major Requirements



Capacity: Varies

Includes all courses listed in the Bulletin as required for major(s), including required minors/concentrations. Also includes required prerequisites for specific courses required for major.

Electives



Capacity: Varies

120 (total for degree)
 - Core Degree Credits
 - 42 (Liberal Arts and Sciences Credits)
 Elective Credits Available

Points to Remember:

- 1) Up to 6 credits per semester toward an optional Minor/concentration count as PTD provided the optional minor is declared prior to the start of the semester.
 - a. Credits earned toward an optional minor cannot be used at PTD during the summer
- 2) Start planning early – *All satisfactorily completed credits count as PTD for the first 4 semesters* (see #4 below), but if the “Electives Bucket” fills up early then there is little flexibility for the student thereafter.
- 3) If a student declares a 2nd major, that adds capacity to the “Major Requirements Bucket”.
- 4) Remedial/developmental courses may only count as PTD during student’s 1st academic year (maximum of 12 credits).
- 5) Do not hesitate to contact any of the following individuals with any questions.

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