NCAA PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE LEGISLATION
Applies to all student-athletes who enroll on or after August 1, 2003

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<th>Academic Requirements</th>
<th>Good Academic Standing</th>
<th>24 hrs. toward degree</th>
<th>18 hrs. toward degree (Fall +Spring)</th>
<th>* 6 hrs. per term</th>
<th>Declare Major</th>
<th>Percent of Degree (40/60/80)</th>
<th>Cum GPA per term ^ (90/95/100)</th>
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<td>Academic Year</td>
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<td>Start of Year 2</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
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<td>90% (1.8)</td>
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<td>Start of Year 3</td>
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<td>40% (48hrs.)</td>
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<td>Start of Year 4</td>
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<td>60% (72hrs.)</td>
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<td>Start of Year 5</td>
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- Student-athletes must earn six hours toward degree the preceding regular academic term in order to be eligible for the next regular academic term. This does not include summer school hours.
- Student-athletes must maintain the cumulative GPA required for the start of the year in order to compete the following semester. Institutions are required to certify the GPA requirement on a term-by-term basis by the first date of competition of the academic term.

**Good Academic Standing** – This is defined by UNC regulations making sure the student has the required total hours and GPA depending on the total number of semesters completed.

**Full-Time Enrollment** – All students must be registered in 12 hours that does not include BE, and PL credit. If a student is in their final semester, they must have an underload approval form on file. This needs to be monitored everyday though the Add/Drop hold system between S-A Academic Services and the Registrar’s office will decrease the possibility of a student dropping below full-time enrollment.

Knowing which eligibility rules to apply depends on how many semesters the student has been enrolled, not necessarily completed. For example, if a student withdraws, UNC will not charge that student with a semester, but the NCAA does hold that student accountable for that term unless a waiver or exception applies.
**6 hours passed** – All students must pass 6 hours toward their degree the previous term in order to compete in the upcoming term. This has to be certified each semester prior to the first day of class.

**First year of athletic participation** – To certify any new student-athlete, we must make sure that he/she has been certified by the NCAA Clearinghouse.

**Sophomore – Students going into their second year or third semester.**
- Student must have passed 24 hours toward their degree combining the previous fall, spring and summer. These hours are assessed against the major they have declared per term.
- Student must have passed 18 hours toward their degree combining fall and spring semesters only. BE, PL credit and college credits earned while in high school may not be counted toward the 18 hours. They may only be counted toward the 24 hours, much like summer school hours are counted.
- Student must have earned a min. 1.8 cum GPA (90/95/100/100 Rule). **Mid-year certification** - After the third semester, we must certify cum GPA (greater than or equal to 1.8) and 6 hours passed in order for the student-athlete to be eligible for the spring semester.

**Junior – Students going into their third year or fifth semester per NCAA.**
- Student must officially declare a major.
- Student must have passed 18 hours toward their degree combining the previous fall and spring semesters only.
- Student must have completed 40% of their degree. This will come to 48 hours for majors that require 120 hours to graduate.
- These hours must be assessed according to what major they have declared per term. For example, to count the 18 hours for the year, if a student is EXSS in the fall and COMM in the spring, only hours passed toward EXSS may be counted toward the 18 in the fall and only hours passed toward COMM may be counted in the spring. However, this also depends on when exactly they change their major. If they change their major in the middle of the term as opposed to in between terms, the hours may count toward either major in that one specific term.

If the student is a double major within two different degree programs, the 18 hours may only count toward one of the majors, but it is possible to assess the 40%
toward the other declared major if that helps the student. But you cannot count fall hours toward one major and spring hours toward the other major within the 18 hours unless the two majors are within the same degree program.

If a student is required to have a C or better in a course and they do not have an option to take another course to meet the same requirement, than we cannot count those hours toward the 18 hours. Repeat courses may not be counted toward the 18 hours if we used the credits earned the first time the course was taken.

- Student must have earned a min. 1.9 cum GPA (90/95/100/100 Rule). Mid-Year Certification - After the fifth semester, we must certify cum GPA (greater than or equal to 1.9) and 6 hours passed in order for the student-athlete to be eligible for the spring semester.

Senior – Students going into their fourth year or seventh semester per NCAA.

- Student must have passed 18 hours toward their degree combining the previous fall and spring semesters only.
- Student must have completed 60% of their degree. This will come to 72 hours for majors that require 120 hours to graduate.
- Again, we must verify whether or not the student has changed their major and assess these hours according to the major they have declared. When a student changes his major, it is possible that all the courses that counted toward the previous major may not count toward the new major; therefore, you have to subtract these hours from the total in order to determine if he is meeting 60% toward the new degree.
- Student must have earned a min. 2.0 cum GPA (90/95/100/100 Rule). Mid-Year Certification - After the seventh semester, we must certify cum GPA (greater than or equal to 2.0) and 6 hours passed in order for the student-athlete to be eligible for the spring semester.

Senior – Students going into their fifth year or ninth semester per NCAA.

- Student must have passed 18 hours toward their degree combining the previous fall and spring semesters only.
- Student must have completed 80% of their degree. This will come to 96 hours for majors that require 120 hours to graduate.
- Student must have earned a min. 2.0 cum GPA (90/95/100/100 Rule). Mid-Year Certification - After the ninth semester, we must certify cum GPA (greater than or equal
to 2.0) and 6 hours passed in order for the student-athlete to be eligible for the spring semester.

**Post Season Certification for Competition between Terms**

Eligibility for post-season play that occurs between terms must also be certified separately for the students on the applicable teams. All students must pass at least six hours if they wish to compete in ACC or NCAA championships that occur between terms. The six hour rule for post-season competition between terms will affect football, when they are selected for a bowl game, between the fall and spring semesters and all of UNC’s spring sports following the spring semester. Students do not need to meet any minimum GPA requirements in order to be eligible for the post-season competition though they still must meet them in order to be eligible for the following semester.

**Additional Comments:**

If students do not meet these regulations described above prior to competition in the fall semester, we may recertify their eligibility at mid-year using the previous two semesters.

Often times transfer students and students who have withdrawn for a semester will have fewer semesters completed than those who have completed every term since their first term of enrollment. They will need to be evaluated on a different cycle than the rest of their teammates. They will commonly be referred to as “mid-years.”

Even though it may only be mentioned above one time, certain rules need to be evaluated every term such as: courses that require a “C” or better, repeat courses, major declaration, and subtracting courses if they no longer count in the new major (of course the opposite could happen when courses will now count as a result of the major change and will need to be added into the total).

Transfers are to be evaluated on the basis of when they enrolled and how many semesters transferred in. Each transfer is unique depending on whether they are a 2-year or 4-year transfer and how many schools they previously attended. These should be handled on a case by case basis.

Students who initially enroll in school in the spring semester, commonly referred to as mid-years, require additional scrutiny per specific regulations. The most important regulation in which they vary from more traditional students is the application of the percentage of degree rule. This rule must be certified at the end of the appropriate fall semester as opposed to prior to the fall semester, which is the typical time for certifying percentage of degree.