

## New Fields Question and Answer Document

### New Fields.

**Question:** What are the new fields in the student-athlete degree progress page?

**Answer:** The best way to break down the new fields is into two categories:

- Fields that affect **all** student-athletes.
  - Degree Applicable hours earned by term.
- Fields that affect **a smaller subset** of student-athletes.
  - Advanced placement, credit by exam, part-time hours before initial full-time enrollment (not completed at your institution).

### Degree Applicable Hours.

**Question:** Why are degree applicable hours being collected?

**Answer:** This field has been a longstanding request by member institutions due to the legislated progress-toward-degree requirement [Division I Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7 and Division II Bylaw 14.4.3.1.6 (hours earned or accepted for degree credit)] starting with the student-athlete's third year (fifth semester, seventh quarter) of enrollment. Further, this information will provide users a more accurate reflection of the NCAA legislation and the ability to record the hours used to determine a student-athlete's progress toward degree requirements.

**Question:** Will this field import into the new academic portal for academic performance program purposes?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** Should my reporting of degree applicable hours be the same as my hours earned?

**Answer:** It depends. The answer will depend on each institution and each student-athlete's specific degree requirements.

**Question:** What are some examples of hours that should not be reported in the degree applicability field?

**Answer:** Some general examples of nondegree applicable hours are:

- a. Remedial hours completed after the first year or beyond the six semesters/nine quarter hour maximum.

- b. Credit hours earned with a grade that requires the student to ultimately repeat the specific course to fulfill the requirements of the student's degree (e.g., "D" grade).
- c. For those students-athletes after second year of enrollment, hours that does not fit within the student-athlete's specific degree program requirement minimums (e.g., 120 hours) which may include credit hours that exceed a student-athlete's specific degree program elective space.

**Question:** Is my institution required to go back and add degree applicable hours for previous years?

**Answer:** It is recommended that institutions go back to enter degree applicable hours for the most accurate usage of degree progress functions (i.e., the degree progress worksheets and eligibility checklist)

**Question:** In the first two years of enrollment, should I report what is applicable to the student-athlete's declared degree?

**Answer:** The degree applicable hours reported by member institutions in each term should be accurate "at the time" of certification for eligibility for the student-athlete. Specifically, a student-athlete's degree applicable hours earned is those that are acceptable toward any of the institution's degree programs.

**Question:** If a specific student-athlete changes his or her major at mid-year, what degree applicable hours should be entered? Does the institution have to retroactively change those hours going all the way back to their initial enrollment?

**Answer:** The degree applicable hours reported by member institutions in each term should be accurate "at the time" of certification for eligibility for the student-athlete. Part of the utility of this field is to assist institutions in the record keeping as well as accurately reflecting the legislative standards.

**Question:** How should hours be reported that are considered acceptable towards progress toward degree due to the final year exception?

**Answer:** The degree applicable hours reported by member institutions in each term should be accurate "at the time" of certification for eligibility for the student-athlete including the use of legislative exceptions, therefore those that are acceptable toward any of the institution's degree programs should be reported.

### **Hours Earned and Accepted Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment Interim Terms.**

**Question:** Why are these fields being collected?

**Answer:** These fields have been requested by member institutions in order to improve records of student-athlete eligibility certifications.

**Question:** Will these fields import from compliance assistant into the academic portal?

**Answer:** Yes.