

# THE ACADEMIC PRIMER

*Summarizing NCAA academic matters.*



## Why 930?

- 1.** The NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program (APP) allows a member school to demonstrate its commitment to an exemplary educational and college athletics experience for its student-athletes. The program helps schools support the academic mission and focus on the ability of student-athletes to earn a degree.
- 2.** The multiyear Academic Progress Rate (APR) benchmark serves as a minimum threshold to access postseason competition and to avoid APP penalties, which are imposed on teams that fail to achieve the APP's purpose.
- 3.** The current APR benchmark, a multiyear APR of 930, predicts a Graduation Success Rate of approximately 50 percent.
- 4.** A team's annual APR is calculated using the school's data on each student-athlete in the team's cohort for a specific academic year. Each student-athlete has two points per term of enrollment – one eligibility point for getting the grades required to stay eligible and one retention point for graduating or staying in school. The APR is calculated by determining how many points the team earned for the year and dividing that by the number of points possible. The result is then multiplied by 1,000:
  - 48 eligibility and retention points earned =  $.923 \times 1000 = 923$
  - 52 eligibility and retention points possible
- 5.** A team's multiyear APR is calculated by determining the number of points earned by the team over four years and dividing that by the number of possible points in that time period. Again, the result is multiplied by 1,000.
- 6.** The 930 benchmark serves as a means to measure a team's academic progress in a simple way that predicts a 50 percent graduation rate – a minimum standard the NCAA Division I Board of Directors expects all Division I members to meet in line with the commitment to both academic and athletic success of student-athletes.

