

Eligibility for Continuing Students

4. Continuing Students – All student-athletes must maintain their eligibility throughout the academic year if they wish to compete in intercollegiate athletics at DBU per NCAA Bylaws (DI and DII) 14.01.1, 14.01.2 and 14.01.3. Continuing eligibility will be monitored by the Compliance Coordinator and the Certifying Officer in the Registrar's Office. If the eligibility status of a student-athlete changes at any time, the head coach and the student-athlete will be notified immediately. It is the responsibility of the head coach to prohibit an ineligible student-athlete from practicing or competing.

a. Academic Eligibility

- i. **Full-time Status (NCAA Bylaw (DI and DII) 14.1.8)** – The Compliance Coordinator will monitor full-time status on a regular basis and report any student-athletes who have dropped below full-time status to the Head Coach. If a student-athlete drops below full-time status, the head coach and the student-athlete will be notified immediately. The student-athlete must be declared ineligible for practice and competition and the head coach must make certain the student-athlete does not practice and/or compete.
- ii. **Six-Credit Requirement (NCAA Bylaw (DI and DII) 14.4.3.1)** – All student-athletes must pass six credit hours per semester to maintain their eligibility. The Compliance Coordinator must certify all student-athletes have met the six credit hour requirement after the fall and spring semesters. If a student-athlete has failed to meet this requirement the Compliance Coordinator and Certifying Officer in the Registrar's Office must notify the head coach and student-athlete immediately.
- iii. **Grade Point Average Requirement (NCAA Bylaw (DI) 14.4.3.3 (DII) 14.4.3.2)**
To be in good academic standing at DBU, all student-athletes must meet the satisfactory completion requirement of a cumulative minimum grade point average of 2.000 GPA subsequent throughout their collegiate career.
- iv. **Declaration of Major (NCAA Bylaw (DI) 14.4.3.1.6 (DII) 14.4.3.1.5)** – All student-athletes entering their fifth semester of full-time enrollment must declare a major. The Registrar's Office and Compliance Coordinator must be responsible for monitoring the declaration of majors. An informational report is run periodically (no less than once per semester) in order to monitor each student-athlete's degree choice.
- v. **Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements (NCAA Bylaw (DI and DII) 14.4.3.1)** – Eligibility for competition will be determined based on the following.

- a. **Division I** – 24 semester hours of academic credit prior to the start of the student-athlete’s second year of collegiate enrollment (third semester, fourth quarter)
 - b. Eighteen-semester hours of academic credit since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution’s preceding regular two semesters or three quarters (hours earned during the summer may not be used to fulfill this requirement).
 - c. **Division II** – Completion of academic semester or quarter hours equivalent to an average of at least 12 semester hours during each of the previous academic terms in academic years in which the student-athlete has been enrolled in a term or terms; or
 - d. Complete 24 semester hours of academic credit since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution’s preceding regular two semesters or three quarters.
- vi. **Fulfillment of Percentage of Degree Requirements (NCAA Bylaw (DI only))**
14.4.3.2 – A student-athlete who is entering his or her third year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 40 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fourth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 60 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fifth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 80 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. The course requirements must be in the student's specific degree program (as opposed to the student's major).