

The NCAA requires you to sign the following forms:

1. **NCAA Student-Athlete Statement** which includes four parts:
 - Statement Concerning Eligibility - you affirm that to the best of your knowledge, you are eligible to compete in intercollegiate competition.
 - Buckley Amendment Consent - You give consent to disclose only to authorized representatives of this institution, its athletics conference (if any) and the NCAA, the following documents:
 - The Student-Athlete Eligibility Form
 - Results of NCAA Drug Tests;
 - Any transcript from your high school, this institution or any junior college or four year institutions you have attended;
 - Pre-college test scores,
 - Records concerning your financial aid;
 - Any other papers or information pertaining to your NCAA eligibility.
 - Incoming Freshmen-Affirmation of Valid ACT or SAT Score
 - Results of Drug Tests
2. **NCAA Drug Testing Consent Form** - you affirm that you are aware of the NCAA drug testing program. You agree to allow the NCAA to test you in relation to any participation by you in any NCAA championship or in any postseason football game certified by the NCAA for the banned drugs listed in Bylaw 31.2.3.1. Additionally if you participate in Division I football or track and field, you also agree to be tested, on a year-round basis, for anabolic agents, diuretics and urine manipulators.

If you have any questions regarding these forms please contact the Director of Athletics or Director of Compliance.

Summary of NCAA Regulations

Each year the NCAA publishes a Summary of NCAA Regulations. For your convenience and future reference, this summary is attached as Appendix I. The Student-Athlete Statement is attached as Appendix II and the Drug Testing Consent Form is attached as Appendix III.

Academic Standards All Sports

ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION

To be **eligible** to compete, you must:

1. register with and be certified as a qualifier by the NCAA Clearinghouse (only for incoming student-athletes. i.e. freshmen).
2. be enrolled in a full-time program - a minimum of 12 credit hours/semester.
3. declare a major by the beginning of your junior year.
4. maintain minimum and cumulative satisfactory progress towards your degree.
5. maintain a minimum and cumulative GPA towards your degree.
6. 18 out of 24 credits must be acquired during the regular academic year (Not Summer).

If you are enrolled in less than a full-time program, you are **eligible to compete** only if you are enrolled in the last term of your degree program and are carrying credits necessary to finish your degree. (Bylaw 14.1.6.2.1.3)

ELIGIBILITY FOR PRACTICE

You are **eligible to practice** if you are enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the regulations of the certifying institution. (Bylaw 14.1.6.1)

You are **eligible to practice** between terms (i.e., during the official vacation period immediately preceding initial enrollment), provided you have been accepted by your institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of your initial participation, you were registered for a minimum full-time program of studies at the conclusion of the term immediately preceding the date of competition and in the case of a transfer student-athlete, you no longer are enrolled in your previous educational institution, and you are eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements. (Bylaw 14.1.6.1.1)

You are also **eligible to practice** if you are enrolled in the final semester or quarter of a baccalaureate program while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies and your institution certifies that you are carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements, as determined by the faculty of the institution. (Bylaw 14.1.6.1.3)

You are **not eligible to practice** in a sport unless you are enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree. Your institution determines what is a minimum full-time program to be eligible to practice. (Bylaw 14.1.6.1)

CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY (minimum and cumulative requirements for eligibility)

Once you have completed one academic year in residence at your current institution or used one season of eligibility in a sport at your current institution, your eligibility shall be determined by your academic record in existence at the beginning of the fall term of the regular academic year. You must satisfy the following requirements for academic progress to be **eligible** to compete:

- **Minimum satisfactory progress towards your degree:** You must have satisfactorily completed at least an average of 12 semester hours of academic credit during each of the terms in academic years in which you have been enrolled, or you must have satisfactorily completed 24 semester hours of academic credit since the beginning of the previous fall term. In both cases, 75% of your credits earned must be during the regular academic year. If you are **ineligible** based on your record in existence at the beginning of the fall term, you may regain your eligibility at the beginning of any other regular term in that academic year by satisfactorily completing at least an average of 12 semester hours of academic credit during each of the terms in academic years in which you have been enrolled, or by satisfactorily completing 24 semester hours of academic credit during your school's preceding regular two semesters.

Note Final Semester: You are **eligible** to participate in practice sessions and/or compete if you are enrolled in the final semester of a baccalaureate program while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies and your institution certifies that you are carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements, as determined by the faculty of the institution. (Bylaw 14.01.0, 14.1.5.1, 14.1.6.2, and 14.1.6.1.3)

- **Cumulative satisfactory progress towards your degree (25/50/75 rule):** If you are entering your third year of collegiate enrollment, you must have completed successfully at least 25 percent of the course requirements in your specific degree program. If you are entering your fourth year of collegiate enrollment, you must have completed successfully at least 50 percent of the course requirements in your specific degree program. If you are entering your fifth year of collegiate enrollment, you must have completed successfully at least 75 percent of the course requirements in your specific degree program. (Bylaws 14.4.3.3.1 and 14.4.3.2.2)

Satisfactory Progress Chart (minimum requirement for eligibility)

Note: The higher Satisfactory Requirement will prevail.

<u>NCAA</u>	<u>LEHIGH**</u>	<u>YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY</u>
12		1st semester
24	0-22	Freshmen, year 1
36		3rd semester
48	23-51	Sophomore, year 2
		completed 25% of required courses in your degree program declare major
60		5th semester
72	52-81	Junior, year 3
		completed 50% of required courses in your degree program
84	96	7th semester
96	97+	Senior, year 4
		completed 75% of required courses in your degree program
108		9th semester
120		10th semester (end of year 5)

**Engineering and business students will have higher credit hour requirements and should consult the registrar's office.

- **Declare a major:** You must choose a major that leads toward a specific baccalaureate degree by the beginning of your third year of enrollment. (This includes transfer students who have not yet completed an academic year in residence or utilized one season of eligibility in a sport at their current institution). (Bylaw 14.4.3.1.4)

- **75/25 Rule:** During the regular academic year you must earn at least 75 percent of the semester hours required for satisfactory progress during the regular academic year. You may not earn more than 25 percent of the semester hours required for satisfactory progress during the summer. (Bylaw 14.4.3.1.3)

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (minimum and cumulative requirements for eligibility)

In addition to satisfactory progress requirements a student athlete must meet the University's cumulative grade point average. The cumulative average is computed at the end of each semester and the second summer session. The following are the cumulative average requirements for good standing:

- **Minimum and Cumulative Grade-Point Average (90/95/95 rule):**

If you are entering your third year of collegiate enrollment, you must present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based upon a maximum of 4.000) that equals at least 90 percent of the cumulative minimum grade-point average required for graduation. If you are entering your fourth or fifth year of collegiate enrollment, you must present a cumulative minimum grade point average (based upon a maximum of 4.000) that equals 95 percent of the cumulative minimum grade point average required for graduation. (Bylaw 14.4.33.1 and 14.4.3.22)

Grade Point Average Chart (minimum and cumulative requirements for eligibility)

Note: The higher GPA requirement will prevail.

NCAA	LEHIGH	Fin. Aid	
1.6	1.7	2.0	1st Semester (freshmen)
1.7	1.7	2.0	2nd Semester (freshmen)
1.8	1.8	2.0	2nd Year (sophomore)
1.8*	2.0	2.0	3rd Year (junior)
1.9#	2.0	2.0	4th Year (senior)

- Entering your 3rd year of collegiate enrolment, you must present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (CMGPA) that equals at least 90% of the CMGPA required for graduation.
- # Entering 4th year your minimum CMGPA = 95% of CMGPA required for graduation.
Entering 5th year your CMGPA = 95% of CMGPA required for graduation.

Academic Probation/Petition Process:

Any student not meeting the above standards (see charts), or who has failed 8 or more credit hours during the previous semester, will be placed on academic probation. Students on probation must achieve a 2.2 semester grade point average during their probationary semester, or a semester grade point average high enough to put them in good standing or be dropped for poor scholarship.

Any undergraduate student who achieves a 1.69 or lower cumulative grade point average in a given term is eligible to be reviewed by, and may be placed on probation at the discretion of, the committee on the standing of students.

Students who, regardless of their cumulative average, have failed more than eight hours of course work in any semester are also placed on scholastic probation.

A student on probation, or one who drops below 12 credits in a semester, becomes immediately ineligible. The student on probation is not eligible to represent the University in games, participate in practices or scrimmages (in-season or off-season). Mandatory conditioning programs that are a part of team practice sessions are also prohibited.

A student who is no longer on probation from the fall semester will become eligible when they complete the registration process, including payment of tuition for the next semester.

Students on probation may petition for the privilege of participation. Petitions are available at the Dean of Students office or the Registrars office and must be accompanied by supporting documentation from the student, his or her coach, faculty athletics representative or faculty member, and parent(s). Please consult your coach for further information as soon as you know there may be a problem.

NCAA Drug Testing - All Sports

If the NCAA tests you for banned drugs listed in Bylaw 31.2.3.1 and you test positive (consistent with NCAA drug-testing protocol), you will be **ineligible** to participate in regular-season and postseason competition for one calendar year (i.e., 365 days) after your positive drug test, and you will be charged with the loss of a minimum of one season of competition in all sports.

You will remain ineligible until you retest negative and your eligibility has been restored by the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee. (Bylaw 18.4.1.5.1)

If you test positive a second time for the use of any drug, other than a “street drug” as defined in Bylaw 31.2.3.1, you will lose all remaining regular season and postseason eligibility in all sports.

If you test positive for the use of a “street drug” after being restored to eligibility, you shall be charged with the loss of one additional season of competition in all sports and also shall remain ineligible for regular season and postseason competition at least through the next calendar year. (Bylaw 18.4.1.5.1)

A policy adopted by the NCAA Executive Committee establishes that the penalty for missing a scheduled drug test is the same as the penalty for testing positive for the use of a banned drug. You will remain ineligible until you retest negative and your eligibility has been restored by the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee. (Bylaw 18.4.1.5.1)

The list is subject to change and the institution and student-athlete shall be held accountable for all banned drug classes on the current list. The list is located on the NCAA web site (www.ncaa.org) or may be obtained from the NCAA health and safety staff in Education Outreach.

Recruitment

The NCAA defines many specific requirements that must be met during the recruitment process in order to ensure initial eligibility. A summary of these regulations is available from the Director of Athletics and may be reviewed prior to signing the student-athlete statement required by the NCAA.

Other Regulations Concerning Eligibility - All Sports

Four Seasons of Eligibility:

You are **not eligible** to participate in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition, except for extensions that have been approved in accordance with NCAA legislation (Bylaw 14.2 and 30.6.1). **Note: In the Patriot League, you are expected to use your eligibility within your first four years (eight terms of actual enrollment).**

Five-Year Rule:

You are **not eligible** if five calendar years have passed from the date you first registered as a full-time student at college and attended the first day of classes for that term, except for the time spent in the armed services on official church missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. Government. (Bylaw 14.2.1)

Satisfied Requirements for Your Degree:

You are **eligible** at an institution other than the institution you have received or satisfied the requirements for a baccalaureate or equivalent degree, if you meet the conditions of the one time transfer exception (Bylaw 14.5.5.3.11) and you have eligibility remaining as set forth in Bylaw 14.2.1.

You are **eligible** for championships, certified postseason bowl games, or the National Invitational Tournament that occur within 60 days of the date you complete the requirements for your degree. (Bylaw 14.1.7.3)