

Committee on
Intercollegiate
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Academic Progress



What is FGR?

FGR=Federal Graduation Rate

- Essentially measures % of students who complete BA/BS from initial school within 6 years
- Counts all transfers as academic failures



AU FGR (all students, SAs) vs. NCAA D1 FBS 2012-2013

	Federal Graduation Rates			
Year	All Students	Male Students	Black Male Students	Student Athletes
<i>NCAA D1 FBS 2012-13</i>	71%	68%	47%	68%
2012-13	78%	72%	49%	68%
2011-12	77%	72%	54%	63%
2010-11	75%	70%	61%	69%
2009-10	73%	68%	50%	69%
2008-09	71%	67%	53%	63%
2007-08	68%	63%	40%	67%
2006-07	68%	66%	35%	65%



What is GSR?

GSR=Graduation Success Rate

- Division 1 rate that accounts for transfers in/out
- Also tracks graduation over 6 years
- Counts transfers in/out **IF** the students are in good academic standing



AU FGR (all students, SAs) & GSR (male & female SAs, all SAs)

	Federal Graduation Rates				Graduation Success Rates (SAs only)			
Year	All Students	Male Students	Black Male Students	Student Athletes	All	Male	Black Male	Female
<i>NCAA D1 FBS 2012-13</i>	71%	68%	47%	68%	88%	83%	75%	94%
2012-13	78%	72%	49%	68%	89%	83%	76%	96%
2011-12	77%	72%	54%	63%	84%	77%	73%	92%
2010-11	75%	70%	61%	69%	82%	74%	67%	91%
2009-10	73%	68%	50%	69%	80%	70%	60%	91%
2008-09	71%	67%	53%	63%	77%	66%	56%	90%
2007-08	68%	63%	40%	67%	78%	66%	58%	91%
2006-07	68%	66%	35%	65%	75%	68%	60%	84%



Auburn University GSR by Men's Sport

Sport	<i>NCAA D1 FBS 2012-13</i>	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10
Baseball	84%	85%	70%	69%	56%
Basketball	81%	71%	64%	60%	56%
Football	79%	76%	72%	70%	69%
Men's Cross-Country	82%	92%	88%	83%	78%
Men's Other	88%	91%	87%	85%	83%

Impermissible Academic Assistance

EXTRA BENEFITS



What is an Extra Benefit?

- The NCAA defines an extra benefit as any special arrangement by an institutional employee or booster to provide a student-athlete a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.
- **Essentially, if a benefit is not available to all students, it cannot be given to a student-athlete.**

Who does it apply to?

A NCAA rule change extended the application of this rule to **all university faculty and staff**.

A university employee with no connection to the athletic department could potentially provide a student-athlete with an **impermissible** academic extra benefit – even if they had good intentions – that could render the student-athlete ineligible.

Examples that have required follow-up with faculty have included:

- Offers to allow a student-athlete to retake an exam
- Reopen homework assignments on Canvas
- Rework lab assignments.

Is allowing a SA to make up work or providing an extension due to missed class-time an extra benefit?

- **Because they are traveling for university-sponsored activities**, you are encouraged to make pedagogically sound and justifiable accommodations that will enable the student-athletes to be successful in the classroom.
- However, you should not offer an accommodation that would be **unavailable** to other students who have professional or family obligations or who are traveling on university business.

But it is a balance

- Student-athletes should never be **penalized** for being student athletes.
- I have contacted faculty for the following issues encountered by SAs:
 - Faculty assigning a participation grade of 0 when the SA had a university sanctioned excuse for missing the class.
 - Faculty not providing a makeup of a major exam missed for a university excused absence – and either
 - Transferring weight to the final
 - Or only offering a makeup during finals week

If in doubt – ask first

- SAs may not be given special treatment simply because they are athletes.
 - Do not offer an accommodation for a SA that you **have not offered and would not offer** to another student.
- Athletic eligibility may never be a factor in any academic decision.
 - If an SA says they need a certain grade to be eligible to compete, please inform them you cannot consider athletic eligibility in any decision.
- As FAR, I follow up on all grade changes involving SAs
- If you have questions now or later, please contact Beverly Marshall, the AU Faculty Athletics Representative.

Faculty/Staff Tickets



It is a Benefit intended for YOU!



For YOUR use

- When you retire and move into a nursing home out of state do not attempt to give someone else the right to buy your tickets.
- You receive these tickets at a discount – 80% of face value.
- To sell these tickets, which you are receiving in your role as an Auburn employee, for a profit (*“Obtaining personal gain for himself or herself”*) is violation of State of Alabama Ethics Law - Alabama Code 36-25-5.
- Violations can also result in forfeiture of your ticket privilege!

This Includes Basketball!

- There is a new hot ticket in Town!
- *August 23, 2020 AUBURN, Alabama--Despite the country dealing with the covid-19 outbreak, for a sixth straight year there is a sellout for season tickets to watch the Auburn basketball Tigers.*

