Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics Report to University Senate

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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		
NCAA D1 FBS 2012-13	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
NCAA D1 FBS 2012-13	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	NCAA D1 FBS 2012-13	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 <u>all</u> <u>university faculty and staff</u>.

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 <u>unavailable</u> 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 <u>penalized</u> 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

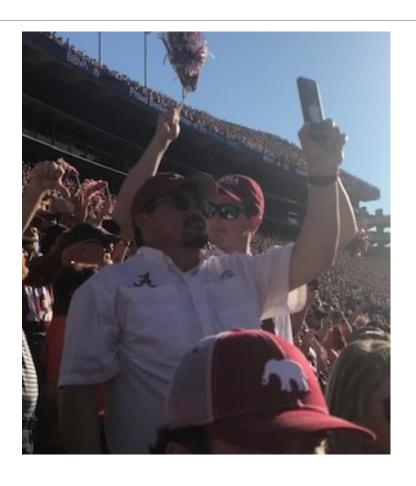
If in doubt — ask first

- SAs may not be given special treatment simply because they are athletes.
 - Do not offer an accommodation for a SA that you <u>have not offered and</u> 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 The staff Tickets The staff



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.

