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# Academic Progress

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## What is FGR?

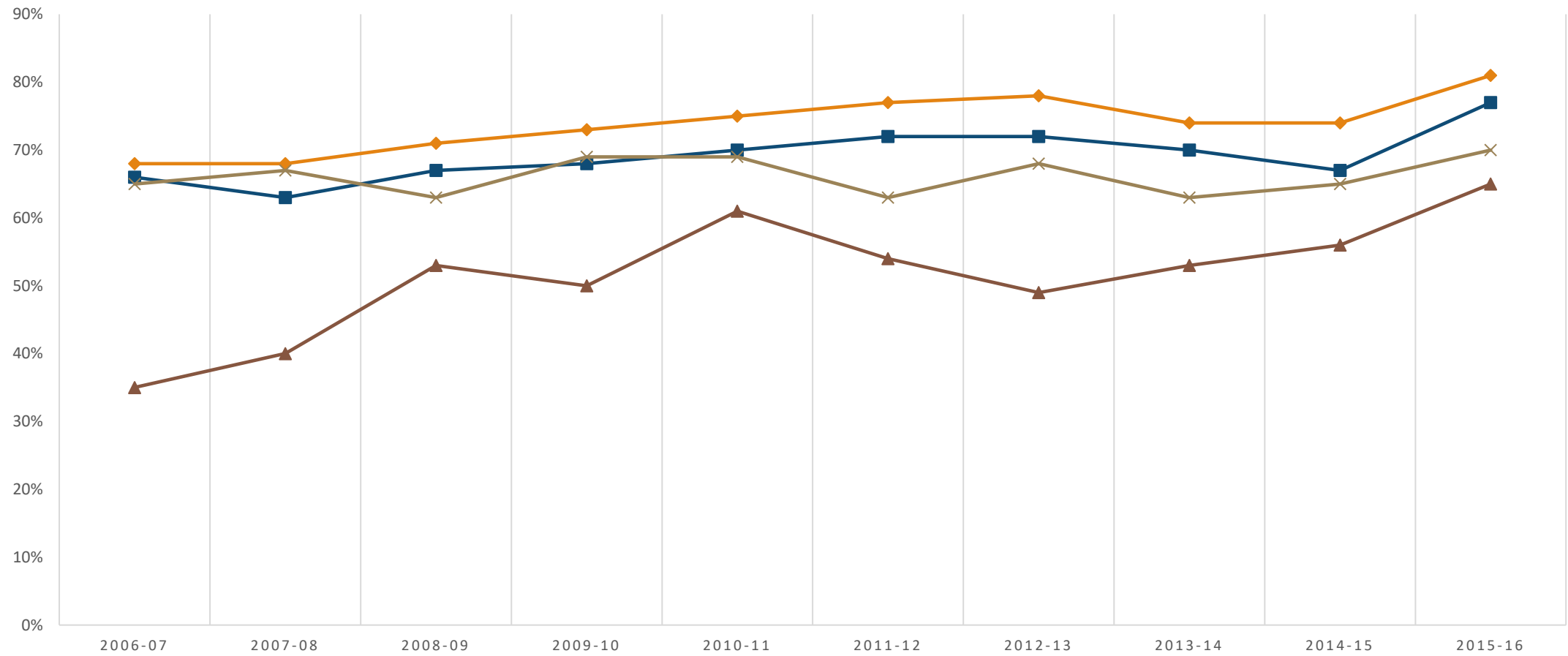
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FGR=Federal Graduation Rate

- Essentially measures % of students who complete BA/BS from initial school within 6 years
- Counts all transfers as academic failures
  
- The 2015-16 cohort is our most recent data since assuming a 6-year graduation interval this cohort would be expected to graduate in 2021-22.

## FEDERAL GRADUATION RATE (FGR) - AUBURN

—◆— All Students    —■— Male    —▲— Black Male    —×— Student-Athletes





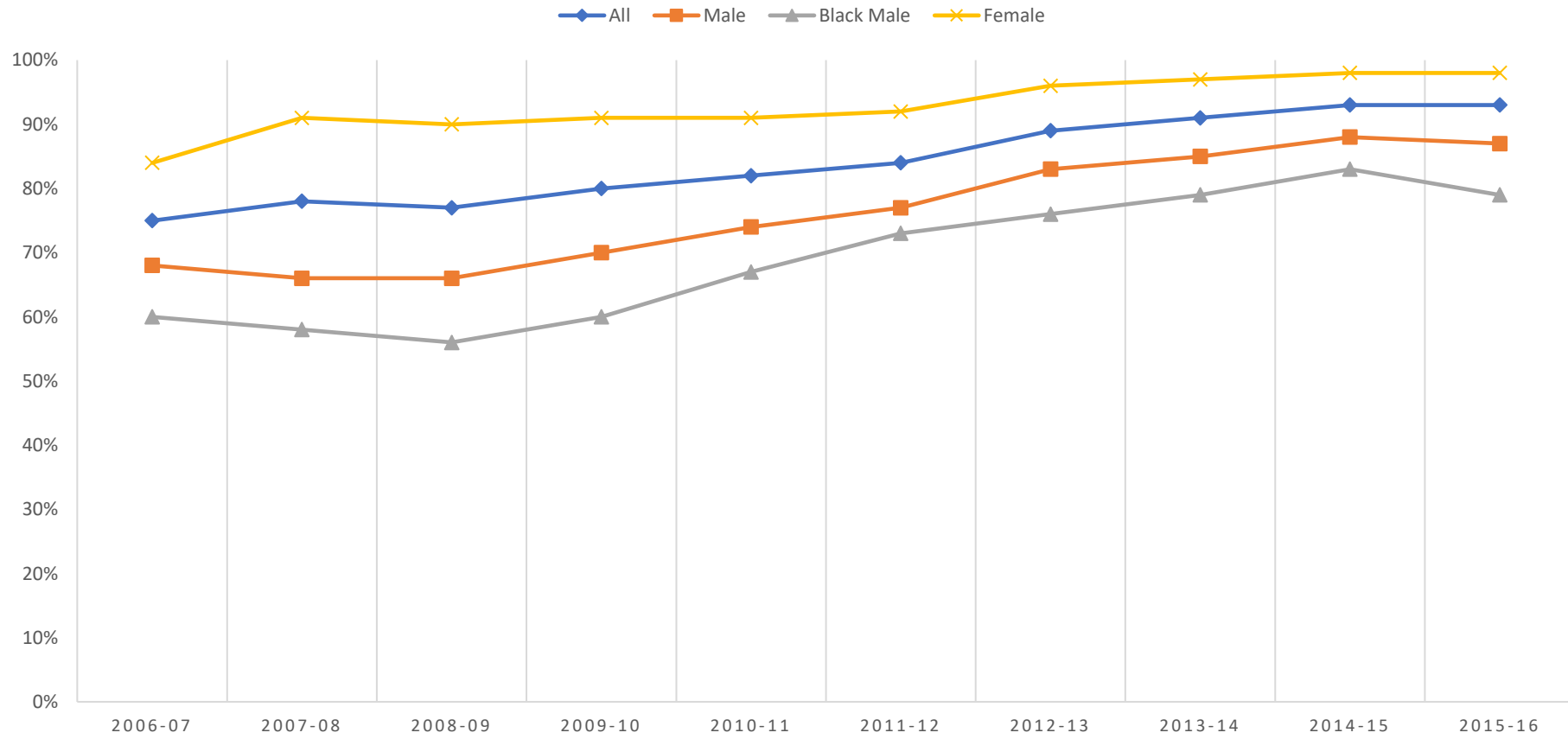
## What is GSR?

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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

## STUDENT-ATHLETE GSR - AUBURN





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

Year	Federal Graduation Rates All students				Federal Graduation Rates (SAs only)				Graduation Success Rates (SAs only)			
	All	Male	Black Male	Females	All	Male	Black Male	Females	All	Male	Black Male	Females
<i>D1 FBS 2015-16</i>	73%	70%	52%	76%	69%	63%	57%	76%	90%	85%	79%	95%
<b>AU 2015-16</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>AU vs NCAA 2015-2016</b>	<b>+8%</b>	<b>+7%</b>	<b>+7%</b>	<b>+8%</b>	<b>+1%</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>+4%</b>	<b>+3%</b>	<b>+2%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+3%</b>
<i>D1 FBS 2014-15</i>	72%	69%	51%	72%	69%	62%	57%	76%	89%	85%	77%	95%
<b>AU 2014-15</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>AU vs NCAA 2014-2015</b>	<b>+2%</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>+5%</b>	<b>+8%</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>+4%</b>	<b>+3%</b>	<b>+6%</b>	<b>+3%</b>



## Auburn University GSR by Men's Sport

Sport	NCAA FBS 2015-16	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10
Baseball	88%	89%	93%	88%	85%	70%	69%	56%
Basketball	84%	64%	86%	73%	71%	64%	60%	56%
Football	82%	83%	80%	79%	76%	72%	70%	69%
Men's Cross-Country	85%	90%	83%	89%	92%	88%	83%	
Men's Other	90%	95%	100%	95%	91%	87%	85%	83%



# Impermissible Academic Assistance

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EXTRA BENEFITS



# What is an Extra Benefit?

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- 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.**
- This rule applies to all university faculty and staff.

# The FAR role

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- 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.
- The FAR follows up on
  - All grade changes involving SAs
  - Potential conflicts of interest between instructor and athletics
  - Other exceptions provided to the SA as needed

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

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- **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.

# It is a balance

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- Student-athletes should never be **penalized** for being student athletes.
  - Participation grades and absence policies that lower grades without consideration of university sanctioned absences
  - Not providing a makeup of a major exam missed for a university excused absence (or placing requirements that are not consistent with the policy)
    - Arrangement to make up missed major examinations due to properly authorized excused absences shall be initiated by the student within one week from the end of the period of the excused absence.
    - Normally, a make-up exam shall occur within two weeks from the time that the student initiates arrangements for it.

# Academic Dishonesty

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Please follow the Academic Honesty process for all potential academic honesty cases.

- It avoids any potential for either favoritism (extra benefit) or bias against athletes.
- It protects the rights of students that are accused, and this process also creates a record so that repeat offenders are identified.

For more information on the Academic Honesty process see <https://auburn.edu/academic/provost/academicHonestyFaculty.php>

# Required Activities Outside of Scheduled Class Times

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- Example: Your class meets MWF from 11-12 and you schedule a required activity from 5-6:30.
- NCAA rules mandate that no student-athlete shall miss a class to attend a practice session.
- Practice schedules are generally set a month in advance (Time Management Plan)
  - They are based on class times of the entire team.
- Please consider this when requiring any activity outside of the regularly scheduled time period.
  - Provide sufficient notice
  - Remember that these create issues for students other than student-athletes too!

# Final Exams

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The SEC asks for our final exam schedule years in advance.

This is so that no competitions are NOT scheduled the week of final exams.

Please remember this and follow the official exam schedule.





# Faculty/Staff Tickets

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# For YOUR use

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- 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 will be reported to the Office of Internal Audit, Compliance, and Privacy
- Violations can also result in forfeiture of your ticket privilege!
- Applies to Football, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, and Gymnastics!