

# INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

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The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is responsible for directing intercollegiate athletic programs for both women and men, and for managing the campus' athletic facilities.

Women's intercollegiate athletic teams include cross country, field hockey, soccer and volleyball in the fall; basketball, indoor track/field and gymnastics during the winter; and lacrosse, softball and outdoor track/field in the spring. Tennis and golf competition is scheduled in both the fall and spring seasons.

There are men's teams in football and soccer in the fall; basketball and wrestling during the winter; and baseball, lacrosse and outdoor track/field in the spring. Golf competition is scheduled in both the fall and spring seasons.

Men's and women's intercollegiate athletic teams compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) at the Division I level and in the Big Ten Conference.

## Eligibility Requirements

Student-athletes must meet all NCAA, Big Ten and University of Maryland requirements for eligibility. The chart below serves only as a guideline to eligibility rules and does not provide complete detail. All NCAA requirements are available via <http://NCAA.org>.

## NCAA Continuing Eligibility and Progress Towards Degree Guidelines

Year of Initial Collegiate Enrollment	Semester of Full-Time Enrollment	NCAA Requirements
Fall 2003 - present	Entering 1st semester (1st year)	Must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center
Fall 2003 - present	Entering 2nd semester	6 degree applicable credits earned previous semester
Fall 2003 - present	Entering 3rd semester (2nd year)	18 hours earned during previous regular academic year and 24 for the year earned at UMD, 6 degree applicable credits earned in previous semester, 1.8 NCAA GPA <sup>1</sup>
Fall 2003 - present	Entering 4th semester	6 degree applicable credits previous semester, 1.80 NCAA GPA <sup>1</sup>

Fall 2003 - present	Entering 5th semester (3rd year)	declaration of degree program, 40% of degree requirement completed, 18 degree credits during previous regular academic year, 6 degree applicable credits earned previous semester, 1.90 NCAA GPA <sup>1</sup>
Fall 2003 - present	Entering 6th semester	6 degree applicable credits earned previous semester, 1.90 NCAA GPA <sup>1</sup>
Fall 2003 - present	Entering 7th semester (4th year)	60% of degree requirement completed, 18 degree credits during previous regular academic year, 6 degree applicable credits earned previous semester, 2.00 NCAA GPA <sup>1</sup>
Fall 2003 - present	Entering 8th semester	6 degree applicable credits earned in previous semester, 2.00 NCAA GPA <sup>1</sup>
Fall 2003 - present	Entering 9th semester (5th year)	80% of degree requirement completed, 18 degree credits earned in previous regular academic year, 6 degree applicable credits earned previous semester, 2.00 NCAA GPA <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Based on 120 credit degree program

1. Student-athletes are allowed 4 seasons of competition within 5 calendar years from the time they first enroll full-time in a collegiate institution. Some exceptions may apply.
2. Student-athletes must be enrolled full-time to be eligible to practice or compete with their team. If a student-athlete drops below full-time, they will immediately be ineligible to practice or compete, and their athletics grant-in-aid will be revoked unless otherwise approved by the Department of Athletics. Graduating student-athletes who need less than full-time hours to complete degree requirements may receive an exception to enroll in less than full-time credit hours by completing a prescribed form available in the Gossett Student-Athlete Center (GSAC) and approved by the college and certification officer.
3. Student-athletes are required to meet multiple sets of academic standards in order to maintain eligibility for athletic competition. These standards are dictated by the NCAA, Big Ten Conference, and the University of Maryland Athletics Council. In addition, student-athletes may be required to maintain standards dictated by the college of their major for either admission into a degree program, or maintaining enrollment.
4. Transfer student-athletes must meet all NCAA, Big Ten and UMD requirements in order to be immediately eligible. Please note that

in certain cases NCAA and Big Ten eligibility requirements are more stringent than UMD admissions requirements.

5. Ineligible student-athletes are not permitted to compete or travel.
6. Dismissed and later reinstated student-athletes are ineligible for competition until they meet designated grade point averages.

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics (ICA) also sponsors a number of awards for achievement in athletics and/or scholarship. For further information, contact GSAC at 301-314-1915.