8.031 Academic Progress and Degree Attainment

The presidents of institutions having intercollegiate athletics programs are instructed to establish policies and procedures that commit student athletes, counselors, coaches, and athletic program administrators to pursuing the dual student athlete goals of maintaining normal progress toward completion of the baccalaureate degree and attainment thereof, usually in not more than five years after the date of initial registration. Such policies shall require:

(1) Minimum academic term carrying loads of 12 hours during seasons of competition, in prescribed courses leading to a baccalaureate degree selected by the student athlete; and compliance with normal progress rules established by the institution; and

(2) Development and use of continuing academic progress monitoring systems which, when necessary, activate appropriate corrective measures by the student athlete, counselor, coaches, and athletic program administrator.

(3) Each institution president to submit annually to the Board a report on the success of student athletes in pursuing the goals of academic progress and degree attainment.