



Student-Athlete Handbook

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Fayetteville State University
Mission Statement, Enduring Goals and Philosophy

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Fayetteville State University intercollegiate athletics program is to bring positive recognition to Fayetteville State University through a program built on concepts such as excellence, integrity, and enthusiasm. The mission is integral to the university's educational mission and operates under the principles of amateur athletics and fair play, as established by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
ENDURING GOALS

In its activities and programs, the FSU intercollegiate athletics program will strive to do the following:

1. Insure student-athletes have a positive academic and athletic experience that provides further development of athletic skills, personal mental and social growth, and in some instances, possible career preparation. The Athletics Department shall be constantly aware of the primacy of the academic over the athletic and shall do all it can to urge student-athletes to attain a meaningful education culminating in the attainment of their degree.
2. Become a premiere NCAA Division II athletics program in all sports sponsored. The Athletics Department shall aim at observing and fulfilling the objectives and regulations of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The Athletics Department will aim to be consistently competitive within the CIAA and the NCAA Division II level.
3. Be guided by the United States federal government's Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the principles of gender equity, which insures equal opportunity for all students and to provide equal opportunities in employment within the athletics staff.
4. Continue to strengthen the fund raising capabilities to improve the overall operation and insure the overall growth of the program. The Athletics Department is committed to improve the funding of all sports programs with resources from organized fundraising activities of the Fayetteville State University 1,000 Broncos.
5. Be cognizant that the intercollegiate athletics program endeavors are not ends in themselves but are directed to the benefit of each student-athlete as a total person in particular and to the good of the University as a whole.
6. Project a positive image of the university within the Fayetteville and surrounding community and the surrounding region.

Title IX

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) prohibits educational institutions from discriminating on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities. Title IX also requires such institutions to adopt and publish grievance procedures to resolve student and employee complaints alleging discrimination prohibited by Title IX. To ensure compliance with Title IX and in an effort to ensure that employees and students receive prompt and equitable resolution of complaints involving sex discrimination, Fayetteville State has implemented policies and procedures that address complaints of sex discrimination.

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Purpose of the Student-Athlete Handbook

Intercollegiate Athletics is an integral part of Fayetteville State University total education program. It is, therefore, our desire that the student-athlete takes full advantage of the university's quality education and academic support programs by giving his/her best performance in the classroom and in the athletics arena. Our goal is that each athlete will require the skills and knowledge that will launch him/her well into the next century as a truly productive citizen with a successful career. We are committed to providing our male and female student-athletes with wholesome activities, competitive athletics and the education resources that ensure the accomplishment of this goal.

The purpose of this handbook is to provide the student-athlete with an overview of the Department of Athletics and to present institutional, conference and National Collegiate Athletic Association policies and procedures governing athletes. Policies and procedures governing intercollegiate athletics not covered in this Handbook can be found in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Manual and in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association By-Laws. A student-athlete may request in writing an interpretation of any rule or regulation. This book should be used as a guide in assisting the student-athlete in his/her academic and athletic endeavors.

Student-Athlete Conduct

When joining the Fayetteville State University Athletics Department, you are not only representing your team, you are also representing the University. It is important that your personal conduct demonstrates good moral and ethical judgment. You are expected to behave both on and off the campus in a manner which brings credit to FSU and your team; this includes any activities conducted online. Be aware of the image you are creating.

In addition to complying with all federal, state and local laws upon enrolling at FSU, you are also expected to abide by all University regulations. As a student-athlete, you are in no way exempt from penalty if you violate these regulations. Students penalized for violating public laws are not exempt from further prosecution by University authorities if their actions violate University rules. When participating in intercollegiate athletics competition, you are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship. Your coach will instruct you in positive techniques for communication with

officials and opponents. You will be told how to react to aggressive or unsportsmanlike actions of others.

The Athletics Department enforces its guidelines related to sportsmanlike conduct. You must avoid actions which display unsportsmanlike behavior. Some of these behaviors are as follows:

- Physical abuse of an official, coach, athlete, opponent or spectator;
- Directing obscene or inappropriate language or gestures to officials, opponents, team members or spectators.
- Any action which violates generally recognized intercollegiate athletics standards or the values and standards associated with Fayetteville State University, or as determined by any individual head coach and approved by the director of athletics.

Student-Athlete Acknowledgement

I have read and understand the foregoing Fayetteville State University Athletes Code of Conduct, and have been given the opportunity to ask questions and have clarification. All questions have been answered to any satisfaction. I understand that agreement to and compliance with the Athlete's Code of Conduct is required for my participation in Fayetteville State University athletics. Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action against me, including, but not limited to, reduction or revocation of my athletic scholarship award and suspension (temporary or permanent) from athletic participation. My signature below is also my consent for officials of Fayetteville State University, while acting within the scope of their employment, to communicate with my parents or legal guardian concerning matters of my health, academic status, Code of Conduct violations, and my athletic participation and scholarship status.

Printed Name _____ Sport _____

Student-Athlete Signature _____ Date: _____

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS
STUDENT-ATHLETE AGREEMENT CONCERNING HAZING

Policy Statement: **Hazing will not be tolerated.** The Department of Athletics at Fayetteville State University supports only those activities which are constructive, educational, inspirational, and that contribute to students' intellectual and personal development. FSU Athletics unequivocally opposes any situation created intentionally to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule.

Fayetteville State University's Code of Student Conduct defines hazing "as pressuring or coercing a student into violating state or federal law, any brutality of a physical nature, such as striking in any manner, whipping, beating, branding, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of food, liquor, drugs, or other substances, or other forced physical activities that would adversely affect the health or safety of the student. It also includes any activity that would subject the student to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contacts, forced conduct that would be extremely demeaning or results in extreme embarrassment or any other forced activity that could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the student." In addition, North Carolina law also prohibits hazing, and has civil and criminal penalties for participating in hazing. Actions and activities which may be prohibited under Fayetteville State's Code of Student Conduct (and may be a violation of North Carolina law), **regardless of the person's willingness to participate**, include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Any type of initiation or other activity where there is an expectation of individuals joining a particular team to participate in behavior designed to humiliate, degrade or abuse them
- Forcing, requiring or pressuring an individual to consume alcohol or any other substance
- Forcing, requiring or pressuring an individual to tattoo, pierce or shave any part of the body, including hair on the head
- Any requirement or pressure put on an individual to participate in any activity which is illegal, perverse, publicly indecent, contrary to generally accepted societal norms and/or beliefs, e.g., public profanity, indecent or lewd conduct or sexual gestures in public
- Required eating of anything an individual would refuse to eat otherwise
- Any activity or action that creates a risk to the health, safety or property of the University or any member of its community.
- Physical abuse of any kind
- Assigning or endorsing pranks such as stealing or harassment of another organization
- Awakening or disturbing individuals during normal sleeping hours
- Expecting or pressuring individuals to participate in an activity in which the full membership is not willing to participate
- Forcing, encouraging or pressuring someone to wear in public apparel which is conspicuous and not within the norm of what is considered to be in good taste
- Engaging in public stunts and buffoonery
- Nudity at any time or forced reading, listening or viewing of pornographic material
- Paddling, beating or otherwise permitting a member to hit other members
- Having any substances (ex. eggs, mud, paint, honey, etc.) thrown at, poured on or otherwise applied to the body of a member

- Morally degrading/humiliating games or other activity that makes a member the object of amusement, ridicule or intimidation.
- Subjecting a member to cruel and unusual psychological conditions

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I have read the hazing policy and understand the following:

(initial) _____ I agree and promise not to participate in any activity deemed to be hazing. I have read the above examples which may be hazing as described in Fayetteville State University Hazing Policy.

(initial) _____ I agree to report to my coach and/or Assistant or Associate Athletics Director and/or Athletics Director and/or the Office of Student Affairs any activities (verified or suspected) which are prohibited under this policy.

(initial) _____ I understand that if I am in violation of this policy I will be subject to discipline that may include, but is not limited to, departmental or University probation, suspension from the team and/or the University, expulsion from the team and/or the University and loss of my athletic grant-in-aid. In addition, I am aware that the team may be subject to group discipline that can include, but is not limited to, team probation, cancellation of individual contests and/or cancellation of the entire season.

I understand and agree that I am required to know, understand and follow the rules, policies and procedures related to hazing at Fayetteville State University.

Printed Name _____ Sport _____

Student-Athlete Signature _____ Date: _____

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS HAZING POLICY

I. Policy

Hazing will not be tolerated at Fayetteville State University. The Department of Athletics is committed to preventing and eliminating any hazing behavior which violates University rules, North Carolina law. Hazing is unlawful, criminal, and impedes the realization of the Department’s mission of providing student-athletes with exceptional educational and athletic opportunities. It also goes against the Department’s values and commitments which include: (1) education and enrichment of the student-athlete, (2) integrity in all aspects of behavior, (3) innovation in approach and spirit, (4) excellence through organization, (5) respect for the individual, and (6) a tradition of leadership. Any student-athlete or Athletics Department staff member

involved in a hazing incident is subject to University investigation and disciplinary proceedings, as well as civil and criminal penalties under North Carolina law.

II. Goals and Objectives

A goal of the Department of Athletics is to inform its student-athletes and staff members about this hazing policy and all of the procedures and other information contained within this hazing policy. Department staff members and student-athletes will be educated about hazing, in general, and this hazing policy, in particular, in various avenues, some of which may include: University orientation meetings, staff and student-athlete orientations, coaches' meetings, major guest speakers, SAAC meetings, and team captains' leadership training. In addition, the hazing policy will be included in the Student-Athlete Handbook.

III. Regulations Regarding Hazing

The University's Code of Student Conduct defines hazing as "pressuring or coercing a student into violating state or federal law, any brutality of a physical nature, such as striking in any manner, whipping, beating, branding, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of food, liquor, drugs, or other substances, or other forced physical activities that would adversely affect the health or safety of the student. It also includes any activity that would subject the student to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contacts, forced conduct that would be extremely demeaning or results in extreme embarrassment or any other forced activity that could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the student." See <http://www.uncfsu.edu/documents/policy/students/Hazing.pdf> for the full hazing policy. Hazing occurs regardless of the consent or willingness of the person to participate in the activity. Hazing is punishable whether it occurs on or off campus.

IV. Hazing Examples

Activities such as team members carrying equipment or requiring team members to take care of the water before and after practice do not constitute hazing. Legitimate tasks or team jobs that must be done are not classified as hazing/initiation simply because team members are required to perform them, unless an atmosphere of humiliation, degradation, abuse or danger arises.

Questions to consider when determining if an activity could be considered hazing are as follows:

1. Is this a team or group activity that members are encouraged or expected to attend and where alcohol is involved?
2. Will current members refuse to participate with the new members?

3. Does the activity risk emotional or physical abuse?
4. Is there any risk of injury or a question of safety?
5. Would you have any reservations describing the activity to your parents, to a professor or to a University official?
6. Would you object to the activity being photographed for the school newspaper or local TV news?

HAZING POLICY GUIDELINES

I. How to report Suspected Hazing Activities

The Department of Athletics maintains an open door policy for the reporting of hazing. Incidents involving hazing should be reported to any Athletics Department administrator or staff member (Coach, Athletics Director, Assistant/Associate AD, Athletic Trainer). Any unresolved issues will go to the Director of Athletics. Any administrator or coach who receives a complaint should report the complaint to the Dean of Students, Dr. Landon Hadley, at 910-672-1201. Student-athletes may also make an anonymous complaint to the Dean of Students. The Department prohibits any manner of retaliation by other student-athletes or coaches in response to a report of hazing. Knowledge of any manner of retaliation by any member of the athletics program, including student-athletes and coaches, will be investigated by the Athletics Department and punished accordingly.

II. Investigative Procedures

After receiving an allegation of hazing, it is then the responsibility of the Athletics Director to assemble an appropriate investigative team to investigate the alleged incident. An investigative team may include, but is not limited to, the Athletics Director, the Assistant/Associate AD, a representative from Legal Affairs, a representative from Student Affairs, Coach, and Academic Counselor.

If the investigation uncovers behavior that is inappropriate but does not meet the definition of hazing, the Department will take steps to appropriately address the behavior.

III. Corrective Measures/Sanctions

Sanctions may be implemented at two levels: the Athletics Department and the University. The Athletics Department and/or University sanctions may include, but are not limited to, a reprimand, requirement to attend an educational session, reduction in practice and/or competition participation, departmental or university probation, reduction or removal of athletic grant-in-aid, suspension and/or dismissal from the team and dismissal from the University. Sanctions also may be imposed on any individual with a duty to act under this policy and associated procedures but fails to respond to a

complaint of hazing in a manner consistent with the provisions of this policy and the associated procedures. The complainant will be informed of the corrective measures taken. In addition to the Athletics Department and/or University sanctions, there also may be criminal charges, civil liability and sanctions imposed by the NCAA.

IV. Counseling and Support

Any student-athlete or Athletics Department staff member who has been subject to, has witnessed, or is aware of a hazing activity can contact any of the following units for counseling and supportive services:

- A. Student Support Services
- B. Center for Personal Development

V. Confidentiality

The Department will make every reasonable effort, consistent with North Carolina law, to conduct its investigation in a manner that will protect the confidentiality of all parties. Parties to the complaint should treat the matter under investigation with discretion and respect for the reputation of all parties involved.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)

A Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is a committee made up of student-athletes assembled to provide insight on the student-athlete experience. The SAAC also offers input on the rules, regulations and policies that affect student-athletes' lives on NCAA member institution campuses.

Fayetteville State University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee plays an important role in bridging the gap between administrative personnel and the student-athletes at FSU. The committee is designed to incorporate ideas and opinions from student-athletes into legislative decisions that will affect our academic and athletic pursuits. FSU student-athletes are developing valuable leadership skills as they address changes in rules and regulations, organize community service events, and build a positive image for collegiate athletes.

For information on becoming a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee at Fayetteville State University, please contact Dr. LaWanda Miller, Senior Woman Administrator at lmiller@uncfsu.edu (910-672-1420).

Cancellation/Reduction of Financial Aid

15.3.4 Reduction and Cancellation Permitted. Institution financial aid based in degree on athletics ability may be reduced or canceled during the period of award, if the recipient:

- (a) Renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition
- (b) Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement
- (c) Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty or
- (d) Voluntarily withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons

If a student-athlete's financial aid is cancelled or reduced during the academic year or from one academic year to the next, the student-athlete should do the following:

1. S/he should discuss the matter with the head coach. If the issue is not resolved ...
2. S/he and the head coach should meet with the appropriate member of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics senior staff who has been designated as the sport administrator. If the issue is not resolved at this level ...
3. S/he and head coach should meet with the Director of Athletics and/or the sport administrator. If the issue is not resolved at this level ...
4. S/he should contact the Office of Financial Aid or Faculty Athletics Representative to initiate the appeals procedures for the Department of Athletics.
5. The Faculty Athletic Representative should make the appropriate arrangements for the appeal.

Note: The decision of this committee is final.

Compliance Office Mission Statement

Fayetteville State University commitment and obligation to the principle of institutional control in athletics is consistent with the rules and regulations as set forth by the NCAA, CIAA and the University.

The Compliance office coordinates monitors and verifies all NCAA, CIAA rules and regulations as well as educates the various constituencies of the University and the community at large regarding the practices of these applications. The office is dedicated to providing educational and interpretive support to ensure that all individuals involved in athletics understand and adhere to all policies and procedures and expectations set forth by the University.

The compliance office has put into place an organized monitoring procedures and educational programs that will provide guidance on rules management. All persons within the athletics department are obligated to maintain current knowledge of up-to-date rules regulations and market trends for their respective sport. The Athletics Department has a commitment of institutional control through the use of rules education for its' coaching staff, student-athletes and other administrative staff within the program.

Should a violation occur, violations will be reported in the following manner to the conference office (CIAA) and NCAA with copies going to the Director of Athletics, Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR), President/Chancellor of the University, Conference Commissioner, and all staff members involved in the alleged offense. The Compliance Coordinator conducts an investigation and reports the findings to the Director of Athletics, the Coaching staff, Registrar's Office, FAR and President/Chancellor of the University. Depending on the severity of the violation (major, minor, or self-imposed) corrective action will be taken to rectify the situation that caused the problem and will be duly noted as a part of the permanent records of the university.

It is the goal of the compliance program to place the university in a pro-active position by educating, overseeing and monitoring the intercollegiate athletics program of the university and maintaining a positive environment for its constituents and the community at large.

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Eligibility for FSU Student-Athletes

No student-athlete at Fayetteville State University will be permitted to compete on an intercollegiate athletic team until the following conditions are met:

1. **Eligibility/Certification:** The student-athlete must be declared eligible and be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, the CIAA and the institution per existing regulations. However, first-time freshman, transfer students and walk-on are permitted to practice a maximum period of Forty-five (45) days while awaiting clearance. After forty-five days, the student-athlete must be declared eligible (qualifier or partial-qualifier) or dropped from the team. Continuing student-athletes can neither practice nor compete until declared eligible certified and cleared by the Compliance Office. Amateurism certification must be declared by the NCAA Eligibility Center for All student-athletes (high school, two-year, four-year, domestic and foreign) enrolling at a NCAA Division I or II institution for the first time on or after August 1, 2007 must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and have their amateur status certified in order to be eligible to participate in NCAA intercollegiate athletics.

A prospective student-athlete may register online at <http://eligibilitycenter.org/>.

2. **Financial Aid:** The student-athlete must complete all processes (*including signing the financial aid agreement*) and be cleared in writing by the Compliance Office before being allowed to compete.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Freshmen

Must register with the Eligibility Center and be certified as a Qualifier to compete, or a Partial Qualifier to practice with the team.

QUALIFIER, you can practice or compete for Fayetteville State University during your first year of enrollment as a Full-time student; you can receive an athletic scholarship during your first year enrolled; and you can play four seasons within 10 full-time semesters in your sport as long as you maintain progress-toward-degree from year to year.

PARTIAL QUALIFIER, you do not meet the academic requirements listed above but you have graduated from High School and meet one of the following: The combined **SAT score of 820** or **ACT sum scores of 68**; **OR** completion of **16 core courses with a 2.000** core-course grade-point average.

As a Partial Qualifier, you: Can practice with your team at its home facility during your first year of college; Can receive an athletic scholarship during your first year of college; Cannot compete during your first year of college; and Can play four seasons within 10 full-time semesters in your sport as long as you maintain progress-toward-degree from year to year.

NON-QUALIFIER, you did not graduate from High School, **OR** if you graduated you are missing both the core courses grade-point average **AND** the required ACT or SAT scores.

As a Non-qualifier you: Cannot practice or compete for FSU during first year in college (must serve a year in residence- 2 full-time semesters); Cannot receive an athletic scholarship during your first year of college, although you may receive need-based financial aid; and Can play four seasons within 10 full-time semesters in your sport as long as you maintain progress-toward-degree from year to year.

Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors

All continuing student-athletes must make Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in order to remain eligible. To make SAP at Fayetteville State University you need the following:

- A minimum of 24 semester hours per year (Fall and Spring), no exceptions
- To be enrolled in at least 12 hours per semester
- To meet the NCAA 75/25 rule as it applies to SAP. (**No more than 6 credit hours during any summer school session**)
- To meet the 2.00 grade point average requirement at all times
- To declare a major by the beginning of the fifth term (junior year)
 - At this point, classes toward the declared major will only be considered for SAP.

Satisfactory Academic Progress is required of the following student-athletes:

- A student-athlete who has competed in any contest
- A Partial Qualifier/Non-Qualifier that was recruited and signed a National Letter of Intent
- Any recruited student-athlete
- Any transfer student-athlete that was recruited

A recruited student-athlete is one who was contacted by phone or in person a coach or representative of Athletics staff on more than one occasion. If a prearranged meeting occurred, then you were recruited. If a member of the Athletics staff called you (other than returning your phone call) on more than one occasion, then you were recruited.

In addition to the Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements, the following are additional responsibilities to which student-athletes must adhere:

- Develop and maintain habits of learning commensurate with education at the University level and to pursue a program of study leading to degree
- Know the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct and to abide by them
- Attend all class meetings, labs, required discussion sessions and required conferences with teachers for all courses.
 - The only acceptable reasons for missing course obligations or appointments with teachers are **serious illness, family emergency or official travel to university-sponsored activities** (including competitions). Teachers must be appropriately informed prior to participation.
- Follow all procedures for completing progress reports for your coaches
- Pre-register each semester during the official pre-registration period
- Fulfill all course requirements including submission of papers and other assignments in a timely manner
- Keep your academic advisor and respective coaches informed of academic progress on a regular basis
- Cooperate with and abide by the respective coach's academic policies (ex. additional study hall hours)
- To know and abide by all policies and procedures of the University

By University policy students can be penalized for absences from class and other academic obligations during those specified times. Each coach must ensure that their respective schedules allow for student-athletes to attend classes regularly as well as labs, conferences and make-up sessions. **Student-athletes should never miss class or labs due to practice sessions.** Furthermore, student-athletes are responsible for make-up work for classes missed due competitions.

Changing Your Schedule and Major

All student-athletes must report to their coaches and academic advisor in order to change their schedule and major. Information on the procedures is in the university catalog. **No coach can exercise this function.**

Registration: All students-athletes must register at the beginning of each semester whether they were in residence the preceding semester or not. Students are required to register at the University on the days designated. New students will be advised regarding courses and registration procedures during orientation sessions at the beginning of each semester. Dates specified for new students to register are listed in the University calendar. All students will report for registration as indicated in the University calendar.

Late Registration: Returning students may be allowed late registration upon the payment of a late fee, but no student will be permitted to register later than the time specified in the calendar.

Changes in Registration: Students who find it necessary to change their program of study after registration **MUST** make the change through the Registrar's Office on forms provided for that purpose. For any such change the student **MUST** obtain the permission of the advisor. This procedure is followed for dropping or adding a course. Prior to processing change request in the Office of the Registrar, students should take the completed advisor signed Drop/Add form to the Office of the Registrar's or processing. All program change requests should be completed by the deadlines for the **LAST DAY TO ADD** and **LAST DAY TO DROP** respectively. These program deadlines are provided in the university's academic calendar, which is in your **SUCCESS GUIDE**.

The adding of courses must be completed before the time for making changes expires.

Drop-Add: Students who find it necessary to change their program of study during the registration can do so via Online Registration or through the Registrar's Office by completing the necessary forms. Any adding of courses **AFTER** registration requires special permission from the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. **AFTER** registration, courses can be dropped until the date designated on the university calendar by completing a change of registration form and having it signed by their advisor.

ALL ATHLETES MUST HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL BEFORE DROPPING/ADDING COURSES- See Compliance Coordinator/Student-Athlete Academic Coordinator

A COPY OF YOUR SCHEDULE SHOULD BE TURNED IN TO YOUR COACH PRIOR TO CLASSES BEGINNING!

Playing and Practice Sessions

The coaching staff must observe the following:

- 20 hours per week during the season
- 8 hours per week out of season (condition and lifting: only two of eight hours can be voluntary small group instruction in sports other than football: only 3 student-athletes can participate and instruction must be requested by student-athlete)
- **1 day off per week during season and off-season** (preseason does not count for sports whose practice sessions are during periods when there are no classes- before August 19 or before January 10)
- Organized lifting and conditioning, player/coach meetings, chalk talks, video sessions and captain's practice all count toward your total hours of practice for the week

Student-athletes must adhere to the following:

- You may not play on a team other than a Fayetteville State University during the **academic year (fall-spring)**. If you wish to compete during the semester break or during the summer, please consult your Coach or the Compliance office.

Red Shirt and Hardship Status/Partial Qualifiers

Each student has 10 full-time semesters to compete in 4 years of athletics. The following are two exceptions:

1. Medical Hardship Status:

- If you are hurt in the first half of the season
- Played in less than 20% of games or 2 games, whichever is less
- Not medically able to continue playing
- Must be approved by training staff, team doctor, Director of Athletics, Conference Office

If these criteria are met, you can be granted another season of play.

2. Red Shirt Status:

- Can practice, lift and have meetings with the team
- Cannot travel with team
- Cannot dress in uniform
- Can go to home contests
- Cannot play 1 second or 1 play of any contest

Transfer to another Institution

You must get written permission from the Compliance Office before you speak to other colleges or universities about transferring. You must sit out one year at the new institution or receive an exception. In order to receive an exception, you must be eligible at Fayetteville State University for the next academic year.

Athletic Eligibility

To remain athletically eligible, the most important thing to remember is not to endanger your amateur athlete status. It is essential that you check with your Head Coach or Compliance Coordinator before making decisions regarding outside athletic participation.

The following are NCAA guidelines for maintaining your amateur status:

YOU CANNOT, WITHIN YOUR SPORT ...

1. Accept payment or a promise of payments (in cash, prizes, gifts or travel) for participation in your sport
2. Enter into an agreement of any kind to compete in professional athletics.
 - You cannot negotiate a verbal or written professional contract.
3. Request that your name be put on a draft list for professional sports or try out with a professional sports organization.
4. Use your athletic skill for payment.
 - You cannot be employed on a “fee for lesson” basis.
5. Play on any profession athletic team in your sport(s)
6. Participate on teams other than those fielded by Fayetteville State University during the season; This includes exhibition or tournament games

YOU CANNOT, IN ANY SPORT ...

1. Agree to have your picture or name used to promote a commercial product.
2. Accept such things as gifts, meals, and loans of cars or money from athletic interest group or people within the athletics program at the university
3. Be represented by an agent or organization to market your athletic skills or reputation
4. Receive any benefit that is not available to other students at the university
5. Participate in a summer league not approved by the NCAA
 - You must have written permission from the Director of Athletics for summer league participation.
6. Play on a non-divisional athletic team during the academic year without permission from your Head Coach and Faculty Athletics Representative.

Extra Benefits

Illegal aid is a topic that should concern every student-athlete, as it constitutes a serious violation of NCAA rules. If you accept illegal aid you may lose your eligibility, your scholarship and right to compete in intercollegiate athletics.

Most student-athletes think of illegal benefits in terms of accepting gifts or money. While certainly that is one form of an illegal extra benefit, you also **cannot** do the following:

- Receive more than the allotted number of complimentary admissions

- Sell complimentary admissions at any price
- Receive materials benefits that are not available to the general student body
- Use the Athletics Department office phones for personal use
- Receive payment for unspecified, un-itemized, or improper expenses
- Receive a loan of money by an member of the Athletics staff

The following are examples of benefits that **ARE** permitted by the NCAA:

- Tutoring expenses
- On-campus student development and career counseling
- Future professional sports career counseling from a panel appointed by the institution's president/chancellor
- Actual and necessary expenses to attend proceedings conducted by the institution and/or its athletic conference
- Cost of a field trip, provided the field trip is required of all the students in the course
- Organized day planners that are non-electronic.
- Required course-related supplies (books, goggles, etc)

Illegal benefits means that you should not accept special discounts on purchases or services, or even accept special payment arrangements on any purchases. Be very careful of “free” or “special” benefits that someone wishes to give you.

Gambling

Gambling on a collegiate level or professional sports is prohibited by the **NCAA Bylaw 10.3**. You may **NOT** place any bet of any sport on any college or professional sports event. You may **NOT** give information to anyone who does place bets on college or professional sports. Gambling includes the following:

- Placing, accepting or soliciting a wager of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest

Examples of sports wagering include (but are not limited to):

- The use of a bookmaker or parlay card
- Internet sports wagering
- Auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests, and
- Pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

However, bracket contests, including Facebook and similar activities, where there is **NO** entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize.

Consequences for Violating Bylaw 10.3

A student-athlete involved in sports wagering on the student-athlete's institution permanently loses all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports.

A student-athlete who is involved in any sports wagering activity that involves college sports or professional athletics, through an internet gambling, bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling, will be ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition for at least one year.

“Statistics show that .5 percent of men's basketball players (2 of 388 surveyed) reported taking money for playing poorly in a game; 2.1 percent of men's basketball players (8 of 388 surveyed) admitted they had been asked to affect the outcome of a game because of gambling debts; 1.0 percent of men's basketball players (4 of 388 surveyed) admitted having affected the outcome of a game because of gambling debts.”

Dress Policy

Your decision to become a member of the Fayetteville State University athletic program comes with tremendous responsibility of protecting the image of this organization. Standards for select young ladies and gentleman that are chosen as student-athletes to represent the university are tremendously high. Broncos take pride in their appearance because they are women and men of character and they understand the importance of a positive image.

The following items are prohibited in campus areas outside of the student-athletes' assigned room:

- Inappropriate head gear (including but not limited to doo rags, wave caps, sleeping scarves, bandanas, etc.) If there is a question in your mind about what defines head gear, don't wear it or ask the appropriate staff member for clarification.
- Visible undergarments (including but not limited to briefs, boxer shorts, and undershirts [wife beaters] without a covering shirt, no tank tops under shirts, etc.) This applies to dress in the weight room(s) and gymnasium.
- Visible private/personal areas on the body (including but not limited to breast, buttocks, etc.) Use sound judgment on midsection area. Your entire midsection should not be exposed, regardless of the weather.
- Excessively short, tight or oversized clothing including but not limited to shorts, pants, “daisy dukes”, “mini-skirts”, dresses, shirts, blouses, halter tops, etc.
- House clothing including but not limited to pajamas, slippers, bathrobes, etc.
- Shirts that have explicit curse words, or drug paraphernalia on it or profane signs. Example: shooting a bird, showing personal areas of the body, sexuality comments or any type of shirt stating/showing nasty gestures.

Athletic Training Mission Statement

The health and well-being of the student-athletes at Fayetteville State University is of utmost importance to the Athletics Department and the institution itself.

FSU employs a staff of certified athletic trainers nationally certified through the Board of Certification (ATC credential) and licensed through the North Carolina Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners (LAT credential). These certified athletic trainers are responsible for the prevention, evaluation, immediate care, rehabilitation, and reconditioning of all athletic injuries incurred by FSU student-athletes, as well as several other administrative duties such as medical record keeping and facilitating the insurance claims process.

The members of the sports medicine team also serve as liaisons among intercollegiate coaches, student-athletes and their families, team physicians and Athletics Department administration to coordinate the best overall healthcare possible for all varsity student-athletes.

FSU and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) both recognize the importance of maintaining a drug-free sporting environment, not only for the purity of competition but for the health and safety of the student-athletes. To help achieve this goal, FSU's Sports Medicine Department regularly conducts randomized drug screening of the student-athletes.

The sports medicine team at FSU embodies the Bronco spirit by working tirelessly through all the athletic seasons and by making a commitment of service to the care of FSU student-athletes.

Sports Medicine Procedures

All student-athletes must complete and return a Pre-Participation Physical (The FSU Sports Medicine Physical Packet), Sickle Cell Trait test results and proof of insurance coverage.

1. The FSU Pre-Participation Physical is available online through the school's athletic website, under the Sports Medicine link. Only the specific FSU Physical packet will be accepted, no other version of a physical from any Doctors office will be accepted.
2. The NCAA is now requiring ALL Division II Student-Athletes to have taken the Sickle Cell Trait test. The test results must be received by the Athletic Training Staff before clearing any student-athlete for practice or play.
3. All Student-Athletes are required to show proof of insurance coverage, by making a copy of their insurance card (front and back) and attaching it to the physical packet. Student-athletes cannot participate in any sort of practice or play without proof of insurance on file with the Sports Medicine Staff. (All student-athletes receiving any Athletic Aid are not permitted to waive the Fayetteville State University Student insurance.)

Until **ALL 3** requirements listed above are completed and verified by a Sports Medicine Staff member, the student-athlete will not be cleared to participate in any sports-related activity, including weight lifting, conditioning workouts, practice or play.

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NCAA Drug Testing

Fayetteville State University does not condone the use of illegal drugs by students. Substance abuse poses a danger to the health and safety of all student-athletes. Furthermore, substance abuse damages the integrity and reputation of all students, faculty, staff, and administrators of FSU. Therefore, it is the intent of this policy to prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, or any substances prohibited by FSU or the NCAA. All personnel within the Athletics Department are required to cooperate with the administration of the drug-testing program.

Individuals Subject to Drug Testing

All student-athletes who participate in collegiate athletics at FSU are subject to drug testing. Any individual may refuse drug testing; however, refusal to consent for testing will be considered a positive test and carry the applicable sanctions. Failure to report for drug testing will also be considered a positive test and all sanctions will apply. Each student-athlete must read and sign the NCAA Drug-Testing Consent Form administered by the Compliance Coordinator (Deron Norwood) prior to participation in athletics.

The Drug-Testing Consent Form shall be signed by each student-athlete each academic year in which the student-athlete consents to be tested for the use of Banned Drugs and Substances.

Failure to complete and sign the consent form before practice or competition shall result in the student-athlete's ineligibility for participation (i.e., practice and competition) in all intercollegiate athletics.

Drug-Testing Procedure

Student-athletes will be chosen on a random basis or with reasonable suspicion by the Athletics Department personnel. Student-athletes will be required to present photo identification prior to testing procedure. The student-athlete will read and sign a verification form from the drug-testing laboratory. The student-athlete will select a sealed container and submit an observed urine specimen. The specimen will be divided into bottle "A" and bottle "B". Both specimen bottles and verification form will be placed in the shipping container in the presence of the student-athlete in order to deter specimen tampering. All drug testing will be administered and supervised by authorized personnel designated by the Athletics Department. The initial screen for specimen "A" will be performed by enzyme immunoassay. All positive tests will be confirmed by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS). Specimen "B" will be placed in frozen storage for one year in the event of an appeal.

Notification and Appeals

The drug-testing laboratory will notify the designated site coordinator of the results of testing. A positive result will be disclosed to the student-athlete in a closed session with the Athletics Director, the appropriate Sports Medicine representative, and the Head Coach. The student-athlete will be given the opportunity to discuss the results. Every effort will be made to insure the confidentiality

of the drug-testing results and limited to those included in the closed session. The student-athlete may appeal the results of a positive drug test. In the case of an appeal, the student-athlete must notify the Athletics Director in writing within ten (10) working days. The laboratory will then be contacted and specimen "B" will be tested and confirmed. The student-athlete will have an option to be present at the opening and testing of specimen "B" at their own expense. Specimen "B" findings will be final subject to the results of any appeal.

Sanctions for Positive NCAA Drug Test

The sanction for positive NCAA drug test is a loss of eligibility for one year from date of the positive test.

Alcohol, Tobacco and Controlled Substances

Fayetteville State University is a dry campus does not condone the use of alcohol by its student-athletes. Arrests for minor in possession (MIP), driving under the influence (DUI), driving while intoxicated (DWI), public intoxication (PI) or contributing to a minor will not be tolerated. Any student-athlete arrested for an alcohol-related offense will be suspended from practice and competition until reinstated by the Athletics Director and reported to the University's Judicial System. This suspension will stay in effect until all charges have been cleared.

The use of tobacco products by s student-athlete is prohibited during practice and competition. A student-athlete who uses tobacco during a practice or competition shall be suspended for the remainder of that practice or competition per NCAA Bylaw 17.1.9.

Per NCAA Bylaw 11.1.5, the use of tobacco products is prohibited by all game personnel (e.g. coaches, trainers, managers and game officials) in all sports during practice and completion. Uniform penalties (as determined by the applicable rules-making committees and sports committees with rules-making responsibilities) shall be established for such use.

Sports Information

Fayetteville State University's intercollegiate teams generate a high level of public interest and local media attention. The Department of Athletics is aware that its image affects the reputation of the entire university and urges you to exercise care when making statements to the media and taking actions on and off playing fields and courts.

The primary function of the Sports Information Office is to serve as a liaison between the Department of Athletics and the media whenever possible. The Sports Information Director coordinates player and coach interviews, sets up press conferences (when necessary), provides information to the media, authorizes press credentials and organizes press box duties at home games. You have a responsibility to the university, your coaches and teammates to cooperate with

the media whenever possible. Fayetteville State University fans, hometown fans, and fans across the country are interested in the FSU athletics program. To aid the Sports Information Office with request for information from the media, you may be asked at the beginning of the year to complete a profile questionnaire.

YOUR ROLE AS THE IMAGE MAKER

In general, when speaking with the media, be confident, courteous and prompt. Perhaps the main thing to remember is to present an image that is consistent with the ideals and high standards of FSU. Keep in mind that what you do, whether on the playing field or off, are subject to public scrutiny because of your status as a student-athlete. Please take your role as an image-maker for the University and the Department of Athletics very seriously.

Media Interviews: A Valuable Experience

It is felt that interviews can be a very valuable part of a student-athlete's life at FSU, as it can serve as a great learning and growing experience for you. As an entering freshman, you may be nervous about speaking to media representatives. By the time you graduate, however, you will have become relaxed, confident and articulate. This growth and personal confidence can be carried with you into the business world.

View the media as friends, not adversaries. However, do organize your thoughts before a scheduled interview. Often a comment that seems verbally innocent becomes different when appearing in print. You should never agree to a telephone interview unless the arrangements are coordinated through the Sports Information Office. If you receive an interview request, ask the media representative to make arrangements through the Sports Information Office.

You should never receive calls or visits in your room from the media. In addition, never release your home/dormitory or cell phone to any member of the media. If someone shows up at your dorm door, explain as politely as possible that you will get in trouble if you do an interview under such circumstances and refer the person to the Sports Information Office.

Post-game interviews on the playing field/sideline/courtside also must be coordinated through the Sports Information Office. Many news reporter working on a strict deadline will attempt to interview players before they enter the locker room. Keep in mind, according to the NCAA, coaches and players have a ten (10) minute grace period following a game before they are required to answer media questions.

Excuse yourself from an interview and notify the Sports Information Office if the general tone of the interview is such that you may not be comfortable continuing. The longer you are on a team, the more likely it becomes that you will develop a personal relationship with some of media representatives regularly covering your team. While we encourage this relationship, remember that regardless of what is said, a reporter's first obligation is to report the news. There

is no such thing as “**being off the record.**” It is an ethical issue with the reporter. The bottom line is, if you do not want to see it in print, do not say it.

Online Social Networking Sites

Fayetteville State University supports and encourages the individuals’ expression of first amendment rights of free speech. This includes participating in online social networking sites (i.e. Twitter, Facebook.com, and YouTube.com).

The university and Athletics Department does not place any restrictions on the use of these sites by student-athletes. However, we do remind you that as a member of the FSU Intercollegiate Athletics Department, you are a representative of the university and always in the public eye. Please keep the following points in mind as you participate on social networking web sites.

- Before participating in any online community, understand that anything posted online is available to anyone on the planet. Any text or photo placed online is completely out of your control the moment it is placed online – even if you limit access to your site.
- Do not post information, photos or other items online that could embarrass you, your team or your university. This includes information, photos and items that may be posted by others on your page.
- Be aware of who you add as a friend to your site – many people are looking to take advantage of student-athletes, while others want to get close to student-athletes to give them a sense of membership in the team.
- Exercise caution as to what information you post on your website about your whereabouts or plans. You could be opening yourself up to predators such as stalkers, rapists and thieves.
- You must abide by the FSU Information Technology Department’s Policies on Computing and Technology support:
- FSU, including coaches and administrators, has the right to monitor these web sites.
- Student-athletes could face discipline and even dismissal for violation of the standards or philosophies of the university, the Athletics Department and/or the NCAA.

Equipment and Apparel

Equipment and apparel provided for you are the property of Fayetteville State University Athletics Department. Student-athletes are issued apparel for practice and competition. All incoming student-athletes and walk-ons must be academically and medically certified before receiving equipment or apparel.

Any equipment items not returned or paid for will be billed to the individual student-athlete. This will be considered indebtedness to the university and it will place a hold on your account. You will not be able to receive your athletic aid until the debt is paid. Once the bill goes out, return of the items is no longer an option. The item must be paid for.

Housing

Policy and Procedures for Residence Life

Housing for student-athletes is provided in university-operated student residence halls. An individual must be admitted to the university, certified by the Athletics Compliance Officer as a member of a university sports team, and have met all requirements relative to Residence Life.

Housing for student-athletes and/or athletic teams outside of the normal academic calendar for practice and competition must be requested through the Athletics Director and/or his/her designee to the Director of Residence Life and to the Vice Chancellor. If approved, Police/Public Safety must be notified and a list of the student-athletes names, Banner IDs, room assignments, and telephone numbers should be forwarded to them.

No team and/or student-athletes will be allowed to remain in residence halls during university official closings such as Christmas Break. If housing is needed during this time, requests for off-campus housing should be made through the Athletics Director along with permission to use campus facilities.

Registration begins April 1st, ends May 1st, and re-opens July 1st. Deposit of \$125.00 is due at that time.

FSU Campus Police and Public Safety

The Department operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Campus police officers have full North Carolina law enforcement authority including the power of arrest. The security staff is radio equipped and certified in first aid and CPR. The security staff conducts vehicle, bicycle, and foot patrols. The security staff is charged with many duties including traffic regulations enforcement and the handling of all fire and medical emergencies.

Campus Police 910-672-1295

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Fire Dept. 910-433-1730 EMS 1911

Fall Semester 2016		
April 11	Monday	Fall 2016 registration begins
August 8	Monday	New Faculty Orientation
August 8	Monday	Waitlist deactivated
August 9	Tuesday	College/School Departmental Meetings
August 10	Wednesday	Bronco Kick-Off/Faculty-Staff Conferences
August 13	Saturday	Bronco Smooth Move/New Students Arrive
August 15	Monday	Registration Ends
August 16	Tuesday	First Day of Class/Late registration begins (\$20.00 fee)
August 16	Tuesday	Begin to identify No Shows
August 22	Monday	Late registration ends
August 22	Monday	Deadline for auditing courses
August 23	Tuesday	Bill Clearance Deadline 5:00 pm
August 23	Tuesday	Interim grading begins
August 23	Tuesday	Course Withdrawals begin
August 23	Tuesday	University Withdrawals begin
August 24	Wednesday	Last day to waive health insurance fee
August 24	Wednesday	Drop for Nonpayment 5:00 pm
August 26	Friday	Tuition Surcharge posted for account 5:00 pm
August 29	Monday	Census
September 5	Monday	Labor Day - University Closed
September 8	Thursday	Convocation
September 8	Thursday	Fall Refunds Issued
October 4	Tuesday	Midterms begin
October 10	Monday	Midterms end
October 12	Wednesday	Midterm grades due
October 13	Thursday	Fall break - No Classes - University open
October 14	Friday	Fall break - No Classes - University open
October 15	Saturday	Fall break - No Classes
October 17	Monday	Classes resume
October 17	Monday	Interim grading ends
October 17	Monday	Deadline for removing incomplete grades from previous semester for Undergraduates

October 24	Monday	Deadline for course withdrawals
October 29	Saturday	Homecoming
November 7	Monday	Deadline for University Withdrawals
November 7	Monday	Spring 2017 registration begins
November 11	Friday	Veterans' Day - University Closed
November 24	Thursday	Thanksgiving Holiday - University Closed
November 25	Friday	Thanksgiving Holiday - University Closed
November 28	Monday	Graduating Student finals begin (Grad/Doc level graduating students begin)
December 2	Friday	Last day of class
December 2	Friday	Reading Day
December 3	Saturday	Graduating students finals end (Grad/Doc level graduating students end)
December 3	Saturday	Non-graduating students' finals begin (Finals begin)
December 5	Monday	Graduating students grades due (Grad/Doc graduating students grades due)
December 9	Friday	Non graduating students' finals end (All students' finals end)
December 9	Friday	Commencement rehearsal
December 9	Friday	Residence Halls close for non-graduating students at 5:00 pm
December 10	Saturday	Commencement
December 10	Saturday	Residence Halls close for graduating students at 3:00 pm
December 12	Monday	Non graduating students' grades due (All students' grades due)
December 16	Friday	Text rental books due
December 22	Thursday	Christmas Holiday begins - University Closed
December 30	Friday	Christmas Holiday ends - University Closed
Eight-Week Term I 2016		
April 11	Monday	Fall 2016 registration begins
August 8	Monday	New Faculty Orientation
August 8	Monday	Waitlist deactivated
August 9	Tuesday	College/School Departmental Meetings
August 10	Wednesday	Bronco Kick-Off/Faculty-Staff Conferences

August 13	Saturday	Bronco Smooth Move/New Students Arrive
August 15	Monday	Regular Registration Ends
August 16	Tuesday	First Day of Class/Late registration begins (\$20.00 fee)
August 16	Tuesday	Begin to identify No Shows
August 22	Monday	Late registration ends
August 22	Monday	Deadline for auditing courses
August 23	Tuesday	Interim grading begins
August 23	Tuesday	Course Withdrawals begin
August 23	Tuesday	University Withdrawals begin
August 24	Wednesday	Last day to waive health insurance fee
August 24	Wednesday	Bill Clearance Deadline 5:00 pm
August 25	Thursday	Drop for Nonpayment 5:00 pm
August 26	Friday	Tuition Surcharge posted for account 5:00 pm
August 29	Monday	Census
August 29	Monday	Bill Clearance
September 5	Monday	Labor Day - University Closed
September 8	Thursday	Convocation
September 8	Thursday	Fall Refunds Issued
September 12	Monday	Interim grading begins
September 13	Tuesday	Issuance of student refunds
September 19	Monday	Deadline for course withdrawals
September 26	Monday	Deadline for University withdrawals
October 7	Friday	Last day of class/Final exams
October 12	Wednesday	Final grades due
August 8	Monday	Waitlist deactivated
October 10	Monday	Registration ends
October 11	Tuesday	First Day of Class/Late registration begins (\$20.00 fee)
October 11	Tuesday	Begin to identify No Shows
October 17	Monday	Late registration ends
October 17	Monday	Deadline for removing incomplete grades from previous semester for Undergraduates
October 18	Tuesday	Interim grading begins

October 18	Tuesday	Course Withdrawals begin
October 18	Tuesday	University Withdrawals begin
October 29	Saturday	Homecoming
November 7	Monday	Spring 2017 registration begins
November 9	Wednesday	Interim grading ends
November 11	Friday	Veterans' Day - University Closed
November 16	Wednesday	Deadline for course withdrawals
November 23	Wednesday	Deadline for University withdrawals
November 24	Thursday	Thanksgiving Holiday - University Closed
November 25	Friday	Thanksgiving Holiday - University Closed
November 28	Monday	Graduating Student finals begin (Grad/Doc level graduating students begin)
December 3	Saturday	Graduating students finals end (Grad/Doc level graduating students end)
December 3	Saturday	Non-graduating students' finals begin (Finals begin)
December 5	Monday	Graduating students grades due (Grad/Doc graduating students grades due)
December 9	Friday	Non graduating students' finals end (All students' finals end)
December 9	Friday	Commencement rehearsal
December 9	Friday	Residence Halls close for non-graduating students at 5:00 pm
December 10	Saturday	Commencement
December 10	Saturday	Residence Halls close for graduating students at 3:00 pm
December 12	Monday	Non graduating students' grades due (All students' grades due)
December 16	Friday	Text rental books due
December 22	Thursday	Christmas Holiday begins - University Closed
December 30	Friday	Christmas Holiday ends - University Closed
Spring Semester 2017		
January 2	Monday	New Year's Day - University Closed
January 3	Tuesday	University Reopens
January 9	Monday	College/School Departmental Meetings
January 9	Monday	Waitlist deactivated

January 13	Friday	Residence Halls open 9:00 am
January 13	Friday	Registration Ends
January 14	Saturday	First Day of Class/Late registration begins (\$20.00 fee)
January 14	Saturday	Begin to identify No Shows
January 16	Monday	Martin Luther King , Jr. Holiday - University Closed
January 20	Friday	Deadline for course audits
January 20	Friday	Late registration ends
January 23	Monday	Interim grading begins
January 23	Monday	Course Withdrawals begin
January 23	Monday	University Withdrawals begin
January 24	Tuesday	Bill Clearance Deadline 5:00 pm
January 25	Wednesday	Drop for Nonpayment 5:00 pm
January 27	Friday	Tuition Surcharge posted for account 5:00 pm
January 30	Monday	Census
February 2	Thursday	Spring Refunds Issued
March 6	Monday	Midterms begin
March 10	Friday	Midterms end
March 11	Saturday	Residence Halls close at 10:00 am
March 11	Monday	Midterm break begins
March 14	Tuesday	Midterm grades due
March 17	Friday	Midterm break ends
March 17	Friday	Residence Halls open 9:00 am
March 24	Friday	Deadline for removing incomplete grades from previous semester for Undergraduates
March 27	Monday	Interim grading ends
March 31	Friday	Deadline for course withdrawals
April 6	Thursday	Founders' Day
April 10	Monday	Fall 2017 registration begins
April 14	Friday	Good Friday Holiday - University Closed
April 17	Monday	Deadline for University Withdrawals
May 1	Monday	Graduate/Doctoral level graduating students finals beg
May 5	Friday	Last day of class
May 6	Saturday	Graduate/Doctoral level students finals end

May 6	Saturday	Finals begin for all other students
May 8	Monday	Graduate/Doctoral level graduating students grades due
May 12	Friday	Finals end for all other students
May 12	Friday	Commencement rehearsal
May 12	Friday	Residence Halls close for non-graduating students at 5:00 pm
May 13	Saturday	Commencement
May 13	Saturday	Residence Halls close for graduating students at 3:00 pm
May 15	Monday	All final grades due
May 15	Monday	Post school conference begins
May 16	Tuesday	Post school conference ends
May 19	Friday	Text rental books due
Eight-Week Term III 2017		
January 2	Monday	New Year's Day - University Closed
January 3	Tuesday	University Reopens
January 9	Monday	College/School Departmental Meetings
January 9	Monday	Waitlist deactivated
January 13	Friday	Residence Halls open at 9:00 am
January 13	Friday	Registration Ends
January 14	Saturday	First Day of Class/Late registration begins (\$20.00 fee)
January 14	Saturday	Begin to identify No Shows
January 16	Monday	Martin Luther King , Jr. Holiday - University Closed
January 20	Friday	Deadline for course audits
January 20	Friday	Late registration ends
January 23	Monday	Interim grading begins
January 23	Monday	Course Withdrawals begin
January 23	Monday	University Withdrawals begin
January 24	Monday	Bill Clearance Deadline 5:00 pm
January 25	Wednesday	Drop for Nonpayment 5:00 pm
January 27	Friday	Tuition Surcharge posted for account 5:00 pm
January 30	Monday	Census
February 2	Thursday	Spring Refunds Issued
February 13	Monday	Interim grading ends

February 20	Monday	Deadline for course withdrawals
March 3	Friday	Deadline for University withdrawals
March 10	Friday	Last day of classes/Final exams
March 14	Tuesday	Final grades due
Eight-Week Term IV 2017		
November 7	Monday	Spring 2017 registration begins
January 9	Monday	Waitlist deactivated
March 17	Friday	Registration ends
March 17	Friday	Residence Halls open at 9:00 am
March 18	Saturday	First Day of Class/Late registration begins (\$20.00 fee)
March 18	Saturday	Begin to identify No Shows
March 22	Wednesday	Late registration ends
March 23	Thursday	Interim grading begins
March 23	Thursday	Course Withdrawals begin
March 23	Thursday	University Withdrawals begin
March 24	Friday	Deadline for course audits
March 24	Friday	Deadline for removing incomplete grades from previous semester for Undergraduates
March 31	Friday	Census
April 6	Thursday	Founders' Day
April 7	Friday	Interim grading ends
April 10	Monday	Fall 2017 registration begins
April 14	Friday	Good Friday Holiday - University Closed
April 21	Friday	Deadline for course withdrawals
April 28	Friday	Deadline for University withdrawals
May 1	Monday	Graduate/Doctoral level graduating students finals begin
May 6	Saturday	Graduate/Doctoral level graduating students finals end
May 8	Monday	Graduate/Doctoral level graduating students grades due
May 12	Friday	Last day of class/Final exams
May 12	Friday	Commencement rehearsal
May 12	Friday	Residence Halls close for non-graduating students at 5:00 pm
May 13	Saturday	Commencement
May 13	Saturday	Residence Halls close for graduating students at 3:00 pm

May 15	Monday	Final grades for all students due
May 15	Monday	Post school conference begins
May 16	Tuesday	Post school conference ends
May 19	Friday	Text rental books due
Intersession 2017		
May 12	Friday	Registration ends
May 15	Monday	Post school session begins
May 16	Tuesday	Post school session ends
May 16	Tuesday	Registration Ends
May 17	Wednesday	Intersession first day of class
May 17	Wednesday	Begin to identify No Shows
May 17	Wednesday	Interim grading begins
May 17	Wednesday	Course Withdrawals begin
May 17	Wednesday	University Withdrawals begin
May 23	Tuesday	Midterms
May 23	Tuesday	Course Withdrawals end
May 24	Wednesday	University Withdrawals end
May 29	Monday	Memorial Day - University Closed
June 2	Friday	Last day of class/Final exams
June 5	Monday	Final grades due
Summer I 2017		
June 2	Friday	Registration ends
June 4	Sunday	Residence Halls open at 12:00 noon
June 5	Monday	First Day of Class/Late registration begins (\$20.00 fee)
June 5	Monday	Begin to identify No Shows
June 7	Wednesday	Late registration ends
June 7	Wednesday	Deadline for course audits
June 8	Thursday	Bill Clearance Deadline 10:00 am
June 8	Thursday	Interim grading begins
June 8	Thursday	Course Withdrawals begin
June 8	Thursday	University Withdrawals begin
June 12	Monday	Interim grading ends
June 16	Friday	Midterms begin/end

June 19	Monday	Deadline for course withdrawals
June 20	Tuesday	Midterm grades due
June 26	Monday	Deadline for University Withdrawals
June 30	Friday	Last day of class
July 1	Saturday	Residence Halls close for Summer I students at 10:00 am
July 3	Monday	Final grades due
Eight-Week Term V 2017		
June 2	Friday	Registration ends
June 4	Sunday	Residence Halls open at 12:00 noon
June 5	Monday	First Day of Class/Late registration begins (\$20.00 fee)
June 5	Monday	Begin to identify No Shows
June 7	Wednesday	Late registration ends
June 7	Wednesday	Deadline for course audits
June 8	Thursday	Interim grading begins
June 8	Thursday	Course Withdrawals begin
June 8	Thursday	University Withdrawals begin
June 30	Friday	Midterms begin/end
July 3	Monday	Summer break begins
July 4	Tuesday	July 4 Holiday - University Closed
July 5	Wednesday	Midterm grades due
July 5	Wednesday	Interim grading ends
July 5	Wednesday	Summer break ends/Classes resume
July 10	Monday	Bill Clearance Deadline 10:00 am
July 11	Tuesday	Deadline for course withdrawals
July 19	Wednesday	Deadline for University Withdrawals
August 1	Tuesday	Last day of class/Final exams
August 2	Wednesday	Residence Halls close for Summer at 12:00 noon
August 3	Thursday	Final grades due
August 8	Friday	Text rental books due
Summer II 2017		
July 3	Monday	Registration ends
July 3	Monday	Residence Halls open at 9:00 am
July 5	Wednesday	First Day of Class/Late registration begins (\$20.00 fee)

July 5	Wednesday	Begin to identify No Shows
July 7	Friday	Late registration ends
July 7	Friday	Deadline for course audits
July 10	Monday	Interim grading begins
July 10	Monday	Course Withdrawals begin
July 10	Monday	University Withdrawals begin
July 12	Wednesday	Interim grading ends
July 18	Tuesday	Midterms begin/end
July 18	Tuesday	Deadline for course withdrawals
July 19	Wednesday	Deadline for University withdrawals
July 20	Thursday	Midterm grades due
August 1	Tuesday	Last day of class/final exams
August 2	Wednesday	Residence Halls close for Summer at 12:00 noon
August 3	Thursday	Final grades due
August 8	Monday	Text rental books due