

STUDENT-ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

UNIVERSITY AND ATHLETICS POLICY: All student-athlete eligibility (e.g. initial, continuing, transfer) at Loyola Marymount University will be determined and approved by the University Registrar and the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR). In the case of initial eligibility, all approvals are issued by the NCAA Initial Eligibility Center and then verified by the Registrar and FAR.

OFFICIAL ELIGIBILITY ROSTERS

- Names of all incoming freshmen/transfers and returning student-athletes on each team must be submitted to Associate Director of Athletics/Compliance before July 1 (exception: walk-ons, late admits)
- Compliance Office immediately forwards names to Registrar's Office for processing
- University Registrar and Faculty Athletics Representative verify Eligibility and sign rosters
- Names of eligible student-athletes listed on signed rosters are eligible to compete (no name on signed copy = not eligible to compete).
- All Eligibility Rosters are forwarded to the West Coast Conference for processing prior to the beginning of each sport season.

Suggestions

If you have prospective student-athletes (PSA's) who are transfers or walk-ons, confirm their names and status with Associate Director of Athletics/Compliance ASAP so their eligibility status will not be delayed.

Important Reminders

FRESHMEN RECRUITED STUDENT-ATHLETES

- ✓ May practice, but not compete for maximum of 14 days before eligibility is certified.
- ✓ After 14-day period, the student-athlete **WILL NOT BE PERMITTED** to participate in practice or competition until eligibility is certified.

FRESHMEN NON-RECRUITED STUDENT-ATHLETES (WALK-ONS)

- ✓ May practice, but not compete for maximum of 45 days before eligibility is certified.
- ✓ After 45-day period, the student-athlete **WILL NOT BE PERMITTED** to participate in practice or competition until eligibility is certified.

ELIGIBILITY CHECKPOINTS

Student-Athlete must...

Prior to certification for practice and competition, all student-athletes **MUST**:

- ✓ Sign NCAA Student-Athlete Statements
- ✓ Sign NCAA Drug Testing Consent Statements
- ✓ Complete and Sign LMU Student-Athlete Questionnaire and Physical Forms
- ✓ Sign HIPPA Form
- ✓ Sign LMU and NCAA Eligibility and Compliance Forms
- ✓ Provide Proof of Insurance
- ✓ Complete FAFSA Forms
- ✓ Complete LMU Calculation of Charges Worksheet
- ✓ For Transfers: Be granted transfer waiver approval from previous institution(s) attended

Eligibility Requirements

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| a. NCAA Rule: | Be certified as an Academic Qualifier by the NCAA Eligibility Center |
| b. NCAA Rule: | Be certified as an Amateur by the NCAA Eligibility Center |
| c. LMU Rule: | Enroll and pass 15 units EACH semester (Fall and Spring) |
| d. NCAA Rule: | Maintain enrollment in a minimum of 12 units EACH semester |

- e. NCAA Rule: Pass a minimum of 24 semester units in 1st academic year
- f. NCAA Rule: Pass a minimum of 18 semester units during **EACH** academic year (Fall and Spring)
- g. NCAA Rule: Pass a minimum of 6 semester units **EACH** semester (Fall and Spring)
- h. LMU Rule: Maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA **EACH** semester (Fall and Spring – starting at the beginning of third full-time term of enrollment)
- i. NCAA Rule: There is no restriction on the amount of semester units that may be taken during the summer in order to meet the progress toward degree requirement (percent rules below). However, summer school units MAY NOT be used to satisfy 2 of the semester unit rules stated above (f and g).
- j. NCAA Rule: Declare your major prior to entering your 3rd year of enrollment (before your 5th full-time semester).
- k. NCAA Rule: 4-Year Degree Programs - Meet 40/60/80 Percent Rule – Progress Toward Degree
 40% = 48 units in 120 unit degree program (beginning of 3rd year of enrollment)
 60% = 72 units in 120 unit degree program (beginning of 4th year of enrollment)
 80% = 96 units in 120 unit degree program (beginning of 5th year of enrollment)
 Note: Not all degree programs are 120 units. If your degree program is more than 120 units, be sure to see the LMU Athletic Academic Coordinator or the Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance for assistance.

5-Year Degree Programs – Meet 33/50/67 Percent Rule – Progress Toward Degree
 Because 5-year degree programs have different unit requirements, please see the LMU Athletic Academic Coordinator or the Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance for application of this rule.

Note: All unit minimums above must be units that count toward your degree. Non-Compliance with any of the above requirements will result in loss of ability to participate in competition (e.g. games, contests), and in some cases may result in loss of ability to participate in practice activities, until all applicable requirements have been satisfied as determined by the LMU Registrar, LMU Faculty Athletics Representative, LMU Associate Athletics Director for Compliance, and the LMU Athletics Academic Coordinator.

UNIVERSITY GPA POLICY - STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for competition, student-athletes must achieve a cumulative LMU grade point average above 2.00 at the beginning of his/her third full-time semester and maintain a 2.00 grade point average or higher every full-time term thereafter. If a student-athlete is ineligible under this provision at the beginning of his/her third full-time semester, or any term thereafter, he/she may be reinstated when he/she achieves a cumulative LMU grade point average of 2.00 or higher, provided he/she meets all other NCAA eligibility requirements.

One time during a student-athlete's entire period of collegiate enrollment, this grade-point average requirement may be waived if the student-athlete meets the NCAA minimum requirements but falls below LMU requirements. The waiver may be granted only when circumstances, clearly supported by appropriate documentation, establish that a student-athlete is unable to perform adequately academically (e.g. as a result of an incapacitating injury or an illness involving the student-athlete, or a member of the student-athlete's immediate family, or under other extenuating circumstances).

A request for a waiver must be prepared by the Associate Director of Athletics/Compliance, who submits it to an ad-hoc committee consisting of the Athletic Academic Coordinator and the Faculty Athletics Representative. Both parties will make a recommendation to the Vice-President for Student-Affairs and the Director of Athletics who will make the final determination.

Eligibility policies for scholarship student-athletes will be suspended during a redshirt season.