



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of the transferable grade-point average (GPA) calculation educational column.** The committee reviewed and approved, as amended, an educational column that will assist the membership in properly calculating a two-year college transfer student-athlete's transferable GPA [see Attachment]. Additionally, the committee directed staff to create an additional resource to further assist the membership with this calculation. The committee will review a draft of that educational resource at a future meeting.

2. **Update on Academic Success Rate (ASR) data submissions.** The committee reviewed ASR data submissions for the 2024-25 academic year. Four institutions either failed to submit its data or submitted its data after the deadline. The committee reviewed two waiver requests from institutions that triggered the penalty for failure to submit. The waiver requests from Lincoln University (Missouri) and West Liberty University were approved due to the totality of the circumstances.

[Note: Liz Jorn, faculty athletics representative, Truman State University, recused themselves from the discussion and voting on the waiver request from Lincoln (Missouri).]

3. **Update on Academic Performance Census (APC) submissions.** The committee received an update on APC data submissions. The committee also received an update on the status of the Academic Portal and Compliance Assistant 2.0 migration. Specifically, the committee was notified that this year's submission will take place in the Academic Portal, and the migration of the Academic Portal and Compliance Assistant 2.0 will occur after the submission date.
4. **Update on the 2026 NCAA Convention Division II proposals.** The committee reviewed the 16 legislative proposals that will be voted on by the Division II membership at the 2026 Convention.
5. **Update on Graduation Passport.** The committee received an update regarding the Graduation Passport. This initiative is intended to assist in gathering enrollment history for student-athletes through graduation, particularly for those student-athletes who leave and do not enroll back at an NCAA institution in order to determine their academic outcomes. The passport is in the testing phase, that will be followed by a pilot program prior to full implementation.
6. **Update on Division II educational initiatives.** The committee received an update on the 2025-26 educational initiatives. Specifically, it was noted that the NCAA Regional Rules Seminar will take place in Atlanta May 13-15, 2026.
7. **Review of the 2025-26 Division II Priorities.** The committee received an update on the Division II priorities for the upcoming year.

8. **Update on the work of the NCAA Board of Governors.** The committee received an update from the NCAA Board of Governors most recent meeting.
9. **Review of the NCAA Division II Executive Board and NCAA Division II Management Council summer 2025 Summary of Actions.** The committee received an update on the action taken at the summer 2025 Executive Board and Management Council meetings.
10. **Review of the June 3, 2025, Academic Requirements Committee videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved its June 3, 2025, videoconference report.
11. **Review of the committee roster and subcommittee appointments.** The committee reviewed the current roster and subcommittee appointments for accuracy.
12. **Future scheduled meetings/videoconferences.**
 - a. February 23, 2026, videoconference; timing to be determined.
 - b. June 2026, videoconference; date and timing to be determined.
 - c. September 2026, videoconference; date and timing to be determined.

Committee Chair:
Staff Liaisons:

Jason Jones, Catawba College
Jeremy Christoffels, Division II Governance and Member Services
Katelyn Skarr, Division II Governance and Member Services

NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee September 10, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Jen Cole, University of Alabama in Huntsville.	
Cathy Cox, Georgia College.	
Paul Flores II, Azusa Pacific University.	
Eric Gobiell, Assumption University.	
Jason Jones, Catawba College.	
Liz Jorn, Truman State University.	
Deborah Narang, University of Alaska Anchorage.	
Krista Plummer, Northwood University.	
Ryan Quann, Goldey-Beacom College.	
Absentees:	
Haley Gilbert, Augusta University.	
George Knox, Shaw University.	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).	
NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:	
Jeremy Christoffels and Katelyn Skarr.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Gary DeCastro, Terri Steeb Gronau, Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Taylor Koper, Mariah Murdock and Angela Red.	

Calculation of Grade-Point Average for Transfer Credit for Two-Year College Transfer Student-Athletes (II)

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Educational Column:

The following information is intended to assist the NCAA Division II membership in the application of NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.3.4.5.3 (determination of transferable degree credit). The educational column will include specific scenarios as examples to assist the membership. However, the common questions and scenarios outlined below are not exhaustive and compliance administrators should be consulted for additional assistance.

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation?

Answer: The grades earned in all courses that are normally transferable to an institution, regardless of the grade earned or whether such a grade makes the course unacceptable for transferable degree credit, must be included when calculating a two-year college transfer student-athlete's transferable grade-point average.

Question No. 2: Is the certifying institution required to calculate a transferable grade-point average for all two-year college transfer student-athletes?

Answer: Yes, unless the student-athlete satisfies Bylaw 14.3.4.1 (eligibility for competition, practice and athletics aid -- graduation from two-year college) or meets one of the legislated exceptions (see Bylaw 14.3.4.6).

Question No. 3: Do grades earned in courses that are normally transferable to an institution, but do not meet the minimum grade requirement per institutional policy, need to be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 4: Who determines what courses are normally transferable to an institution?

Answer: The certifying institution is responsible for determining what courses are transferable to the institution in accordance with institutional policy for all incoming transfer students.

Question No. 5: Should transferable courses and grades from all institutions the transfer student-athlete has previously attended be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation?

Answer: If the student-athlete has never previously attended a four-year institution as a full-time student, the transferable courses and grades from all previous two-year institutions should be included in the calculation. If the student-athlete has previously attended a four-year institution

as a full-time student, only the transferable courses and grades after the student-athlete's last full-time enrollment at a four-year institution should be included in the calculation.

Question No. 6: Does a course need to transfer into the student-athlete's specific degree program to be considered transferable to the institution?

Answer: No. The course may be transferable towards any degree at the institution.

Question No. 7: Is there a limit on the number of physical education activity credits that can be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation?

Answer: Yes. Not more than two physical education activity credits may be used in calculating the transferable grade-point average. However, if the transfer student-athlete is enrolling in a physical education degree program or an education program that requires physical education activity courses, the transferable grade-point average calculation may include up to the minimum number of physical education activity credits that are required for the specific degree program.

Question No. 8: If a transferable course is repeated, which attempt is included in the transferable grade-point average calculation?

Answer: The latest attempt in which the course was completed.

Question No. 9: Can remedial courses be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation?

Answer: No.

Question No. 10: If the institution does not accept grades from transferable courses for all incoming transfer students to the institution, is the institution required to calculate a transferable grade-point average for NCAA eligibility purposes?

Answer: Yes.

The following scenarios are designed to assist the Division II membership with the application of the transferable grade-point average calculation.

Scenario No. 1:

- Transfer student-athlete will be a business major at the certifying institution.
- All courses listed are transferable to the certifying institution.
- The certifying institution requires a C or better for the course to transfer to the institution.
- The word 'activity' in the Course column identifies the physical education activity courses as determined by the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.3.4.3.3).

	Course	Credits	Grade	Grade Points
<i>Fall 2024</i>				
	Algebra 101	3	B	9
	Biology 101	3	A	12
	English 101	3	A	12
	PE 100 (Activity)	1	A	4
	PE 101 (Activity)	1	A	4
	Psychology 101	3	B	9
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	Art 100	3	B	9
	English 102	3	B	9
	Music 101	3	C	6
	PE 102 (Activity)	1	A	4
	PE 103 (Activity)	1	A	4
	PE 200	3	B	9

Question No. 11: Should all courses be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation?

Answer: No. Because the student-athlete will be a business major, the transferable grade-point average calculation cannot include more than two physical education activity credits.

Question No. 12: If the student-athlete has more than two physical education activity credits and is not an education or physical education major, which physical education activity credits should be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation?

Answer: The institution may determine which two physical education activity credits to include in the calculation.

Question No. 13: Can PE 200 be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation?

Answer: Yes, because the course is not considered to be a physical education activity course by the certifying institution.

Question No. 14: What courses must be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation?

Answer:

	Course	Credits	Grade	Grade Points
<i>Fall 2024</i>				
	Algebra 101	3	B	9
	Biology 101	3	A	12
	English 101	3	A	12
	PE 100 (Activity)	1	A	4
	PE 101 (Activity)	1	A	4

	Psychology 101	3	B	9
<i>Spring 2025</i>				
	Art 100	3	B	9
	English 102	3	B	9
	Music 101	3	C	6
	PE 200	3	B	9
Totals:		26		83

Question No. 15: What is the student-athlete's transferable grade-point average?

Answer: 3.192 (83 grade points/26 transferable credits attempted).

Scenario No. 2:

- Transfer student-athlete will be a physical education major at the certifying institution. The institution's physical education degree program requires a minimum of four activity credits for graduation.
- The certifying institution requires a C or better for the course to transfer to the institution.
- The word 'activity' in the Course column identifies the physical education activity courses as determined by the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.3.4.3.3).
- % -- signifies that the course is not transferable to the certifying institution.

	Course	Credits	Grade	Grade Points
<i>Fall 2024</i>				
	Math 099 (remedial)	3	B	9
	Biology 101	3	B	9
	English 101	3	C	6
	PE 100 (Activity)	1	A	4
	PE 101 (Activity)	1	A	4
	Psychology 101	3	D	3
<i>Spring 2025</i>				
	Art 100 %	3	B	9
	English 102	3	F	0
	Music 101	3	C	6
	PE 102 (Activity)	1	A	4
	PE 103 (Activity)	1	A	4
	Sociology 101	3	B	9

Question No. 16: Should all courses be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation?

Answer: No. The institution may not include Math 099 in the transferable grade-point average calculation because the course is considered remedial (see Question No. 9). Additionally, the certifying institution has determined that Art 100 is not a transferable course and may not be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation.

Question No. 17: May all four activity credits be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation?

Answer: Yes, because the student-athlete is a physical education major at the institution (see Question No. 7).

Question No. 18: Do the grades earned in Psychology 101 and English 102 need to be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation?

Answer: Yes. Even though the institution has a policy that requires a C or better for a course to be transferable to the institution, both courses are normally transferable to the institution and must be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation.

Question No. 19: What courses must be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation?

Answer:

	Course	Credits	Grade	Grade Points
<i>Fall 2024</i>				
	Biology 101	3	B	9
	English 101	3	C	6
	PE 100 (Activity)	1	A	4
	PE 101 (Activity)	1	A	4
	Psychology 101	3	D	3
<i>Spring 2025</i>				
	English 102	3	F	0
	Music 101	3	C	6
	PE 102 (Activity)	1	A	4
	PE 103 (Activity)	1	A	4
	Sociology 101	3	B	9
Totals:		22		49

Question No. 20: What is the student-athlete's transferable grade-point average?

Answer: 2.227 (49 grade points/22 transferable credits attempted).

Scenario No. 3:

- Transfer student-athlete will be a biology major at the certifying institution.
- The certifying institution requires a C or better for the course to transfer to the institution.
- The word 'activity' in the Course column identifies the physical education activity courses as determined by the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.3.4.3.3).
- % -- signifies that the course is not transferable to the certifying institution.

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	Course	Credits	Grade	Grade Points
<i>Fall 2024</i>				
	Algebra 101	3	C	6
	Biology 101	3	A	12
	English 101	3	A	12
	PE 100 (Activity)	1	A	4
	Psychology 101	3	B	9
	Statistics 101	3	D	3
<i>Spring 2025</i>				
	Art 100	3	B	9
	English 102	3	B	9
	History 104 %	3	A	12
	PE 101 (Activity)	1	A	4
	Statistics 101	3	C	6

Question No. 21: Should all courses be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation?

Answer: No. The certifying institution has determined that History 104 is not a transferable course and may not be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation.

Question No. 22: Which grade from Statistics 101 should be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation?

Answer: The grade earned from the student-athlete's most recent attempt must be included in the calculation, which in this example would be from the 2025 spring term.

Question No. 23: What courses must be included in the transferable grade-point average calculation?

Answer:

	Course	Credits	Grade	Grade Points
<i>Fall 2024</i>				
	Algebra 101	3	C	6
	Biology 101	3	A	12
	English 101	3	A	12
	PE 100 (Activity)	1	A	4
	Psychology 101	3	B	9
<i>Spring 2025</i>				
	Art 100	3	B	9
	English 102	3	B	9
	PE 101 (Activity)	1	A	4
	Statistics 101	3	C	6
Totals:		23		71

Question No. 24: What is the student-athlete's transferable grade-point average?

Answer: 3.087 (71 grade points/23 transferable credits attempted).