



# Academic Do's and Don'ts for NCAA Student-Athletes

All student-athletes should know what constitutes academic misconduct, how to prevent it and the potential consequences of an academic misconduct violation. Here is a list of do's and don'ts to provide you general guidance on academic misconduct.

## ✓ Do...

- Review your school's academic misconduct policies or ask your academic counselor about the policies, including any potential penalties.
- Commit to earning your college education with integrity.
- Know that in some cases academic misconduct also is an NCAA violation and could impact your eligibility for competition.
  - In some cases, you could become permanently ineligible in all sports. This impacts not only you, but also your teammates.
- Report to your academic counselor, compliance officer or other staff person if someone asks you to cheat, offers to do school work for you or asks you to commit any other form of academic misconduct.
- Ask your academic counselor, compliance officer or other staff person if you feel uncomfortable about something you have seen or been asked to do.

## ✗ Don't...

- Commit academic misconduct, which includes examples such as:
  - Copying someone's work (plagiarism).
  - Cheating on a test or assignment.
  - Letting someone else complete your work for you.
  - Buying a paper off the internet.
- Remain silent if you see potential academic misconduct or believe someone is pressuring you to compromise your academic integrity.
- Deprive yourself of a quality education or let long-term consequences of committing academic misconduct affect your future. Remember, any finding of academic misconduct could impact not only your NCAA eligibility but also:
  - Professional sports opportunities
  - Graduate school
  - Employment opportunities

