

## THE BASICS

An NAIA Student:

- May compete in 4 seasons of competition (SOC) during first 10 terms of attendance (TOA/semester)
- Must be enrolled in at least 12 credits
- Must meet freshman and/or continuing eligibility rules

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Eligibility information can be found at [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org), as governed by NAIA ([naia.org](http://naia.org)).

The information here is excerpted from the NAIA official handbook, however as student-athletes, you are responsible for familiarizing yourself with **ALL** NAIA eligibility requirements.

Eligibility is calculated semesterly, once grades have been submitted. However, you can work with your COACHES and the REGISTRAR'S OFFICE any time you have concerns about your eligibility.

- ✓ **BE PROACTIVE! We are here to help you, but it is your responsibility to know eligibility rules and to remain eligible!**

## CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY

There are three main rules to keep in mind.

### **12-HOUR ENROLLMENT RULE**

You must be enrolled in a minimum of **12** credits at the time of participation.

### **24/36-HOUR RULE**

After finishing your second semester, you must have accumulated a minimum of **24 credits** in the **two** immediately previous **semesters** (36 credits in 3 TOA for a quarter system).

*"What if I fail a course? Will I be ineligible?"*

Maybe. If you passed 16 credits in your first semester, and 8 in your second semester, you still have 24 credits and can continue to be eligible.

- ✓ **It is always a good idea to take more than 12 credits (and summer courses), in case you fail or drop a course.**

### **Freshman: 9-Hour Exception**

*"What if I fail a class in my 1st semester?"*

*"Do I become ineligible?"*

Probably not. If you can pass at least **9** credits in your first semester, you will still be eligible as long as you have **24** credits total **before the start of your third semester**. This exception only applies to students enrolling in their first semester of college.

## **THE PROGRESS RULE**

The NAIA requires that all student-athletes make regular progress toward a bachelor's degree. Below are the established rules of the NAIA:

### **Before Beginning Your 2nd Season:**

- You must have completed a total of **24** credits.

### **Before Beginning Your 3rd Season:**

- You must have completed a total of **48** credits.
- Your cumulative Providence GPA must be 2.0 or higher (*1.99 is ineligible*).

### **Before Beginning Your 4th Season:**

- You must have completed at least a total of **72** credits.
- You must have completed at least **48** credits toward your concentration or core studies.
- Your cumulative Providence GPA must be 2.0 or higher (*1.99 is ineligible*).

It is very important to monitor your progress throughout your athletic and academic career as it is easy to become ineligible during your last season. Contact the Registrar's Office and your Coaching Staff immediately if you suspect you will not meet the Progress Rule eligibility requirements.

- ✓ **Transfer students and students who have changed their concentration(s) should track their progress extra carefully.**

## GOOD TO KNOW

### REPEATING COURSES

You must be careful when repeating courses:

If you receive an **F** in a course, you **can** repeat the course and have it count toward the current 12-Hour Enrollment Rule and, if passed, toward the 24/36-Hour Rule. A failed course is not considered a repeat course.

If you receive a **D or higher** in a course and repeat the course, certain restrictions apply.

- For the purpose of this rule, the NAIA does not recognize a +/- attached to a letter grade. Consequently, a C+, C, and C- shall count as a C. (Note: these distinctions are made in Providence academic policy)
- Repeat courses previously passed with a "D" in the initial attempt and retaken, earning a grade of "C" or better, can count toward the 24/36-Hour Rule.
- Repeat courses previously passed with a "D" in the initial attempt and retaken, earning a grade of "D", **cannot** count toward the 24/36-Hour Rule. Only the initial attempt will count toward the 24/36-Hour Rule.
- A maximum of one repeat course per term (previously passed with a "D") may be counted toward the 12-Hour Enrollment Rule.
- Repeat courses previous passed with a "C" or better cannot be applied toward either the 12-Hour Enrollment Rule or the 24/36-Hour Rule.
- If you need to repeat a course you passed with a "D" or higher, make sure to enroll in 12 units in addition to the course you are repeating.

- ✓ **Transfer students must be especially careful not to repeat a course at Providence that they have already completed at another institution.**

- ✓ **If you need to repeat a course you passed with a "D" or higher, make sure to enroll in 12 units in addition to the course you are repeating.**

### NON-TERMS

Normally athletic eligibility is calculated from your last 2 semesters, which must total at least 24 credits. Summer terms and terms in which a student enrolls in less than 12 credits are counted as non-terms.

*"What about summer courses?"*

Up to 12 summer credits can contribute to your eligibility, as long as those credits are earned within or after your **last 2 TOA**, not prior to the last 2 TOA.

If you suspect you may not be eligible to play in the Fall, you can take up to 12 credits of **non-repeated** courses during the summer to help you become eligible.

In the first semester, only credits accepted by Providence will be used to determine eligibility.

### TRANSFER ATHLETES

Transcripts will be evaluated at face value for your first semester at an NAIA institution. After the first semester, only credits accepted by Providence will be used to determine eligibility.

#### **Transferring from a 4-Year College:**

- If you participated in athletics prior to coming to Providence, there is a 16 week waiting period (residency) before you can participate, unless you obtain a written release from the AD and Compliance Director of the previous school and have a 2.0 GPA.
- If you have never competed at the previous 4-year institution, there is no residency requirement.
- If the previous college was not an NAIA institution, you will need to register with the NAIA for evaluation.

#### **Transferring from a Community/Junior College:**

- There is no residency requirements.
- You will need to register with the NAIA for your initial evaluation.