

**Bellarmino University Athletic Department  
2005-06 Student-Athlete Handbook**

**Section 6: Athletic Eligibility**

**Eligibility**

Only full-time students are eligible to represent the University in extracurricular or co-curricular activities. Academically, students must possess a cumulative quality point index of 1.80 after the first two semesters of their freshman year and 2.00 after all succeeding years and must be making satisfactory progress towards a degree. Satisfactory progress is defined as the successful completion of 24 semester hours during the academic year (August 15 to August 15). However, an exception to the undergraduate full-time course load is permitted during the final semester before graduation. In addition student-athletes are required to make progress toward a degree. Beginning with the junior year, a student-athlete must take a minimum of 12 hours applicable to their specific degree program.

Except for reasons of academic and nonacademic suspension or dismissal, students who possess a cumulative quality point index of 2.00 (1.80 after their freshman year) will be eligible to represent the University in extracurricular or co-curricular activities until the following August 15 or the next full-time semester. Students who are ineligible academically to represent the University will regain their eligibility as soon as they attain a cumulative 2.00 quality point index.

Under ordinary circumstances, full-time transfer students become eligible to represent the University upon enrollment in Bellarmine University as a full-time student. Once enrolled, transfer students must maintain the same academic standards established for all students.

**Eligibility Requirements**

The student-athlete is required to meet all university academic requirements as well as the eligibility rules of the national associations and affiliate conferences. Specifically these requirements are as follows:

**Twelve Hour Rule**

All undergraduate students competing in intercollegiate varsity and junior varsity teams **must be enrolled** in at least 12 semester hours of course work **at all times** during the playing season and during any post-season competition. Graduate students must be enrolled in eight hours at all times.

- **Students cannot drop below 12 hours for even one day.** If you are making course changes that could involve a temporary drop below 12 hours, be sure to add a new course into your schedule before dropping the old course.
- The only exceptions are for graduate students and seniors who need less than 12 hours to graduate as certified by the registrar's office.

**Satisfactory Academic Progress**

All undergraduate students must satisfactorily complete 24 semester hours of acceptable degree credit during each year of University enrollment and prior to the beginning of each new season of competition. This is an average of 12 hours per semester. Eighteen of the 24 hours must be passed during the regular academic year. Only six hours may be counted in the summer toward the required 24 hours.

The calculation of the grade-point average used to fulfill "satisfactory completion" requirements shall be based upon hours earned or accepted for degree credit in a specific baccalaureate program. Consult the current *Bellarmino University Catalog* for requirements for specific programs and degrees.

- After the completion of the freshman year: 1.80
- After the completion of the sophomore year and subsequent seasons: 2.00

Student-athletes who have a cumulative point standing below a 2.0 at the end of the spring semester must attend summer school at Bellarmine in order to improve their point standing. Students who have above a cumulative 2.0 point standing may take courses at other institutions provided they have received a waiver and visiting student letter from Bellarmine.

### **Designated Degree Program**

Student-athletes shall designate a program of studies leading toward a specific degree by the beginning of the junior year or third year of enrollment. Student-athletes shall declare their major with the Registrar's Office and on the Student-Athlete Information Form at the beginning of their fifth semester. A minimum of 12 hours per semester must count toward your designated degree program beginning with your fifth fulltime semester in school.

Student-athletes shall have four years of eligibility and shall complete their seasons of participation during the first 10 semesters in which they are enrolled in a collegiate institution in at least a minimum full-time program of studies.

## **GLVC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Any student-athlete who has been enrolled in a collegiate institution as a full-time student for four semesters or who has utilized two seasons of competition, and who has attended the member institution for at least one semester, must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher to be eligible, regardless of the institution's definition of good standing. Enrollment and competition includes all transfer work; the GPA includes only work at the member institution. Effective date: Students enrolling after January 1, 1993.