Continuing Eligibility/Progress toward Degree

To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must be enrolled full-time, be in good academic standing and maintain satisfactory progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree.

Full-Time Enrollment:

At the time of practice and competition, the student-athlete must be enrolled in at least twelve (12) credit hours to be eligible. There is an exception for the student-athlete in the final semester of the baccalaureate program if the institution certifies the student-athlete is carrying all credits necessary to complete the degree requirements.

Good Academic Standing

Whether or not a student-athlete is in good academic standing and is maintaining satisfactory progress shall be determined by meeting the numerous qualifications set forth by UMD, the NCAA, or both.

To be eligible, a student must be in good academic standing at UMD. A 2.0 or greater cumulative grade point average is considered as good academic standing.

Declaration of Degree Program:

The student-athlete must be accepted into a major before the start of the fifth semester. After declaring a major (and minor if required by the degree program) credits used to meet progress toward degree requirements must be credits required for the degree program. If a degree program does not require a minor or a second major, credits in the minor or second major cannot be counted toward progress toward degree.

Many degree programs offered at UMD first admit a student into a “pre” program until the prerequisites are met. If a student-athlete is admitted into a “pre” program, he/she will have until the start of the seventh semester to complete the prerequisites and be admitted to the degree-granting program in order to be considered “making progress toward degree.”
Satisfactory Academic Progress:

Percent of Degree Requirement (Division I):

Certain minimal levels of progress towards a degree shall be required each year:

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<th>Year of collegiate enrollment</th>
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Credit Requirements (Division I)

a) 24 credits completed after the student-athlete’s first year of collegiate enrollment;

b) A minimum of 18 credits completed of academic credit during the previous 2 regular semesters; and

c) 6 credits completed the preceding regular term in which the student-athlete was enrolled as a full-time student at any collegiate institution

Credit Requirements (Division II)

a) 6 credits completed the preceding regular term in which the student-athlete was enrolled as a full-time student at any collegiate institution; and

b) Before each fall, complete an average of 12 credits during each term of full-time enrollment, of which 75% must be during the normal academic year (fall/spring terms);

or

c) 24 credits completed during the previous academic year including summer term, of which at least 18 must be during the fall/spring academic year.

Repeat Courses:

Credit for courses that are repeated may be used by a student to satisfy minimum academic progress requirements only under the following conditions:

a) A course repeated due to a failing or uncountable in major initial grade may be used only once and only after it has been satisfactorily completed;

b) Credit for a course that per the catalog is approved for repeat credit (i.e. PE, Music) shall be limited by institutional regulations; and

c) Credits earned in approved for repeat courses may not exceed the maximum institutional limit for credits of that type for any baccalaureate degree program (or for the student’s specific baccalaureate program once a program has been designated).

Final Academic Term:

NCAA Bylaw 14.1.7.2.1.3(Division I) / 14.1.7.1.7.3 (Division II) permits a student-athlete to compete while enrolled in less than a full-time program of studies, provided the student is enrolled in the final semester of his/her baccalaureate program and he/she is carrying the credit necessary to complete his/her degree requirements. The UMD Final Term Certification Form (Appendix A) will be signed by the Registrar Degree Auditor, Athletic and Academic Records Coordinator and student-athlete.
Transfer Regulations:

Transfer students must have been eligible at their previous institution had they remained, and cannot have been admitted to UMD on any type of probation. Students must have 24 semester or 36 quarter degree transferable credits the previous academic year that they were in residence, and average at least 12 transferable credits for each term in attendance.

In Division I men’s ice hockey, the student-athlete is required to establish one year of residency at UMD prior to being able to compete against outside competition. In Division I women’s ice hockey, the student-athlete is not required to establish residency before competing, unless they are transferring from another WCHA institution.

If the student-athlete transfers within the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, the following bylaws must be adhered to:

A student-athlete who has been included on a squad list of a member institution and transfers to a second member institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition at the second member institution in that same sport until that student-athlete has fulfilled a residence requirement of one full academic year, as defined by NCAA regulations, at the second member institution. The student may receive athletically related aid and practice at the second institution if otherwise eligible for financial aid and practice.

The student-athlete has the right to appeal the eligibility transfer policy by submitting a letter of appeal to the NSIC Ethics and Eligibility Committee. The Ethics and Eligibility Committee shall have the authority to grant waivers from the student-athlete transfer policy. In addition to extraordinary circumstances (e.g., death of parent/spouse, exceptional health needs), appeals will be considered for the following circumstances: educational exchange, discontinued academic program, discontinued/non-sponsored sport, two-year non-participation, return to original institution without participation and non-recruited student.