

Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Report

Longwood Faculty Senate meeting April 10, 2025



What is the FAR?

NCAA FAR Expectations

Monitor the academic integrity of the athletics program

Provide oversight and institutional control of the athletics program

Ensure a quality student-athlete experience







LANCER ACADEMICS

3.41 3.54

Women's Fall GPA

3.24Men's Fall GPA

138

16

Fall GPA

51

80%

Undergraduate
Student Athletes with
Academic Awards

Straight Semesters with 3.0+

Students with 4.0 Grad & Undergrad

Student Athletes with 3.0 or better



Academic Highlights

President's List F23:30 F24:41

Dean's List F23:86 F24:97

Dept 3.41 GPA
Highest Fall GPA

3.76
Women's Tennis w/
highest GPA

Women's Soccer
3.64 Team GPA
32 straight semesters 3.0+





College coaches write letter urging NCAA to change 'stringent' eligibility requirements for JUCO athletes

Relaxing the eligibility requirements for JUCOs has quickly emerged as a hot topic in

The Athletic

College Sports

NCAA urges fans, social media platforms to stop online harassment after 'jarring findings' in new study





yahoo!sports

Doc: Power conferences seeking more control over NCAA championships, governance

The proposal would grant the SEC, Big Ten, Big 12 and ACC rights to manage events like the men's and women's basketball tournaments



Ross Dellenger - Senior College Football Reporter



Diego Pavia granted eligibility for 2025 season: Vanderbilt QB wins injunction in antitrust case vs. NCAA

Pavia is arquing that junior college seasons should not count against NCAA eligibility

EMPLOYMENT LAW * RECENT CASE

138 HARV. L. REV. 1145

Johnson v. National Collegiate Athletic Ass'n

Third Circuit Creates Test to Assess College Athlete Employment Status Under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

COMMENT ON: 108 F.4th 163 (3d Cir. 2024)





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Division I approves creation of women's basketball funds

Media Center | 3/6/2025 11:00:00 AM | Massillon Myers

NCAA and EPIC Global Solutions announce extension of gambling harm education program



NCAA Changes

House Settlement



House vs. NCAA Hubbard vs. NCAA Carter vs. NCAA

Back Damages \$2.8 Billion

Revenue Sharing \$20.5 million (25-26)

Roster Limits vs. Scholarship Limits



Areas of Concern

- Missed classes
 - Travel schedule review
- Advising & Registration
 - lpg resource guide
- Transfer Student Athletes
 - Tracking Transfer Portal entries
- Sports Wagering
 - EPIC Global Solutions

Faculty Guide for Advising Student Athletes

As faculty, advising student athletes requires awareness of both their academic needs and NCAA eligibility requirements. This guide outlines key considerations to help you advise effectively. For further assistance, reach out to Dr. Tim Coffey, Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR), at coffeytg@longwood.edu.

NCAA Eligibility

- Student athletes must meet NCAA academic standards to compete. These include:
- Full-time Status: Must be enrolled in at least 12 credits each semester. Winter intersession credits don't count towards this total.
- 6 Credit Hours per Semester: Athletes must complete at least 6 credits in both the fall and spring semesters.
- 18 Credit Hours per Year: A minimum of 18 credits must be completed from fall to the following fall.
- Progress to Degree (PTD) Benchmarks: Athletes must meet specific credit milestones each year to maintain eligibility:
 - 2nd Year: 24 credits (20% of degree)
 - o 3rd Year: 48 credits (40%)
 - 4th Year: 72 credits (60%)
 - o 5th Year: 96 credits (80%)
 - Double majors and minors can complicate this. Only the major counts toward PTD.
- Declared Major at 45 Credits: Student athletes must declare a major once they have 45 credits. "Pre" designations (e.g., Pre-Business) are not eligible for competition after this point.

Course Scheduling Considerations

- Preference for Classes Before 3 PM: To accommodate travel and training schedules, student athletes are encouraged to schedule courses before 3 PM, though this is a preference, not a requirement. If a required course is only available after 3 PM, athletes should take the course in a non-championship semester, if possible.
- Championship vs. Non-Championship Semesters: During their championship season, student athletes often travel more and have more missed classes. It's advisable to schedule demanding courses (like labs) in the non-championship season, when they have fewer travel conflicts.

Addressing Concerns

- Student Athlete Concerns: After meeting with you, athletes should take scheduling or academic concerns to Longwood Athletics. If communication is an issue, refer them to the FAR for assistance.
- Faculty Concerns: If you are concerned about a student athlete's academic performance
 or eligibility, contact the FAR for guidance. They will work to resolve issues, though
 immediate solutions may not always be possible.

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Example Missed Class

Missed Day	Departure Time		
Wednesday	10am on		
Tuesday	Noon on		
Wednesday	All day		
Wednesday	Noon on		
Wednesday	lpm on		
Tuesday	Noon on		
Wednesday	All day		
Tuesday	Noon on		
Wednesday	All day		
Wednesday	Noon on		
Wednesday	All day		
Friday	Noon on		

Class Scheduling Example

Example Missed Class Percentages Based on Class Time

Days	Time	Class Mtg Days	Classes Missed	% Missed
MWF	9-9:50am	42	4	9.52%
MWF	llam-ll:50am	42	5	11.90%
MWF	1-1:50pm	42	9	21.43%
MWF	2-2:50pm	42	9	21.43%
WW	1-2:15pm	27	8	29.63%
MW	2:30-3:45pm	27	8	29.63%
TR	9:30-10:45am	28	0	0.00%
TR	llam-12:15pm	28	2	7.14%
TR	12:30-1:45pm	28	3	10.71%



Longwood Attendance Policy

- "Instructors should permit students to make up work when the absence is excused. Excused absences are those resulting from the student's participation in a Longwood-sponsored activity, from recognizable emergencies, or from a serious illness."
- "Instructors have the right to assign a course grade of "F" when the student has missed a total (excused and unexcused) of 25% of the scheduled class meeting times."
- www.longwood.edu/registrar/policies--regulations/#attendance
- Student Athlete Travel Letter/Follow-up Email



Questions?

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