

**POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY**  
**Department of Athletics and Recreation**

**VARSITY ATHLETICS PARTICIPATION:  
POLICY FOR INFORMING FACULTY OF ATHLETIC COMMITMENTS**

Since Polytechnic places high priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and on the successful completion of all students' academic programs, we seek to establish and maintain an environment in which student-athletes balance their academic and athletic responsibilities to ensure an exceptional educational experience. The Athletic Department understands that academic success is the primary goal of our student-athletes and will work with appropriate constituencies to accomplish this goal.

All decisions regarding absences from class due to athletic participation is at the discretion of the faculty member. Athletics will work with the faculty member and the student- athlete if arrangements cannot be established.

**Student-Athletes Must:**

- Whenever possible, students should discuss their participation as a varsity athlete with their professors prior to the start of the semester and determine if each course is compatible with their athletic responsibilities. This should provide enough time to register for alternative sections or courses.
- Student -Athletes will bring their season game schedule to each professor at or before the beginning of the semester with a note from athletics saying that they are a current varsity athlete.
- The schedules should be a hard copy and will have the games that conflict with classes highlighted for the professors.
- The note will be given by the Compliance Officer (Tim Slakas) with his signature and contact information, in-case of any questions.
- Unless alternative arrangements are made by the student and faculty member, all work should be completed for the missed class, prior to the student-athlete missing the class.
- Bring a reminder note from the Athletics Department to each professor one week before missing that professor's class.
- Post-season conference and NCAA championship games may need to be added at the end of the regular season. Athletics will notify faculty of any of these additions and ask for cooperation in making arrangements for student-athletes to participate in championship games.
- In addition, some games may need to be rescheduled or added for various reasons. Athletics will notify faculty as soon as possible of any of these.
- Any other questions should be directed to Maureen Braziel, Director of Athletics  
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ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

**Student Athletes Must:**

- All first year student-athletes must have a minimum GPA of 1.75 to participate in Intercollegiate Athletics after their first semester.
- After a student-athlete's 1<sup>st</sup> year the minimum GPA is 2.0 for Athletic participation.
- Student-athletes must be considered Full-Time (12 Credits) for the semester in which they are participating in Intercollegiate Athletics.
- Students must be "on track for graduation".
- Student-athletes must fall into "4 in 10"; which means play 4 seasons within 10 semesters.
- First semester students participating in athletics must also receive "passing" grades based on the midterm grades during this first semester. Those that do not must meet with the Athletic Compliance Officer and Faculty member to discuss a plan to achieve a passing grade.