To maintain eligibility during 1st year

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| To maintain eligibility during 1st year | Complete 12 credits per term | Midyear BT GPA requirement was eliminated [Midyear freshman transfer – Transfer 12 credits per term of enrollment with a minimum 1.65 GPA] | • Pass 6 credits each term (summer excluded)  
• Pass 18 credits during the academic year  
• Satisfactorily complete at least 24 credits prior to the start of the second year which must be earned at MSU  
• MFB – SA must pass 9 hours and earn the APR eligibility point for fall term.  
• Academic redshirt – Must pass 9 hours in the fall to be eligible to practice second semester. |

To be eligible at start of 2nd year

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| To maintain eligibility during 2nd year | Pass a minimum of 24 credits at MSU during 1st year | 1.80 GPA | • Pass 6 credits the previous term (summer excluded)  
• Pass 18 credits during the previous academic year  
• MFB – SA must pass 9 hours and earn the APR eligibility point for fall term. |

To be eligible at start of 3rd year

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| To maintain eligibility during 3rd year | Pass a minimum of 48 credits that counts toward the student-athlete’s degree | 1.90 GPA | • Pass 6 credits the previous term (summer excluded)  
• Pass 18 credits during the previous academic year  
• Declare a major  
• Have completed 40% of degree  
• MFB – SA must pass 9 hours and earn the APR eligibility point for fall term. |

To be eligible at start of 4th year

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| To maintain eligibility during 4th year | Pass a minimum of 72 credits that count toward the student-athlete’s degree | 2.00 GPA | • Pass 6 credits the previous term (summer excluded)  
• Pass 18 credits during the previous academic year  
• Have completed 60% of degree  
• MFB – SA must pass 9 hours and earn the APR eligibility point for fall term. |

To be eligible at start of 5th year

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| To maintain eligibility during 5th year | Pass a minimum of 96 credits that count toward the student-athlete’s degree | 2.00 GPA | • Pass 6 credits the previous term (summer excluded)  
• Pass 18 credits during the previous academic year  
• Have completed 80% of degree  
• MFB – SA must pass 9 hours and earn the APR eligibility point for fall term. |

To maintain eligibility during 5th year

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Maintain 2.00 GPA
GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

- Big Ten requirement that a student-athlete must complete his or her degree within five years of full-time enrollment has been eliminated. [Effective Fall 2010 certification]
- A student-athlete shall not become eligible for competition during a term if the student is not academically eligible on the first day of classes that term.
  - Exception: Completion of coursework prior to first day of classes – Administrative Delay. The FAR and Registrar may waive this rule in a case where the FAR has verified with the instructor that the student-athlete has definitely completed all course work prior to the opening day of classes, and the instructor has submitted the appropriate forms with the Registrar for a grade change or removal of an I grade, but, because of deals in completion of normal administrative procedures, the grade is not recorded officially until later.
- A student-athlete is no longer required to be academically eligible for competition in order to receive athletically related financial aid. [Effective August 1, 2011]
- Prior to declaring a major, a student-athlete may use credit acceptable toward any of MSU’s degree programs to satisfy the six hour requirement. Once the student has declared a major, the hours used to satisfy the six hour requirement must be degree-applicable hours.

ELIGIBILITY FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

To be eligible to compete in a postseason event (e.g., conference tournament, bowl game, National Invitation Tournament, NCAA championship) that occurs between regular terms (including summer) a student-athlete shall have satisfactorily completed six-semester or six-quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term of full-time enrollment. [Bylaw 14.1.10.2]

A student-athlete who was enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies pursuant to an exception or waiver during the term immediately prior to the postseason event is subject to the following requirements:
(a) If the student-athlete was enrolled in at least six credit hours, he or she shall have satisfactorily completed six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit; or
(b) If the student-athlete was enrolled in less than six credit hours, he or she shall have satisfactorily completed the number of semester or quarter hours of academic credit in which he or she was enrolled. [Bylaw 14.1.10.2.1]

BIG TEN RULE – MID YEAR TRANSFER STUDENTS

A transfer student who enrolls midyear as a freshman will be eligible based on transferring at least 12 credits for each term enrolled at the previous institution with a minimum 1.65 conference GPA. A transfer that enrolls at the start of the second year shall be eligible based on transferring 24 semester units that count toward a degree with a cumulative minimum GPA that equals at least 90% of MSU’s overall cumulative GPA required for graduation [1.80 GPA].

NCAA FOOTBALL REQUIREMENTS

Bylaw 14.4.3.1.6 Additional Requirements – Football

In football, a student-athlete who is a member of the institution's football team and who does not successfully complete at least nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season.

Bylaw 14.4.3.1.6.1 Regaining Eligibility for Two Contests

A student-athlete who is ineligible, pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.6, to compete in the first four contests of a playing season against outside competition may regain eligibility to compete in the third and fourth contests of that season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term. A student-athlete in his or her initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment at the certifying institution may use credit hours earned at the certifying institution during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment and credit hours earned during the summer following the regular academic year to satisfy the 27-semester/40-quarter credit-hour requirement.

Bylaw 14.4.3.1.6.2 Regaining Full Eligibility – One-Time Exception

One time during a student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility, a student-athlete who does not successfully complete at least nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term or earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term may regain eligibility to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term. A student-athlete in his or her initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment at the certifying institution may use credit hours earned at the certifying institution during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment and credit hours earned during the summer following the regular academic year to satisfy the 27-semester/40-quarter credit-hour requirement.