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January 24, 2025

Members of the Board Academic Matters Committee

Ed Hightower, Chair
Sara Salger
Subhash Sharma

Dear Committee Members:

The Academic Matters Committee will meet on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville on the second floor of the Morris University Center in the Legacy Room, Room #2038 with YouTube option.

The agenda, Athletic Report and minutes from the December 5, 2024, meeting can be viewed through the Board portal system.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gireesh V. Gupchup".

Gireesh V. Gupchup
Vice President for Academic Innovation, Planning, and Partnerships

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Attachments

c: Hannah Connolly
Ed Curtis
J. Phil Gilbert
John Simmons
Roger Tedrick

Dan Mahony
Austin Lane
James Minor
Jerry Kruse
Other Interested Parties

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AGENDA

MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACADEMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 6, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Legacy Room – Room #2038
Morris University Center (2nd Floor)
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Edwardsville, Illinois,
live stream video at siousystem.edu via Youtube

1. Announcements
2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting December 5, 2024
3. Information Report: *Athletic Report*
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

**Minutes of the Academic Matters Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 5, 2024**

**Immediately following the Executive Committee
live stream video at siousystem.edu via YouTube**

The Academic Matters Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2024, in person and via YouTube. Present were: Subhash Sharma (chair pro-tem), J. Phil Gilbert (pro-tem), and Sara Salger. Other Board members present were: Ed Curtis, Hannah Connolly, and Roger Tedrick. Executive Officers present were: President Dan Mahony; Senior Vice President Duane Stucky; Vice President Gireesh Gupchup; Vice President Sheila Caldwell, Chancellor Austin Lane, SIUC; Chancellor James Minor, SIUE; and Dean and Provost Jerry Kruse, SIU School of Medicine.

Announcements

Dr. Gupchup provided an update to the SIU System Strategic Plan. The SIU System is of the belief that it is a living plan. As new needs and opportunities emerge, the Implementation Teams capture recommendations for updates to the Strategic Plan. At the mid-point of the first SIU System Strategic Plan, the document was updated to reflect any changes in strategies that were made to best accomplish the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan. The updated plan is available on the System website.

The dashboard for the SIU System Strategic Plan has been updated with the progress on all of the goals of the plan. Dr. Gupchup thanked all those involved in implementing the plan.

Dr. Gupchup mentioned that the SIU System Course Exchange program has now been availed of by 72 students, principally in the fall 2023 and 2024 semesters, and spring 2024 semesters. Across these three semesters, 40 courses have been taken by these students, and 61 courses have been articulated. Dr. Gupchup thanks all those involved in the SIU System Course Exchange.

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting September 12, 2024

Trustee Sharma asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2024, meeting. Trustee Gilbert made the motion. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Salger. Madam Secretary called roll call with Gilbert, Hightower, Salger, and Sharma passing the motion.

Informational Report: Performance Report FY2024

Dr. Gupchup gave a brief overview of the Performance Report that documents the efforts of the university to achieve the goals of IBHE's new strategic plan. The provosts presented slides highlighting their successes in the areas of equity, sustainability and growth. Provost Sheryl Tucker (SIUC) presented first with Dean and Provost Jerry Kruse (SIU School of Medicine) and Provost Denise Cobb (SIUE) following.

Trustee Gilbert commented that access to education from all demographics, the academic and research programs on these various campuses, and the mission of preparing our students for the future is what this university is about. Stated that he cannot be more proud of each campus for what they are doing, not only for the students, but for the surrounding communities. Pleased with the reports and it is something to be proud of.

President Mahony commented that there are two things that we often focus on as a university, making sure our students have a chance to be successful but recognizing that they may need different types of support or different types of programs. Stated that this was seen in the presentations across the campuses in multiple different ways, that this is something we have been committed to and continue to expand on. The impact on community, which is done in a number of ways, whether through research or providing the workforce, whether in forensic science or behavioral health, we are constantly looking to see what we can do to make the state a better place.

Recommendation for Distinguished Service and Honorary Degree Awards, (Board Agenda Item J-P)

Chancellor Austin A. Lane presented the recommendations for Distinguished Service Awards and Honorary Degrees for Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUC
[Edward Benyas] (Board Agenda Item J)

Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUC
[Michael Crow] (Board Agenda Item K)

Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUC
[Thomas Davis] (Board Agenda Item L)

Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUC
[Reginald Petty] (Board Agenda Item M)

Recommendation for Honorary Degree, SIUC
[Senait Fisseha] (Board Agenda Item N)

Trustee Sharma asked if there was a motion for approval of Committee Items 4 through 8. Trustee Gilbert made the motion. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Salger. Madam Secretary called roll call with Gilbert, Hightower, Salger, and Sharma passing the motion.

Chancellor James T. Minor presented the recommendations for Distinguished Service Awards and Honorary Degrees for Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Recommendation for Distinguished Service Award, SIUE

[Bruce Holland] (Board Agenda Item O)

Recommendation for Honorary Degree Award, SIUE
[David Steward] (Board Agenda Item P)

Trustee Sharma asked if there was a motion for approval of Committee Items 9 and 10. Trustee Salger made the motion. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Gilbert. Madam Secretary called roll call with Gilbert, Hightower, Salger, and Sharma passing the motion.

Other Business

Having no other business, the Committee adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Adjournment

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**2023-2024
Student-Athlete
Academic Report**

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SIUE Athletics Academic Points of Pride Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

1. The spring 2024 semester marked the 36th consecutive semester (18 years) that SIUE student-athletes have achieved a cumulative semester grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The departmental grade point average was 3.276 for fall 2023 and 3.262 for spring 2024.
2. During fall 23 and spring 24, an average of 44.3% of our student-athletes were on the Dean’s List and 65% of our student-athletes had a semester grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
3. In 2023-2024, SIUE’s Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of 96% was tied for #2 in all Division I public institutions and #1 in Division I public institutions in the state of Illinois. Since 2014 (SIUE’s first year eligible for GSR), SIUE’s GSR has been in the top 35 of all Division I public universities and #1 or #2 in Illinois public universities.
4. For the 2023-2024 academic year, seven SIUE teams earned a perfect score of 100 percent on the GSR report (baseball, golf, men's cross country/track, women's soccer, softball, tennis, and volleyball).
5. In the latest NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR) release, three SIUE teams recorded a multi-four-year rate of 1000 (Women’s Cross Country, Men’s Golf, and Women’s Tennis). Seven teams scored a perfect 1000 rate for the 2023-2024 year.

2023-2024 Individual Sport Academic Accolades:

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| Baseball | Kyle Athmer, Ian Benner, Duncan McLaughlin, Liam McKillop, and Tyler DeLong earned Academic All-District honors as selected by the College Sports Communicators Association. Fourteen baseball student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner’s Honor Roll. The OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll is presented to student-athletes who have at earned a minimum of a 3.25 GPA during the academic year and used a season of competition during that year. Ian Benner and Spencer Stearns earned the OVC Medal of Honor. The OVC Medal of Honor is awarded annually to student-athletes who obtain the highest grade point average in a conference-sponsored sport. |
| Men’s Basketball | Four men’s basketball student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner’s Honor Roll. Lamar Wright earned the OVC Medal of Honor. |

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| Women's Basketball | Ava Gugliuzza and Sofie Lewis received the OVC Medal of Honor. Four women's basketball student-athletes were named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. |
| Men's CC/Track | Cole Knapp was named to the Academic All-District Team. Eight men's cross country/track student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. Cameron Woodard and Zach Walters earned the OVC Medal of Honor award. |
| Women CC/Track | Kaylee Allen, Aseanti Boone, Kailah Carter, Sade Oladipupo, and Gabby Yaccino were named to the Women's Track and Field Academic All-District Team. Aseanti Boone, Caroline Gwaltney, Kaitlyn Walker, and Kaylee Allen were honored with the OVC Medal of Honor. Twenty-seven women's cross country/track student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. |
| Men's Golf | In 2024, the team received the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) Outstanding All-Academic Team Award for the 14 th consecutive year. TJ Baker, Alex Eickhoff, Brady Kaufmann, Luke Ludwig, and Anthony Ruthey were named GCAA All-American Scholars and also to the Academic All-District team. Luke Ludwig was honored with the OVC Medal of Honor. Seven men's golf student-athletes were named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. |
| Men's Soccer | In 2024, the men's soccer team was honored with the United Soccer Coaches (USC) Team Academic Award. 2024 marked the 12 th consecutive year the team has received this award. Eight men's soccer student-athletes were named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. Nic Muench was honored with the OVC Medal of Honor. |
| Women's Soccer | In 2024, the team received the USC Team Academic Award. This was the 16 th consecutive year the SIUE Women's Soccer team has been honored with this award. Matea Diekema was named as a United Soccer Coaches Second Team Academic All-American. Six women's soccer student-athletes were recognized with Academic All-District honors (Matea Diekema, Taylor Babb, Calli Chiarelli, Grace Ferguson, Savannah DeFini, and Mary Fetter). Matea Diekema, Calli Chiarelli, Mary Fetter, Sydney Lane, Taylor Spiller and Jay Viola received the OVC Medal of Honor, and nineteen women's soccer student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. |
| Softball | Eleven softball student-athletes were named Easton/NFCA All-American Scholar-Athletes. Five softball student-athletes were recognized as Academic All-District honorees (Grace Lueke, Anna Henderson, Jenna Herron, Kelsey Ray, and Sydney Baalman). Piper Montgomery and Kelsey Ray received the OVC Medal of Honor. Eleven softball student-athletes were named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. |
| Women's Tennis | Eight women's tennis student-athletes were named ITA Scholar-Athletes, and the team was honored as a 2024 ITA All-American Team. Jill Lambrechts, Jordan Schifano, Fabiola Perez, and Amelia |

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| | Gorman received Academic All-District honors. In addition, Jill Lambrechts, Fabiola Perez, Paula Guillen Cerver, Chloe Koons, and Cydney Rogers received the OVC Medal of Honor, and a total of seven women's tennis student-athletes were on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. |
| Volleyball | The SIUE volleyball team once again was awarded the U.S. Marine Corps/AVCA Team Academic Award by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Julia Treichel was awarded CSC Academic All-District honors. In addition, Julia Treichel and Gabi Andrade received the OVC Medal of Honor. Eight volleyball student-athletes were named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. |
| Wrestling | Bryson Buhk, Bradley Gillum, Caleb Tyus, and Ryan Yarnell were named to the 2023-2024 Wrestling Academic All-MAC team. In addition, Bradley Gillum was also named to the CSC Academic All-District Team. Alec Peralta, Bradley Gillum, Braxton Strick, Brock Woodcock and Caleb Tyus were honored as National Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar All-Americans. |

Table 1 – Term GPA by Gender (Institutional and Athletic)

Compares the term GPA of the general student body to the term GPA of the student-athlete population for the past two years.

| SIUE | | 2022-2023 | | 2023-2024 | |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| General Student Body | | Fall | Spring | Fall | Spring |
| Male | | 2.92 | 2.97 | 2.91 | 2.99 |
| Female | | 3.12 | 3.17 | 3.12 | 3.21 |
| Total | | 3.04 | 3.08 | 3.03 | 3.11 |
| Student-Athletes | | Fall | Spring | Fall | Spring |
| Male | | 3.20 | 3.15 | 3.14 | 3.15 |
| Female | | 3.44 | 3.43 | 3.45 | 3.38 |
| Total | | 3.32 | 3.29 | 3.30 | 3.27 |

Table 2 – Term GPA by Ethnicity (Institutional and Athletic)

Compares the term GPA by ethnicity (and international status) for the student-athlete population with the general student body for the past two years.

| | | 2022-2023 | | 2023-2024 | |
|----------------------------------|--|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| SIUE General Student Body | | Fall | Spring | Fall | Spring |
| Asian | | 3.10 | 3.10 | 3.09 | 3.17 |
| Black/African American | | 2.63 | 2.70 | 2.68 | 2.74 |
| Hispanic/Latino | | 2.93 | 2.96 | 2.97 | 3.03 |
| White | | 3.13 | 3.18 | 3.14 | 3.09 |
| International | | 3.03 | 3.14 | 3.10 | 3.05 |
| SIUE Student-Athletes | | Fall | Spring | Fall | Spring |
| Asian | | 3.17 | 3.19 | 3.24 | 3.22 |
| Black/African American | | 3.03 | 3.01 | 3.08 | 3.10 |
| Hispanic/Latino | | 3.19 | 3.08 | 3.11 | 3.06 |
| White | | 3.36 | 3.29 | 3.36 | 3.30 |
| International | | 3.54 | 3.57 | 3.65 | 3.61 |

Table 3 – SIUE term GPA by sport

Term specific team grade point averages by sport for the last two years (includes scholarship and non-scholarship student-athletes).

| Sport | 2022-2023 | | 2023-2024 | |
|------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Fall | Spring | Fall | Spring |
| Baseball | 3.22 | 3.16 | 3.12 | 3.20 |
| Basket-M | 3.05 | 2.96 | 2.80 | 2.83 |
| Basket-W | 3.26 | 3.24 | 3.36 | 3.16 |
| Soccer-M | 3.34 | 3.20 | 3.41 | 3.35 |
| Soccer-W | 3.41 | 3.47 | 3.48 | 3.61 |
| Golf-M | 3.55 | 3.64 | 3.51 | 3.40 |
| Softball | 3.46 | 3.44 | 3.48 | 3.23 |
| Cross-M | 3.27 | 3.05 | 3.14 | 3.27 |
| Cross-W | 3.42 | 3.55 | 3.45 | 3.41 |
| Tennis-W | 3.71 | 3.52 | 3.78 | 3.78 |
| Track-M | 3.01 | 3.03 | 2.95 | 2.99 |
| Track-W | 3.44 | 3.44 | 3.34 | 3.23 |
| Volleyball | 3.37 | 3.37 | 3.36 | 3.25 |
| Wrestling | 2.93 | 3.01 | 3.07 | 3.05 |

Table 4 – Percentage of athletes with a term GPA of 3.0 or higher

Term specific account of the percentage of student-athletes who earned a GPA of 3.0 or above. On average over the last two years, 66.6% of our student-athletes have a GPA of 3.0 or above.

| SIUE | 2022-2023 | | 2023-2024 | |
|------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Fall | Spring | Fall | Spring |
| Student-Athletes | | | | |
| Male | 55.11% | 54.92% | 52.89% | 56.91% |
| Female | 80.95% | 82.4% | 79.39% | 70.79% |
| Total | 67.78% | 68.61% | 66.14% | 63.83% |

Table 5 – Number of athletes on academic probation

Term specific account of the number of student-athletes on academic probation. During both years, SIUE Athletics did not have any student-athletes on academic suspension.

| SIUE | 2022-2023 | | 2023-2024 | |
|------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Fall | Spring | Fall | Spring |
| Student-Athletes | | | | |
| Male | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Female | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Total | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

Table 6 – Federal Graduation Rate (FGR)

Compares the Federal Graduation Rate (FGR) of SIUE student-athletes vs. Division I Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) peers. The FGR is the percentage of first-time, full-time freshman who graduate within six years.

| SIUE | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Student-Athletes | 66% | 64% | 69% |
| General Student Body | 49% | 52% | |
| Division I OVC Universities (student-athletes) | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
| Eastern Illinois | 65% | 61% | 61% |
| Morehead State | 61% | 63% | 63% |
| Southeast Missouri State | 62% | 62% | 59% |
| Tennessee State | 51% | 57% | 57% |
| Tennessee Tech | 62% | 57% | 59% |
| University of Arkansas - Little Rock | 40% | 48% | 51% |
| University of Tennessee - Martin | 46% | 54% | 56% |
| Western Illinois | 62% | 64% | 64% |

Table 7 – Academic Progress Rate (APR)

The Academic Progress Rate is an NCAA-created rate that holds institutions accountable for the academic progress of their student-athletes through a team-based metric that accounts for the eligibility and retention of each scholarship student-athlete for each academic term.

| Team | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 | Current multi-year rate |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Baseball | 982 | 989 | 989 | 989 | 987 |
| Basket-M | 1000 | 980 | 979 | 978 | 985 |
| Basket-W | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 959 | 991 |
| Soccer-M | 989 | 1000 | 936 | 1000 | 981 |
| Soccer-W | 991 | 1000 | 974 | 1000 | 991 |
| Golf-M | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Softball | 1000 | 1000 | 955 | 957 | 979 |
| Cross-M | 964 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 992 |
| Cross-W | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Tennis-W | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Track-M | 985 | 1000 | 985 | 958 | 981 |
| Track-W | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 948 | 985 |
| Volleyball | 1000 | 1000 | 978 | 976 | 989 |
| Wrestling | 965 | 977 | 965 | 935 | 960 |

Table 8 – Graduation Success Rate (GSR)

Compares Graduation Success Rate of SIUE student-athletes, OVC universities and state of Illinois public universities. The GSR is like the FGR, but excludes those athletes who leave the institution in good academic standing and includes those who transfer into the institution and graduate. Since 2014, SIUE’s GSR has been in the Top 35 of Division I public universities and either #1 or #2 in the state of Illinois public universities. SIUE’s current 2023-2024 GSR is tied for #2 in Division I public universities and #1 in Division I State of Illinois public universities.

| SIUE | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Student-Athletes | 95% | 94% | 96% |
| Division I OVC Universities | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
| Eastern Illinois | 83% | 83% | 87% |
| Morehead State | 79% | 79% | 80% |
| Southeast Missouri State | 87% | 88% | 88% |
| Tennessee State | 78% | 82% | 82% |
| Tennessee Tech | 89% | 88% | 88% |
| University of Arkansas - Little Rock | 79% | 84% | 87% |
| University of Tennessee - Martin | 77% | 81% | 83% |
| Western Illinois | 84% | 85% | 87% |
| Division I Illinois Public Universities | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
| Chicago State | 74% | 71% | 71% |
| Eastern Illinois | 83% | 83% | 87% |
| Illinois State | 90% | 90% | 90% |
| Northern Illinois | 86% | 88% | 88% |
| Southern Illinois Carbondale | 88% | 91% | 89% |
| University of Illinois - Chicago | 93% | 93% | 92% |
| University of Illinois - Champaign | 94% | 95% | 93% |
| Western Illinois | 84% | 85% | 87% |



2023-2024

**STUDENT-ATHLETE
ACADEMIC PROFILE**

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Overview

Southern Illinois University student-athletes demonstrated exceptional performance in their sports while prioritizing academic achievement during the 2023-2024 academic year. Coaches and administrators rely on the data presented in this report to make strategic decisions in recruiting and to uphold the high academic standards of their programs. In the ever-evolving landscape of college athletics, SIU student-athletes continue to exemplify dedication to their education, community engagement, and personal growth.

SIU takes great pride in the academic accomplishments of its student-athletes and values the efforts of its academic services team in supporting both student-athletes and coaching staff. Success in college athletics is defined by achievements in both athletic competition and academics. By evaluating key metrics such as grade point average (GPA), Academic Progress Rate (APR), and graduation rates, coaches, administrators, and the University can effectively gauge the potential for success both in the classroom and on the field.

Below is an overview of the academic profile for Saluki student-athletes during the 2023-2024 academic year.

2023-2024 SIU Athletic Department Academic Highlights

The Academic Progress Rates (APR) for all sports in the 2023-24 academic year was 986, an increase from the 2022-23 academic year. This rate exceeds the NCAA threshold of 985 to earn academic-based revenue. Nine of 15 sports earned 1,000 single-year APR. Softball and volleyball continued to earn a multi-year APR of 1,000.

Saluki Softball earned the highest GPA among Division I softball programs in the country for the 2023-24 academic year, posting a 3.85 GPA.

Tatum Tornatta (Volleyball), Miroslava Zaborska (Women's Swim & Dive) and Alexis Rudd (Softball) earned the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) Good Neighbor Award, awarded to student-athletes who demonstrated good citizenship through sportsmanship and community service. One athlete from each member school is identified in fall, winter, and spring to receive the award. Recipients must be in good academic standing, must demonstrate good citizenship through good sportsmanship and significant community service, and participate in a sport during the season of recognition.

Jackie Lis (Softball) earned Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors for the 2023-24 academic year.

Ethan Senti (Men's Cross Country) earned Missouri Valley Conference Elite 17 honors. This award honors the highest achievement in academics and athletics by a student-athlete in each MVC-sponsored sport.

Forty-six student-athletes were named to 2023-2024 Conference Scholar-Athlete teams, including the Missouri Valley Conference, the Missouri Valley Football Conference, and the Mid-Atlantic Conference.

Eleven student-athletes earned MVC Board of Directors Academic Award, 93 student-athletes earned MVC Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Awards, and 146 student-athletes earned MVC Honor Roll.

Volleyball earned the AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) Team Academic Award for the 19th straight year.

The Men’s and Women’s Swimming & Diving earned CSCAA (College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America) team and individual academic awards.

SIU Academic Reporting

2023-24 Grade Reports

| TEAM | Fall 2023 | Spring 2024 | 2023-24 | Cumulative |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|---------|------------|
| Baseball | 3.42 | 3.2 | 3.31 | 3.19 |
| Men’s Basketball | 2.91 | 2.7 | 2.81 | 2.98 |
| Men’s Cross Country | 3.39 | 3.19 | 3.29 | 3.25 |
| Football | 2.85 | 2.95 | 2.9 | 3.0 |
| Men’s Golf | 3.69 | 3.68 | 3.69 | 3.65 |
| Men’s Swimming & Diving | 3.05 | 3.23 | 3.14 | 3.27 |
| Men’s Track & Field | 2.96 | 2.86 | 2.91 | 3.01 |
| Women’s Basketball | 3.2 | 3.18 | 3.19 | 3.33 |
| Women’s Cross Country | 3.55 | 3.63 | 3.59 | 3.66 |
| Women’s Golf | 3.38 | 3.62 | 3.5 | 3.37 |
| Softball | 3.87 | 3.82 | 3.85 | 3.46 |
| Women’s Soccer | 3.2 | 3.56 | 3.36 | 3.46 |
| Women’s Swimming & Diving | 3.59 | 3.53 | 3.56 | 3.57 |
| Women’s Track & Field | 3.03 | 3.08 | 3.06 | 3.13 |
| Volleyball | 3.59 | 3.74 | 3.67 | 3.63 |
| All Teams | 3.26 | 3.23 | 3.22 | 3.29 |

- For Fall 2023, Men’s Golf earned the highest men’s team GPA with a 3.69 and the Softball team earned the highest women’s team GPA with a 3.87.
- For Spring 2024, the Softball team finished with the highest women’s GPA with a 3.85 and the Men’s Golf team finished with the highest men’s GPA with a 3.69.

Academic Progress Rate

The Academic Progress Rate (APR) is a key metric used by the NCAA to monitor the academic success of Division I student-athletes. It serves as an early indicator of eventual graduation rates by assessing two critical factors each term: eligibility to compete and retention within the team.

Each year, the APR is calculated for student-athletes who receive athletic scholarships. Walk-ons, or athletes not on scholarship, are excluded. For every scholarship student-athlete, up to two points are earned each semester: one point if they are academically eligible for the next semester, and another if they remain on the team. This means most student-athletes can contribute up to four points annually, though there are exceptions for those who transfer in good academic standing or pursue professional careers in their sport.

Since teams have varying roster sizes and scholarship athletes, the APR calculation adjusts for these differences. The score is determined by dividing the points earned by the total points possible for the team. To simplify reporting, the NCAA expresses this as a whole number, with a perfect score being 1,000.

To provide a fuller picture of academic progress, the NCAA releases APR data annually with a one-year lag. They also report a rolling average that reflects performance over the most recent four years. This ensures a more comprehensive evaluation of each team's academic commitment and success.

SIU's APRs by team are reported in the table below:

| TEAM | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | Multiyear |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Baseball | 967 | 979 | 893 | 991 | 957 |
| Men's Basketball | 1000 | 980 | 1000 | 1000 | 994 |
| Men's Cross Country | 900 | 1000 | 1000 | 969 | 966 |
| Football | 962 | 970 | 976 | 954 | 965 |
| Men's Golf | 882 | 929 | 933 | 1000 | 945 |
| Men's Swimming & Diving | 979 | 882 | 964 | 1000 | 970 |
| Men's Track & Field | 919 | 957 | 935 | 946 | 931 |
| Women's Basketball | 1000 | 1000 | 889 | 1000 | 971 |
| Women's Cross Country | 1000 | 906 | 1000 | 1000 | 977 |
| Women's Golf | 1000 | 972 | 993 | 1000 | 994 |
| Softball | 989 | 990 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Women's Soccer | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 981 | 985 |
| Women's Swimming & Diving | 1000 | 955 | 983 | 1000 | 990 |
| Women's Track & Field | 983 | 948 | 967 | 955 | 954 |
| Volleyball | 1000 | 1000 | 995 | 1000 | 1000 |
| All Teams | 972 | 965 | 967 | 986 | 973 |

Beginning the 2013-14 academic year, the NCAA’s minimum APR for post-season participation increased to 930. The NCAA administers penalties for teams with low APRs and if an individual student athlete is neither eligible nor retained (an “0 for 2”). The individual penalty is usually the loss of an equivalent scholarship for the student who earned zero points in a given semester. Nine of fifteen SIU teams earned a 1,000 single-year APR. Softball and Volleyball earned 1,000 multi-year APRs.

Graduation Rates

Parameters for NCAA Graduation Rates (GSR) as prescribed by the NCAA:

Graduation rates are based on the IPEDS-GSR which is defined as a six-year proportion of those student-athletes who graduated versus those who entered an institution on institutional aid. In addition to the student-athlete data in the graduation rates data, the GSR accounts for student-athletes who transfer into an institution while discounting student-athletes who separate from the institution and would have been academically eligible to compete had they returned. All member institutions are required to report graduation rates for their student body; those institutions offering athletics aid are required to report for their student-athletes Division I members, as well as those institutions having multi-divisional sports, must also provide their GSR.

Similar to the Academic Progress Rate, the Federal Graduation Rates (FGR) are also reported with a one-year lag. Each school submitted data by June 2024 that included the graduation rates for the freshman cohort class of 2017-2018. The most recent FGR allows those freshmen six years by which to graduate. According to NCAA Graduation Success Rate data, Division I student-athletes are graduating at high rates. In addition, diverse student-athlete populations are graduating at an exponential rate.

Federal Graduation Rates (Six-Year Cohorts)

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Federal Graduation Rate (Six-Year Cohorts) | | | | | |
| Student-Athletes | 61.8% | 68.0% | 63.0% | 69.0% | 61.0% |
| SIU Student Body | 47.0% | 47.1% | 45.0% | 47.0% | 54.0% |

**Data from NCAA Institutional Performance Program*

Federal Graduation Rate Comparison to Institutional Graduation Rates

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SIU Athletics | 14.1% | 20.9% | 18.5% | 34.2% | 7.2% |
| All Division I Institutions | 2.5% | 1.8% | 1.7% | 1.3% | 0.9% |
| Football Championship Division (FCS) | 0.8% | 6.4% | 6.4% | 6.9% | 5.8% |
| Missouri Valley Conference | 4.6% | 5.2% | 11.8% | 7.0% | 7.0% |
| Missouri Valley Football Conference | 13.5% | 12.7% | 11.9% | 12.8% | 17.3% |

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This indicator displays the difference between the single-year federal graduation rates for student-athletes and the student body. Positive numbers reflect a higher FGR for student-athletes, while negative numbers are to be interpreted as the student body having a higher FGR than student-athletes. This data suggests that SIU student-athletes graduate at higher rates than the SIU general student body (including when data are separated out by gender and ethnicity). Furthermore, the differences in graduation rates at SIU are higher than those seen at the Division I level in general, in other Football Championship Division (FCS) schools, and the Missouri Valley Conference MVC.

Graduation Success Rates

Single-Year Graduation Success Rate by Sport

| TEAM | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Baseball | 67.0% | 85.7% | 75.0% | 100% | 80% |
| Men's Basketball | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Men's Cross Country | | | | | |
| Football | 83.3% | 82.4% | 94.1% | 100% | 64.7% |
| Men's Golf | 100% | N/A | 60.0% | 100% | 100% |
| Men's Swimming & Diving | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 50% |
| Men's Track & Field | 67.0% | 88.9% | 0% | 60.0% | 66.7% |
| Women's Basketball | 75.0% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 80% |
| Women's Cross Country | | | | | |
| Women's Golf | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Softball | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Women's Soccer | N/A | N/A | N/A | 100% | 100% |
| Women's Swimming & Diving | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Women's Track & Field | 83.3% | 100% | 0% | 90.0% | 100% |
| Volleyball | 100% | 100% | 50% | 100% | 100% |

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Single-Year Graduation Success Rate Comparisons

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| SIU Athletics | 86.5% | 92.6% | 86.8% | 95.9% | 78.9% |
| All Division I Institutions | 90.6% | 90.4% | 90.9% | 92.9% | 91.9% |
| Football Championship Division (FCS) | 89.3% | 88.6% | 89.9% | 89.6% | 89.9% |
| Missouri Valley Conference | 92.0% | 90.1% | 95.1% | 93.0% | 92.1% |
| Missouri Valley Football Conference | 86.1% | 89.3% | 87.4% | 92.5% | 87.9% |

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