

ROUTING FORM FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO ACADEMIC POLICY, CURRICULUM CHANGES, STATUTES

EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE

NAME OF POLICY/ PROPOSAL: Academic Advancement Plan for Athletes

Attach a complete copy of the proposed change as acted upon by the APCC or Faculty Senate. If changes made to proposal prior to adopting, please note the person and governance body making the change on the proposal, initial and date the change. Copies of appropriate documentation should be attached to the form with each submission and should be retained at each level. Please indicate the type of proposal being submitted:

- New Course
- Deactivate Course
- Discontinue Course
- Reactivate Degree Program
- Policy Proposal.
- New Degree Program
- Discontinue Course
- Deactivate Degree Program
- Policy Revision
- Changes to Degree Program Requirements
- Reactivate Course
- Discontinue Degree Program
- Statutes Revision
- Other: _____

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE (APCC)

Initiated and Submitted to APCC

Signature _____ Date _____

Dean Approval:

Signature _____ Date _____

APCC Action: Approved Denied _____ Returned _____ Tabled _____
Sandra J. Starnum _____ 6-29-2020
Signature of Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Chair Date

Comments: _____

APCC Chair submits to Faculty Senate

FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate Action: W. J. ... Approved Denied _____ Returned _____ Tabled _____
Signature of Faculty Senate President Date 6/29/2020

Comments: _____

Faculty Senate President sends to EGSC President and to the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Note: Revisions to EGSC Statutes require approval of President's Cabinet and must be submitted to Chief of Staff/Legal Counsel for routing to President's Cabinet and routing to President. Please indicate "EGSC Statutes revision" on this form.

PRESIDENT

President's (or designee's) Action: Approved Denied _____ Returned _____ Tabled _____
Bob Boehmer (Jun 30, 2020 11:27 EDT) _____ Jun 30, 2020
Signature Date

Comments: _____

Distribution By: Stephan O'Connell _____ 6/30/20
Signature Date

President retains original ACADEMIC POLICY/PROPOSAL ROUTING FORM

President's Office Distributes Copies To:

Faculty Senate—President Date 6/30/20
Academic Policies & Curriculum Committee—Chair/VPASA Date 6/30/20
Chief of Staff/Legal Counsel Date 6/30/20

Academic Advisement Plan for Athletes at East Georgia State College

Adopted by President's Cabinet
Adopted by Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee:
Adopted by Faculty Senate:
Approved by President:

Academic Advisement of Athletes

NACADA publishes advising tips for special-interest groups including student athletes. NACADA has a [Advising Student Athletes Commission](#) to share ideas and best practices for advising student-athletes. Since East Georgia State College (EGSC) student athletes are first and second-year students, the [15 Tips on the Basics of Advising Student Athletes](#) may be of value to all advisors of student athletes.

The Academic Advisement Plan for Athletes is a component of the East Georgia State College Academic Advisement Plan.

At East Georgia State College (EGSC) student athletes will be assigned to and advised by the Assistant Director of the Learning Commons for Military Resource Center and Athletic Advisement. All students, including student athletes, will follow the general policies and procedures for academic advisement at EGSC.

The success of athlete academic advising is critical for the academic integrity of campus sports programs. Assistant Director of the Learning Commons for Military Resource Center and Athletic Advisement is the front line for preserving the integrity of the advising process and reports to the Director of the Learning Commons.

The Assistant Director of the Learning Commons for Military Resource Center and Athletic Advisement must maintain a focus on maximizing the academic accomplishments of athletes, given their athletic commitments, rather than on maintaining their athletic eligibility.

Eligibility standards are usually different than those academic standards set by EGSC for the academic success of students. The student athlete academic advisor must be familiar with the eligibility standards. Certification of eligibility will be made by the Athletic Director in conjunction with the Assistant Director of the Learning Commons for Military Resource Center and Athletic Advisement. The academic advisement process must be structured in ways that will focus on motivating athletes to use their academic opportunities to maximize personal growth, intellectual skills, and career success.

The athletic academic advisement program should strive for academic integrity, a core mission of all academic support services; integration of the student athlete into the student body, culture, and community; scrutiny of the athletic advising process to assure the interests of the student athlete are followed; effective transition of the student athlete to the college environment; accountability for the quality and impact of the athletic advising based on regular assessment of the program; and consistency of the athletic advising program in comparison to the colleges' overall academic advisement program.

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Guidelines for the Advisement of Student Athletes:

1. The Assistant Director of the Learning Commons Military Resource Center and Athletic Advisement reports directly to the the Director of the Learning Commons.
2. Advising is an academic function, and it is part of the Division of Academic Affairs. The Division of Academic Affairs office must be accountable for the quality and integrity of the advising provided all its students.
3. Academic affairs should be responsible for and involved with personnel decisions, supervise policies and procedures for academic advising of athletes, and have authority in budget decisions concerning academic advising.
4. Academic advising should operate with the strong support of the Athletic Director, in order to combat potential pressures to consider eligibility before academic accomplishment, and to motivate athletes to make the most of academic opportunities. The Athletic Director and all head coaches will meet periodically with the Assistant Director of the Learning Commons Military Resource Center and Athletic Advisement, and the Director of the Learning Commons as needed to discuss and evaluate athletic academic advising.
5. The influence of coaches over academic advising should be strictly limited and the Assistant Director of the Learning Commons Military Resource Center and Athletic Advisement should have the primary responsibility in the athlete's selection of an academic plan of specific courses.
6. The advising structure that will best ensure support of the colleges' academic mission and best guard against efforts to focus on eligibility over accomplishment will represent the best practice for each campus. In all cases, ultimate accountability for the integrity of academic advising must lie with the VPASA.
7. The Assistant Director of the Learning Commons Military Resource Center and Athletic Advisement needs to know progress-toward-degree requirements for the student athletes. While no priority in class choices is given, the advisor should be made aware of scheduling conflicts with practice and games.






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