

# Degree Advancement Programs

## DEGREE COMPLETION—SUMMER SCHOOL

The **goal** of WSU funded summer school is to **enhance progress toward a degree**, and provide the student the opportunity **to complete his or her degree at the same time eligibility is completed** at Washington State University. Review of applications will begin **mid-April**. To assure serious consideration and timely notification, summer school applications must be submitted **no later than the Friday after on-line registration opens for summer school registration**.

**NOTE:** If a student-athlete quits his/her team with the intent to transfer to another institution or if his/her scholarship will not be renewed for the upcoming year, the summer school financial aid agreement will become null and void immediately.

Summer school applications are available in the Academic Support Services Office, Bohler Athletic Complex 285, beginning March 1.

## NCAA Criteria

- In order to be considered for summer school financial aid, the student-athlete must have been in residence at least one term of the regular academic year and must have received athletically related financial aid.
- Summer school financial aid may be awarded only in proportion to the amount of athletically related financial aid received during the previous academic year.
- Summer school financial aid can be awarded only for WSU-Pullman enrolled course work.

## WSU Athletics Criteria

- Award of summer school financial aid will be determined by the academic support services staff based on the best academic plan for graduation for each student-athlete. The associate director of athletics for academic support services and sr. associate director of athletics make all final decisions regarding summer aid.
- To receive full consideration for summer financial aid, student-athletes must earn a minimum 9 credits with a minimum 2.00 fall semester GPA and maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA. Academic progress for student-athletes who do not meet this minimum standard will be re-evaluated during the spring semester.
- Request for aid for off-campus internship credits will be evaluated on an individual basis. If off-campus internship hours are approved, aid will only include tuition and required books.
- WSU Distance Degree Program credits may be funded through WSU athletics summer aid program, the associate director of athletics will have complete approval over DDP coursework.
- **Maximum of one summer course will be funded** (equivalent student-athletes will be funded for proportionate amount).
- Student-athletes will receive a \$1,000 stipend for summer coursework (equivalent student-athletes will be funded for proportionate amount).

### **Options for Student-Athletes not Receiving Athletics Summer School Aid**

- Attend WSU and be responsible for paying for summer course work. Apply for federal financial aid, loan, or work study aid.
- Attend summer school at a university or community college away from WSU. **All transfer course work must be approved prior to enrolling in the off campus course work.** Prior Approval Forms are available at the academic support services office in 285 Bohler Athletic Complex.

### **Failure to Meet Summer School Contractual Agreement**

Once summer athletics aid is authorized, student-athletes **must attend class, access services if noted in the contract, and work to earn “C” and above grades.** If this expectation is **not met**, aid may be **stopped immediately** and may be **terminated** for the remainder of the summer. Additionally, the Athletics Department reserves the right to bill student-athletes for any “W’s” or “F’s” earned during the summer session.

### **DEGREE COMPLETION—EXHAUSTED ELIGIBILITY**

The purpose of the degree completion program is to assist students who have exhausted their athletic eligibility complete the requirements for their **first bachelor’s degree.** Degree completion **applications** are available in the academic support services office in Bohler Athletic Complex 285. Students should return the completed application **by April 1 for summer, fall, or spring financial aid.**

#### **Criteria**

In order to be considered, a student-athlete must:

1. Have completed at least one year of eligibility at WSU.
2. Have a 2.0 cumulative GPA and have completed/earned 90 credit hours over eight semesters.
3. Be within one semester of a degree if on athletic aid for five years **or** be within two semesters of a degree if on athletic aid for four years or less.
4. Enroll in a **minimum of 15 credit hours** each semester of the award unless their degree requirements are less. No more than 18 hours can be taken in a semester at WSU expense.
5. Complete the University Writing Portfolio (e.g., timed essay and papers turned in so it will be evaluated).
6. Attach an official University “DARS Report” to the application.
7. If the above criteria are not met, the student can appeal to the senior Associate director of athletics.

#### **Financial Assistance and Expectations**

- Degree Completion financial aid will be **tuition and books only at a proportionate level to previous tuition award. Maximum two terms will be funded through the degree completion program (summer school counts as a term).**
- All students in the Degree Completion Program will be assigned an **internship** in the Athletics Department. The required hours will be determined by their previous history of athletic financial assistance.

- Aid will be approved from semester-to-semester on the basis of successful academic progress.
- Failure to complete the degree during the term of the award or earning “F”, “W”, or “I” in any class may result in cancellation of any future financial aid. Students would then assume all future financial obligations relative to their degree. Athletics also reserves the right to bill the student’s account for incomplete or failed course work.
- Students may not make any change to their schedule without receiving **prior approval** from the associate athletic director for academic support services.