

## Academic & Athletic Eligibility Rules for HCC

HCC Academic Standards	NJCAA Eligibility Rules										
<p>It is expected that students will make satisfactory progress each semester they are enrolled.</p> <p>Satisfactory academic progress (good standing) is demonstrated when students successfully maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least a 2.0 or as defined below.</p> <p>At the end of the Fall and Spring semesters, the progress of each student will be reviewed. If a student's cumulative GPA is below a 2.0, the student's standing is determined by both attempted credits and a minimum cumulative GPA earned at HCC*:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Attempted Cumulative Credits</th> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Minimum Cumulative GPA Required</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">12 – 15</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">16 – 30</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">31-40</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">41 and more</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*Financial aid recipients are subject to additional standards of academic progress as required by financial aid regulations; see a financial aid counselor for further information.</p> <p>After 12 cumulative attempted credits, a student who has not achieved minimum cumulative GPA standards will be placed on either Academic Warning or Academic Probation. Academic Probation students are automatically limited to 8 credit hour enrollment.</p>	Attempted Cumulative Credits	Minimum Cumulative GPA Required	12 – 15	1.00	16 – 30	1.50	31-40	1.75	41 and more	Must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester - First year students must enroll for 12 credits during semester of athletic participation.</b></p> <p>Students with documented disabilities can apply for exemption from 12 credit hours requirement. Students must self-identify at initial enrollment to college &amp; a waiver must be granted by NJCAA. This does not exempt students from second season 24 credit hour completion requirement.</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester - First year athletes must have passed 12 credits from the previous full time semester with a minimum 1.75 GPA or an average of 12 credits earned for each full-time semester enrolled.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• can enroll in winter classes to meet requirement.</li> <li>• can use transfer credits to calculate best 12 credits &amp; GPA.</li> </ul> <p><i>If an athlete does not meet these requirements, then s/he will be ineligible for that semester unless the athlete has a documented disability or the athlete has passed 12 credits in a previous semester.</i></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Semester - If an athlete is in second year of same sport participation, then:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must have passed 24 credits with a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA.</li> <li>• must have passed 12 credits from previous semester or an average of 12 credits earned for each full-time semester enrolled.</li> <li>• can enroll in winter/summer classes to meet this requirement.</li> <li>• can use transfer credits to calculate best 24 credits and GPA.</li> </ul> <p><i>If an athlete does not meet these requirements, then s/he will be ineligible for that semester.</i></p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Semester - If an athlete is in second year of same sport participation and has had 3 semesters of 12 credit courseloads, then:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must have passed 36 credits with minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA.</li> <li>• must have passed 12 credits from previous semester or an average of 12 credits earned for each full-time semester enrolled.</li> <li>• can enroll in winter/summer classes to meet this requirement.</li> <li>• can use transfer credits to calculate best 36 credits and GPA.</li> </ul> <p><i>If an athlete does not meet these requirements, then s/he will be ineligible for that semester.</i></p>
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**For 4-year NCAA Division I institutions:** *Athletes must have registered with NCAA clearing house in high school*

**If an athlete was a qualifier, s/he must:**

- ✓ Spend one full term at the community college
- ✓ Complete 12 transferable credits towards the baccalaureate degree
- ✓ Have a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average

**If an athlete was a partial or non-qualifier, s/he must:**

- ✓ Graduate from a community college
- ✓ Satisfactorily complete a minimum of 48 transferable credit hours
- ✓ Have a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average
- ✓ Must have been enrolled as a full-time student for at least 3 semesters

**For 4-year NCAA Division II institutions:** *Athletes must graduate from a community college OR complete a minimum of 24 transferable credit hours with a 2.0 cumulative grade point average in those transferable credits*

**For 4-year NCAA Division III institutions:** *A student has participated in intercollegiate athletics and would be academically and athletically eligible for competition if they remained at the community college*

**Note:** HCC Academic Standards govern students' enrollment status at the college. The NJCAA Eligibility Rules govern athletes' eligibility to participate in sports. Therefore, athletes must adhere to the HCC Academic Standards first to be able to participate in sports at the NJCAA level.

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