

NAIA Eligibility Rules

PLEASE NOTE: For specific eligibility questions, particularly related to rules for continuing eligibility of transfer students, contact Sue Skidmore, Registrar, at 423-461-8729 or shskidmore@milligan.edu

NAIA ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR STUDENT ATHLETES:

- ❖ May participate in four seasons of competition
- ❖ May compete during first 10 semesters
- ❖ Must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours
(student is immediately ineligible for the semester if course load drops below 12 hours)
- ❖ Must meet freshman and/or continuing eligibility rules (see below)

CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY RULES:

24 HOUR RULE

- Freshmen must have earned 9 hours by their second term of enrollment (may include non-term credit which follows the first term of enrollment)
- After two terms completed: 24 hours must be earned during previous two semesters (can include up to 12 credits earned in non-terms, e.g. J-term, May term, summer, after the first of the two previous semesters)

2.0 GPA RULE Students who have earned 58 credits or more must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

- Transfer course work has no effect on the Milligan GPA because it does not transfer with a grade (only assigned "P" for passing). The only way to raise a GPA is to take courses at Milligan or through the ETSU co-op program. (Note: Co-op courses are only approved in the fall and spring terms for courses that are **required** in the student's program of study AND are not available at Milligan before a student's planned graduation date based on a schedule conflict or course schedule rotation. Requests for co-op classes in the summer terms do not follow the same approval requirements.)

PROGRESS RULE Students must be making progress towards degree....to play during:

- 2nd season-must have earned 24 credits
- 3rd season-must have earned 48 credits
- 4th season- must have earned 72 credits AND must have earned at least 48 credits in GER or major

REPEATING COURSES

Grade earned in previous semester for a <i>repeated course</i>	Will the credit count toward the 12 hour enrollment rule?	Will the credit count toward the 24 hour rule?
F	Yes	Yes
D or D-	Yes (maximum of one D or D- repeat per term)	No
C- or higher	No	No

*IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT GRADES AND CREDITS FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Application of rule	First term at Milligan	After first term at Milligan
≥2.0 cumulative GPA (if ≥ 58 credits earned)	Grades from all previous institutions are used to calculate a cumulative GPA	Only Milligan grades are used to calculate the cumulative GPA
24 hour rule	All credits earned at previous institutions count toward the 24 hour rule	All credits earned at previous institutions count toward the 24 hour rule
Progress rule	All credits earned at previous institutions count toward the progress rule	Only credit accepted at Milligan (C- or higher) counts toward the progress rule