

# **Athletic Competitions**

The opportunity to participate in intercollegiate athletics is an important aspect of the whole man concept at Principia. For the participating student it is an opportunity which is encouraged and supported by the faculty and administration. Since running an intercollegiate athletics program necessarily requires some missed class time and the athletic trip is not by definition a field trip, the following policies will be recognized:

1. As a general rule, classes missed for athletic contests during the regular season and post-season play (i.e., SLIAC conference tournament, NCAA regional or national tournament) are excused absences.
2. Students are required to consult with their instructors before they miss a class because of a scheduled contest. Students are responsible for completing all assignments and making up any class work they have missed.
3. The NCAA and Principia require student-athletes to make satisfactory progress (<http://catalog.principiacollege.edu/academic-rules-procedures/satisfactory-academic-progress/>) toward graduation and to be in good academic standing (<http://catalog.principiacollege.edu/academic-rules-procedures/standing/>) in order to compete in intercollegiate athletics.
4. The NCAA and Principia require student-athletes to be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours in order to practice or compete in varsity athletics or any athletics program that includes intercollegiate competition. Principia requires students to be enrolled in the appropriate course during the semester of the championship season in order to practice or compete with the team. Principia follows NCAA guidelines regarding these rules and allowances for exceptions to them.
5. Faculty are encouraged to communicate with students and coaches on an ongoing basis concerning any student-athlete who they feel is not meeting expected academic responsibilities.