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Title: Proposal No. 2014-18 (No. 2-15) Path to Graduation -- Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements -- Annual Credit-Hour Requirements -- 24-Semester or 36-Quarter Hours (II)

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Question No. 1: Can credit hours earned prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment (e.g., advanced placement) be used to fulfill the 24/36 credit-hour requirement?

Answer: Yes. It would be permissible to use credits earned prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment during the first two years of enrollment for the purposes of fulfilling the 24/36 credit-hour requirement.

Question No. 2: Will an institution have the opportunity to file a progress-toward-degree waiver if a student-athlete is unable to earn 24/36 credit-hours due to circumstances outside his or her control?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 3: What is the effective date of the proposal and how will it apply to student-athletes?

Answer: The effective date is August 1, 2016, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter. All initial and continuing student-athletes would be required to meet the new requirements beginning with the fall 2016 term. It is important to note that eligibility in fall 2016 for continuing student-athletes would be based on coursework during the 2015-16 academic year.

Proposed Change: In the first two years of collegiate enrollment, a student-athlete may satisfy the 24-semester or 36-quarter hour requirement by earning 48-semester or 72-quarter hours over the previous two academic years (four semesters or six quarters). Following the first two years of collegiate enrollment a student-athlete must earn 24-semester/36-quarter hours of credit each academic year.

Question No. 1: Is there an alternate method for certifying the 24/36 credit-hour requirement for a student-athlete who was not enrolled at the certifying institution for his or her first four semesters or six quarters of collegiate enrollment (e.g., transfer)?



Answer: No.

Question No. 2: How is this proposal different than Proposal No. 2014-17?

Answer: This proposal does not require the completion of 27/40-credit hours in the first two years of collegiate enrollment.

Question No. 3: Does this progress-toward-degree proposal impact Proposal No. 2014-16?

Answer: No.

Question No. 4: Does this progress-toward-degree proposal impact Proposal No. 2014-17?

Answer: If Proposal No. 2014-17 is adopted, Proposal No. 2014-18 will be rendered moot. If Proposal No. 2014-17 is defeated, the membership will vote on Proposal No. 2014-18.

Question No. 5: What is the impact if both Proposal Nos. 2014-17 and 2014-18 are defeated?

Answer: The current annual credit-hour requirement would not change (24-semester/36-quarter hours) and the averaging method would remain available.

The following chart outlines the current rule and the proposed legislative changes included in this proposal:

	Current Rule	Proposed Rule
Annual Credit Hour Requirement – Actual Method for Certification	A student-athlete must earn 24-semester/36-quarter hours of academic credit each academic year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A student-athlete must earn 24-semester/ 36-quarter hours of academic credit each academic year.
Annual Credit Hour Requirement – Averaging Method for Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A student-athlete must earn a cumulative total of academic semester or quarter hours equivalent to an average of at least 12-semester or quarter hours during each of the previous academic terms in academic years in which the student-athlete has been enrolled in a term or terms. • It is only permissible to use the averaging method prior to a fall term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A student-athlete must earn 48-semester or 72-quarter hours during the first two academic years. • The averaging method is not permitted beginning with the student-



each academic year.

athlete's third year
of collegiate
enrollment.

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Legislative References

Div. Number Title

- II 14.4.3.1.2 Academic Year in Residence.
- II 14.4 Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements.
- II 14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.
- II 14.4.1 Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements.
- II 14.4.3.5 Waivers of Progress-Toward-Degree Rule.
- II 14.4.3.1 Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements.
- II 14.4.3.1.1 Transfer Student -- Six-Hour Requirement.
- II 14.4.3.4 Exceptions to Progress-Toward-Degree Rule.