

1.0 POLICY:

Grant MacEwan University will provide a breadth of quality athletic programs of interest to its students that are infused with the values of excellence, gender equity and academic integrity with opportunities to grow as a whole person.

2.0 SCOPE AND DEFINITION:

Interuniversity athletic program offerings will vary with the interest and abilities of students and available university resources. "Interuniversity Athletics", as used in this policy, means physical sport competitions between student athletes enrolled in their university or other universities across Canada.

3.0 RATIONALE AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

The University believes participation in Interuniversity Athletics:

- 3.1. provides an opportunity for student athletes to develop skills such as leadership, teamwork, time management and goal setting;
- 3.2. gives student athletes an opportunity to compete athletically the highest level of university competition available in Canada;
- 3.3. contributes to the sense of community at the University for both students and employees; and
- 3.4. offers an opportunity to contribute to student recruitment and positively demonstrate the achievement of University student athletes to the public.

4.0 REGULATIONS:

- 4.1 The Vice President Student Services is responsible for the overall management of this policy.
- 4.2 The Director of Athletes is responsible for the coordination and implementation of this policy.
- 4.3 Interuniversity Athletics shall reflect the values of fair play and the primary importance of student athlete academic progress.
- 4.4 The University's Interuniversity Athletic program shall provide equal opportunities for all students.

- 4.5 Eligibility to participate on Interuniversity Athletic teams shall be subject to the regulations of the respective athletic conference(s) of which the university is a member and the University's policy on academic standing (C2070).
- 4.6 The addition or discontinuation of Interuniversity Athletic offerings will be the decision of the Vice President Student Services .
- 4.7 Student athletes shall be subject to behavioural standards that recognize their role as ambassadors of the University, as described in the University's Student Rights and Responsibility Policy (E3101) and in applicable internal and external athletic codes of behaviour. The Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC); the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA); the Canada West Universities Athletic Association (CW); and the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Association, all establish and govern the external codes applied to their respective, participating athletes during competition. .
- 4.8 Student athletes not meeting academic and behavioural standards may be suspended from participating in the Interuniversity Athletic program by the Director of Athletics or designate.
- 4.9 The University will participate in the Interuniversity Athletic conferences that are appropriate for the level of athletic achievement of student athletes and will have the choice on a sport-by-sport basis as to which sports to commit to compete in at a higher performance level.
- 4.10 As part of their responsibilities, athletic department employees may be required to assist coaches in the recruitment of student athletes.
- 4.11 At the beginning of the academic year, the opportunity for students to try out for athletic teams will be advertised throughout the University.
- 4.12 The Office of the University Registrar will verify the academic eligibility of the student athletes according to University and respective Interuniversity Athletic conference(s) standards to participate in Interuniversity Athletics.
- 4.13 Student athletes will be required to participate in orientation sessions regarding established standards in the areas of academics, behaviour and drug use. These standards will be maintained through the Athletic departments "Conduct of Grant MacEwan University Athletes". The University will support any sanctions imposed on an athlete for a breach of any of the above standards.

FACT SHEET

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2009.10.08	Terminology updated to reflect name change to Grant MacEwan University. Approved by Board motion 01-10-8-2009/10
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RELATED POLICIES:

- E3101 Student Rights and Responsibilities
- C2070 Academic Standing
- E1050 Student Records

REFERENCE

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP)
Student Athlete Handbook