

Mission Statement

The Department of Athletics complements the academic mission of the university by offering students an athletic experience of high quality through broad-based, competitive sports programs for both men and women. To provide such an experience, the department is committed to integrity and excellence in both athletics and academics through a comprehensive academic support system.

As part of the collegiate experience, athletic competition provides student athletes with a wide range of opportunities to enhance their intellectual, physical, personal, and social development. The department's goal is to help students develop skills, attain graduation, become productive citizens, and succeed in life.

In the interest of gender equity and ethnic diversity, the department intends to stand as a leader in providing opportunities for all student athletes, coaches, administrators, and staff, complemented by facilities to showcase their talents and abilities.

Since competition is the trademark of intercollegiate athletics, the Department of Athletics is committed to achieving the full potential of each team and each athlete while maintaining compliance with the rules and regulations set forth by the Western Athletic Conference, the National Collegiate Athletic Association for Division IA membership, and the rules and procedures established by California State University, Fresno. Dedication to athletic and academic excellence will be reflected in the performance of all university teams.

As the major public university in the San Joaquin Valley, the department strives to develop strong local, regional, and national recognition for its team and foster a sense of community among its constituencies, i.e., the student body, the faculty and staff, the alumni, and the general public. This recognition will be achieved not only through outstanding athletic performance, but also through the civility with which we conduct ourselves both on and off the playing field.

Student-Athlete Services

The Student-Athlete Services Office provides tutoring, academic advising, individual consultations, and NCAA eligibility monitoring for more than 550 student athletes on a year-round basis. It works

with the NCAA in providing a Life Skills Development program that emphasizes personal, career, community service and athletic development, and it advises the Student Athlete Advisory Board. The board, with representatives from every sport, serves as a communication link between student athletes, the Athletics Department administration, and the campus community on matters of student athlete welfare.

Each spring the department partners with Kiwanis International to host its Torch of Excellence Dinner to recognize the academic achievements of student athletes who have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA or have received other academic honors. The office also assists qualified student athletes with fifth year scholarships (available after athletic eligibility is completed) and in applying for a variety of athletically-related postgraduate scholarships.

COURSES

Athletics (ATHL)

10. Strategies for Academic Success (3)

Some sections are specially designated for students in intercollegiate athletics and include strategies for academic success. (*See University 1 on page 21.*) Designed to help entering students make a smooth transition into the university, as well as increase knowledge of policies, procedures, resources, and graduation requirements especially pertaining to student athletes. Introduces techniques to improve learning strategies and provides students with awareness about relevant drug and health issues.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS* (Courses may be repeated)

100. Conditioning of Athletes (1)

Prerequisite: must be enrolled in a varsity team sport (ATHL 176-199). Refer to current *Class Schedule* for appropriate section and class number.

176. Baseball (2)

Men only.

177. Basketball (2)

Men only.

178. Basketball (2)

Women only.

180. Cross Country (2)

181. Equestrian (2)
(Same as ASCI 187.) Women only.

182. Football (2)

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183. Golf (2)

Men only.

184. Golf (2)

Women only.

185. Soccer (2)

Women only.

186. Soccer (2)

Men only.

187. Softball (2)

Women only.

189. Swimming and Diving (2)

Women only.

191. Tennis (2)

Men only.

192. Tennis (2)

Women only.

193. Track and Field (2)

196. Volleyball (2)

Women only.

199. Wrestling (2)

Men only.

*Students majoring in kinesiology or dance may count a maximum of 12 units of dance technique, kinesiology activity courses, and intercollegiate courses toward the total units required for the bachelor's degree; other students may apply a maximum of 8 units to the total degree requirement.

Faculty

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