

# ATHLETICS

## President's Office

## Program Description

The program of intercollegiate athletics is organized and conducted as an integral part of the total educational program of the University. Academic excellence and athletic accomplishments go hand in hand at Sacramento State. There are three separate and unique missions in this program: to contribute to the educational objectives of the University; to provide a healthy, competitive athletic experience to individual student-athletes; to serve as a public relations vehicle within the community.

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics offers both academic courses and an intercollegiate athletics program. Academic courses offer the opportunity for individuals to gain knowledge and understanding in a particular area of expertise related to intercollegiate athletics.

Sacramento State has made a strong commitment to the achievement of national excellence at the NCAA Division I level. It also is committed to maintaining an equitable program between men and women.

## Special Features

- Most of Sacramento State's sports are affiliated with the Big Sky Conference.
- Baseball is a member of the Western Athletic Conference
- Men's Soccer and Beach Volleyball are members of the Big West Conference.
- Gymnastics is a member of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.
- Rowing is a member of the American Athletic Conference.
- The Student-Athlete Resource Center (SARC) (Lassen Hall 3002) offers a counseling system for student-athletes, designed specifically by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Student Affairs to ensure academic development.

## Student-Athlete Special Action Review Committee

The Student-Athlete Special Action (SASA) Committee will be convened at the request of the Athletic Admissions & Initial Eligibility Coordinator. The SASA Committee's purpose is to review, on a case-by-case basis at the request of the Athletic Admissions & Initial Eligibility Coordinator, prospective student-athlete applicants to California State University, Sacramento who do not meet University admission standards and/or NCAA eligibility requirements. The SASA Committee will consider and provide recommendations to the Director of Admissions on whether an applicant should be granted special admission to the University. The primary information to be reviewed will be the applicant's overall academic performance as demonstrated by grade point average, SAT/ACT scores, and/or complete college coursework. Additional educational evidence may also be considered (e.g., at-risk issues, family background, and learning disability).

The SASA Committee will be comprised of the following individuals and should include at least four voting representatives (five preferred) present at any requested meeting.

1. NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative
2. Director of the Academic Advising Center (or their designee)
3. Representative from the Student-Athlete Resource Center (SARC)
4. Associate Athletic Director (e.g. Senior Woman Administrator or Associate Athletic Director)

5. Faculty member of the Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee (IAAC)
6. Campus staff/faculty/administrator (outside of Athletics and/or SARC) and may include a representative from International Programs and Global Education (IPGE) if the prospective student-athlete is an international student.

Other staff may attend a SASA Review Committee meeting to provide background or serve as support to the committee based on their relationship to the particular case. Example: head coach, admissions representative, SARC Director, International Programs and Global Education representative, etc.

The following process will be used in the review of each case:

1. If a prospective student-athlete does not meet University admission standards, is denied admission, or denied an admissions appeal to the University because he or she has demonstrated a lack of academic preparedness to succeed in college, the coach may request that the Athletic Admissions & Initial Eligibility Coordinator schedule a meeting with the SASA Committee to review the admission status of the prospective student-athlete and determine whether the granting of a special admission is warranted. This request may also come from the Undergraduate Admissions Committee or a member of the Office of Global Education depending on the specific student and situation.
2. The prospective student-athlete, coach and/or athletic director are encouraged to forward or present any relevant information to the SASA Committee for its review and consideration. This can include the prospective student-athlete being present during the meeting to answer questions and present any background information they believe is important in considering their application.
3. The admission decision recommended by the SASA Committee for each applicant will be forwarded in writing to the Director of Admission via the Athletic Admissions & Initial Eligibility Coordinator and should include any stipulations or expectations that relate to the student-athlete's admissions recommendation.
4. The Director of Admissions will communicate in writing the final admissions decision(s) on each applicant to the respective head coach, the athletics director and the Athletic Admissions & Initial Eligibility Coordinator.
5. If any stipulations or expectations of the admissions decision(s) are recommended and accepted by the Director of Admissions, a written memorandum of understanding for the approved applicant(s) will be produced by the Athletic Admissions & Initial Eligibility Coordinator and signed by the head coach, student-athlete, and athletic director.

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**ATIC 61. Men's Cross Country.****2 Units****Prerequisite(s):** Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, SpringPractice begins mid-August and the season ends in mid-November.  
Credit/No Credit**ATIC 62. Men's Tennis.****2 Units****Prerequisite(s):** Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, SpringPractice begins the first day of the fall semester and the spring schedule ends the last of May.  
Credit/No Credit**ATIC 63. Men's Track and Field.****2 Units****Prerequisite(s):** Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, SpringIndoor Track and Field practice begins in the fall. The competitive season is in the winter. Outdoor Track and Field practice begins the first day of spring semester and the season ends the last week of May.  
Credit/No Credit**ATIC 64. Men's Baseball.****2 Units****Prerequisite(s):** Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, SpringPractice begins in the fall with the competitive season starting February 1. The 56-game schedule is followed by the NCAA Championships for qualified teams in May.  
Credit/No Credit**ATIC 65. Men's Basketball.****2 Units****Prerequisite(s):** Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, SpringPractice begins mid-October. The season ends in late February and leads to NCAA Championships for qualified teams.  
Credit/No Credit**ATIC 66. Men's Football.****2 Units****Prerequisite(s):** Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, SpringDaily afternoon practice begins in late August. The 10-11 game schedule is followed by NCAA Championships for qualified teams in late November. There is also spring practice which follows NCAA regulations as to starting date.  
Credit/No Credit**ATIC 67. Men's Golf.****2 Units****Prerequisite(s):** Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, SpringPractice begins fall semester Monday through Friday starting at noon.  
Credit/No Credit**ATIC 68. Men's Soccer.****2 Units****Prerequisite(s):** Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, SpringMorning and afternoon practices begin in mid-August in accordance with NCAA regulations. Competitive season begins the first week of September and ends in mid-November. Daily practices during fall semester are from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Daily practices during the spring semester are also from 3:00-6:00 p.m. beginning the third week in February and ending the last week in April. You must see the head coach for permission to tryout.  
Credit/No Credit**ATIC 80. Women's Basketball.****2 Units****Prerequisite(s):** Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, SpringPractice begins mid-October. The competitive season begins in November and continues to the end of February leading to the NCAA Championships for qualified teams.  
Credit/No Credit**ATIC 81. Women's Golf.****2 Units****Prerequisite(s):** Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, SpringPractice begins the second week of September. Competition consists of one or two matches in the fall and the remaining part of the schedule is during the spring semester. Interested student-athletes who would like to walk on and try out for the team should contact the coach.  
Credit/No Credit**ATIC 82. Women's Soccer.****2 Units****Prerequisite(s):** Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, SpringMorning and afternoon practices begin in mid-August in accordance with NCAA regulations. Competitive season begins the first week of September and ends in mid-November. Daily practices during fall semester are from 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Credit/No Credit

<p><b>ATIC 83. Women's Gymnastics.</b> <b>2 Units</b>  <b>Prerequisite(s):</b> Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  <b>Term Typically Offered:</b> Fall, Spring</p> <p>Practice begins in September. The competitive season starts in January and ends in late April with the NCAA Championships for qualified teams. Daily practices are 12:30-4:00 p.m. Student-athletes must contact the coach prior to tryouts.            Credit/No Credit</p>	<p><b>ATIC 89. Women's Track and Field.</b> <b>2 Units</b>  <b>Prerequisite(s):</b> Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  <b>Term Typically Offered:</b> Fall, Spring</p> <p>Indoor Track and Field practice begins in the fall. The competitive season is in the Winter. Outdoor Track and Field practice begins the first day of spring semester and the season ends the last week of May.            Credit/No Credit</p>
<p><b>ATIC 84. Women's Softball.</b> <b>2 Units</b>  <b>Prerequisite(s):</b> Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  <b>Term Typically Offered:</b> Fall, Spring</p> <p>Practice begins in the fall with the competitive season starting mid-February. The 56-game schedule is followed by NCAA Championships in late May for qualified teams. Daily practices are 1:30-5:30 p.m.            Credit/No Credit</p>	<p><b>ATIC 167. Coaching of Football.</b> <b>3 Units</b>  <b>Term Typically Offered:</b> Fall, Spring</p> <p>Examines all phases of the game, including offense, defense and special teams. Other topics covered are public/media relations, budget management, academic rules, marketing strategies, officiating, equipment and many other aspects. Lecture two hours, activity two hours.</p>
<p><b>ATIC 85. Women's Rowing.</b> <b>2 Units</b>  <b>Prerequisite(s):</b> Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  <b>Term Typically Offered:</b> Fall, Spring</p> <p>Rowing accommodates both scholarship and walk-on athletes with no experience necessary. Tall cross-over student-athletes are encouraged to turn out. Daily practice starts in September, 6:00-8:30 a.m. There is a fall semester long distance race season and a traditional "sprint" season in the spring semester, concluding with the National Championships in May. All student-athletes race. No limit on squad size. Freshman/Novice, Junior Varsity and Varsity squads, lightweight (130 lbs.) or open. Also, coxswains required. Should be under 115 lbs.            Credit/No Credit</p>	<p><b>ATIC 175. Sports Information Fieldwork.</b> <b>1 - 3 Units</b>  <b>Prerequisite(s):</b> JOUR 123 or instructor permission.  <b>Term Typically Offered:</b> Fall, Spring</p> <p>Directed observations and work experience with intercollegiate athletics sports information support services. Field work is offered to give students orientation in the profession of sports information services. Supervision is provided by the instructional staff of the university. Each student is required to maintain a record of activities and assignments and to prepare periodic reports.  <b>Note:</b> May be repeated once for credit.</p> <p>Credit/No Credit</p>
<p><b>ATIC 86. Women's Tennis.</b> <b>2 Units</b>  <b>Prerequisite(s):</b> Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  <b>Term Typically Offered:</b> Fall, Spring</p> <p>Practice begins the first day of the fall semester and the spring schedule ends the last of May.            Credit/No Credit</p>	<p><b>ATIC 195. Field Experience in Intercollegiate Athletics.</b> <b>1 - 3 Units</b>  <b>Term Typically Offered:</b> Fall, Spring</p> <p>Directed experience in athletics. Student interns keep records of daily experiences and prepare periodic progress reports. Succeeding enrollments should be in different sports.  <b>Note:</b> Registration requires prior approval of Director of Athletics.</p> <p>Credit/No Credit</p>
<p><b>ATIC 87. Women's Volleyball.</b> <b>2 Units</b>  <b>Prerequisite(s):</b> Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  <b>Term Typically Offered:</b> Fall, Spring</p> <p>Preseason begins in mid-August. Competition begins September 1 and ends in mid-December with NCAA Championships for qualified teams. Daily practices are 2:00-5:00 p.m. Interested student-athletes must contact the coach prior to the preseason, be cleared by the Clearinghouse, and meet all eligibility requirements in order to participate in tryouts.            Credit/No Credit</p>	<p><b>ATIC 199. Directed Individual Study.</b> <b>1 - 3 Units</b>  <b>Term Typically Offered:</b> Fall, Spring</p> <p>Individual research, project or directed reading.  <b>Note:</b> Registration requires approval of the faculty under whom the individual work is to be conducted and the Director of Athletics.</p> <p>Credit/No Credit</p>
<p><b>ATIC 88. Women's Cross Country.</b> <b>2 Units</b>  <b>Prerequisite(s):</b> Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  <b>Term Typically Offered:</b> Fall, Spring</p> <p>Practice begins mid-August and the season ends in mid-November.            Credit/No Credit</p>	