

# 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 serves to review admission appeals for prospective undergraduate Sacramento State student-athletes who do not meet University admission standards, NCAA initial-eligibility requirements, and/or admission exceptions provided through the athletic admissions process. The SASA Committee will also follow the requirements of Assembly Bill 1383-Admission by Exception. The Committee will consider and provide final decisions to the Director of Admissions or their designee on whether an applicant is granted special admission to the University based on previous academic coursework, grade-point-averages, and test scores (as applicable). Additional educational evidence may also be considered (e.g., academic performance issues, multi-factor background details, and/or those requiring accommodations or appropriate adjustments for equal access to Sacramento State).

The SASA Committee will be comprised of the following individuals and should include at least three voting representatives reviewing each admissions request. For AB 1383 purposes, three senior-level (Associate Vice President or higher-level) administrators must participate in the process (unless the prospect is a California resident expected to be on athletic-related scholarship).

1. Vice President for Student Affairs (Admin IV)

2. Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Services (Admin III)

3. AVP for Student Affairs and Dean of Students (Admin III)

4. NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative

5. AVP or Vice Provost from Academic Affairs with preference given to the administrator who oversees IPGE

6. Alternate – One Admin III AVP, Vice Provost or Dean, as selected by the VPSA, to serve if an existing member is unable to participate or must recuse themselves from a specific case.

The Committee may request other campus officials input to provide background or serve as support to the committee based on their relationship to the particular case. Examples: athletic coach, admissions representative, Student-Athlete Resource Center staff, or IPGE staff.

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

1. If a prospective student-athlete does not meet University admission standards or a reasonable admission exception during the evaluation process; is denied admission; or denied an admissions appeal to the University, Intercollegiate Athletics (via the head coach and Director of Athletics) may request in writing, a SASA Committee review of the prospect to determine whether the granting of a special exception is warranted.
2. The prospective student-athlete, coaching staff, and/or Director of Athletics should forward or present any relevant information to the SASA Committee for its review and consideration. This can include providing additional documentation and/or meeting in-person or virtually with the Committee.
3. The admission decision recommended by the SASA Committee for each applicant will be forwarded in writing to the Director of Admission or their designee or the AVP for IPGE or their designee (if the review involves an international prospect) and the Student Athlete Resource Center, and should include any requirements or expectations that relate to the student-athlete's admissions recommendation. The SASA Committee's decision is final.
4. The Student Athlete Resource Center Director and staff will assist in the communication of decisions to Intercollegiate Athletics staff (Director of Athletics, Head coach, etc.).
5. Approved prospects will coordinate with the Student Athlete Resource Center for late-admissions procedures, orientation, late-registration and any other requirements or expectations set-forth by the SASA Committee and Sacramento State.

Note: Student-athlete prospects admitted on exception who are not on athletic-related financial aid (i.e. non-scholarship) or non-California resident student-athlete prospects (regardless of athletic-related financial aid status) must participate (i.e. remain on roster) in their sport for a minimum of one year per Assembly Bill 1383.

The SASA Committee's role is intended to review admissions primarily on scholarship student-athlete prospects who are expected to meet at least Academic Redshirt NCAA initial-eligibility requirement status.

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**ATIC 61. Men's Cross Country. 2 Units**  
**Prerequisite(s):** Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring

Practice 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, Spring

Practice 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, Spring

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

**ATIC 64. Men's Baseball. 2 Units**  
**Prerequisite(s):** Intercollegiate Student Athletes only  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring

Practice 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, Spring

Practice 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, Spring

Daily 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, Spring

Practice 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, Spring

Morning 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, Spring

Practice 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, Spring

Practice 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, Spring

Morning 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>	