

## **ATHLETICS**

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UA Cossatot Athletics' goal is to provide an opportunity for student-athletes to fully develop their athletic and academic potential. We strive to provide a championship experience by fostering an environment that is conducive to achieving academic and athletic success while growing holistically.

In supporting and promoting the UA Cossatot mission, Colts Athletics is committed to graduating our student athletes, serving the community, and competing with integrity. We will promote and praise academic success, athletic development, individual and team success, as well as personal growth through a variety of community service and on campus activities.

### **CONFERENCE AND NATIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

UA Cossatot competes at the Division II level in Region II of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

### **SPORTS OFFERED:**

Men's Sports: Basketball (winter)

Women's Sports: Basketball (winter)

### **FORMS**

The NJCAA requires we have the following documentation on file:

- Student Information Form
- Student Athlete Code of Conduct Acknowledgement
- Physical Form (Yearly)
- Health Insurance Information
- All college transcripts – (past and present), transfer waivers if applicable
- Proof of high school graduation (**official** high school transcript) or GED
- Signed letter of intent if applicable
- Delay and break in enrollment statements if applicable
- Documentation of academic or medical hardship, certified learning disabilities hardship

### **NJCAA STUDENT ELIGIBILITY POLICY**

The NJCAA requires that student-athletes maintain at least a 2.0 GPA and be actively enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. Student-Athletes can play a maximum of 4 semesters (2 years).

UA Cossatot expects all student-athletes to conduct themselves in such a manner to create a positive image for the college and the team they represent. Every student-athlete is expected to demonstrate behavior (on- and off campus and in social media communities) that exhibit honor and respect to his/her team, college, and community for the duration of his or her tenure as a student-athlete. Student-athletes are expected to conform to all federal, state and local laws as well as College Policy 530, Student Code of Conduct, and the following Athletic Code of Conduct.

- Student-athletes will be required to sign-in the ERC or Tutor.com a minimum of two hours weekly to support academic success.
- Student-athletes will be required to participate in a minimum of two service opportunities during the academic year.

#### PROHIBITED CONDUCT:

**a. Academic Dishonesty. Unexcused Class Absences and Poor Academic Performances.** Student athletes will be held to the academic policy and procedures found in the academic catalog. Student-athletes are expected to attend class regularly and punctually and to fulfill academic requirements. Student-athletes are also expected to represent themselves in a respectful and attentive manner in the classroom. Failure to meet such obligations may affect eligibility to participate in team sports.

**b. Hazing.** Hazing is any act, whether physical, mental, emotional or psychological, that subjects another person, voluntarily or involuntarily, to conduct that may abuse, mistreat, degrade, humiliate, harass, or intimidate the person; or which may, in any fashion, compromise the inherent dignity of the person. Hazing is strictly prohibited by the college and will result in disciplinary action.

**c. Social Media.** UA Cossatot respects the individual's decision to post materials on the internet but also expects a certain standard of conduct with regard to such posting. Social media posts are prohibited if they are contrary to applicable state or federal law, violate conference regulations, or contain content that is physically threatening, defamatory, obscene, in violation of copyright law, unlawfully harassing or discriminatory, or are materially disruptive to the College or team.

**d. Harassment.** Harassment is any unwelcome conduct with the purpose of causing alarm in another person and without good cause. Harassment includes the act of placing a person under surveillance by remaining outside a place occupied by that person for the purpose of causing alarm. Harassment also includes communications with a person, anonymously or otherwise, by telephone, mail, or any other form of communication, in a manner likely to cause alarm, such as threats to take an action known to be unlawful.

e. Discriminatory harassment. Discriminatory harassment is conduct directed at an individual on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or other immutable status, and that a reasonable person would determine is so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the College's educational programs and activities.

f. Gambling and Bribery. Student-athletes shall not knowingly: (i.) provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning athletic competition; (ii.) solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team; (iii.) accept a bet on any team representing the institution (iv.); solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for an item that has tangible value (e.g., cash, clothing, equipment, meals); (v.) participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics or professional athletics through a bookmaker, a parlay card, or any other method employed by organized gambling.

g. Failure to Meet Team Obligations. Student-athletes must complete training requirements; arrive promptly for team practices, meetings and departures for away games and other team events; attend team functions; and otherwise fulfill their responsibilities as team members. Absences will be excused in advance by the coach unless an unforeseeable emergency arises.

h. Illegal activities. There is no tolerance of student-athletes engaging in such acts as terrorism, stealing, verbal or physical threats or abuse, or possession of firearms and other dangerous weapons. Such actions will result in immediate disciplinary action by the coaching staff and the College's administration.

i. Alcohol and Drugs. Under no conditions will alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, or persons under the influence of drugs or alcohol, be permitted on College premises or allowed to participate in any athletic related activities. Involvement in the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of drugs and/or alcohol will result in immediate disciplinary action.

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**Policy History:**

September 14, 2020

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