

Report of the Faculty Athletics Representative
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In the glow of Lamar Jackson's Heisman Trophy, I have written to congratulate him on behalf of the faculty. He is a remarkable young man who celebrated his 20th birthday last week.

Since my November report, the NCAA has released its annual GSR Report. GSR as you recall is the Graduation Success Rate which measures student-athlete graduation rates by including students who transfer in but excluding those who transfer out. Attached is our report for the most recent full cohort. We continue to climb but do have quite a way to rise to be in line with our ACC peers. Also attached is an article by our SID Kenny Klein which puts the recent U of L data into historical perspective.

The Committee on Academic Performance continues to monitor student athlete success and to promote and propose policies that will benefit both student-athletes and the entire student population. To that end, CAP has recommended data collection on a number of issues that seem to plague college athletics and has been researching best practices and processes that safeguard academic integrity. Too, we are recommending review of policies that have had negative impact on the recruiting and graduating of our best and brightest student-athletes.

I wish for a healthy and happy spring semester for one and all.

Prof. Elaine Wise, FAR
Chair of the Committee on Academic Performance
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Cardinals' Academic Success Continues to Rise

LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- University of Louisville student-athletes continue to achieve academically at a high level, a measure of success which is reflected in recent national graduation rates released by the NCAA.

UofL student-athletes achieved a record 83 percent graduation rate in the Graduation Success Rate (GSR) Report, which was developed 12 years ago to account for transfers into the university who graduate and those who leave in good academic standing. The Cardinals' GSR, most recently reported for freshmen who entered in the 2009-10 academic year, has risen 17 percent since the reporting began 12 years ago. Nine sports -- women's basketball, women's cross country/track, field hockey, women's golf, women's rowing, women's soccer, softball, women's swimming and women's tennis and volleyball -- attained a GSR at 90 percent or above in the most recent report. Women's golf, women's tennis and softball achieved perfect marks.

Since tracking the data over the last 13 years, graduation rates for UofL student-athletes have risen 17 percent, improving from 48 percent for the freshman class which entered UofL in 1997-98 to a 65 percent graduation rate in the most recent 2009-10 figures. UofL student-athletes graduate at an 11 percent higher rate than the overall university student population in the 2009-10 four-class average.

"Looking at where we have come through the years, we've been making substantial progress academically and our numbers reflect that," said [Tom Jurich](#), U of L Vice-President for Athletics. "Investing in support services and the new Thorntons Academic Center of Excellence are certainly helpful. There is an overall commitment from our coaching and support staffs to provide what is needed to help our student-athletes to achieve in the classroom."

All UofL student athletes combined to produce an average grade point average of 3.0 or better for each of the last 11 straight semesters. A total of 362 student-athletes achieved a 3.0 or higher GPA in the Spring 2016 semester.

UofL's men's basketball, women's lacrosse and men's and women's golf are among the top 10 percent in their respective sports in the latest figures for the Academic Progress Rate (APR), which measures academic eligibility, retention and graduation for student-athletes. All four sports programs have a perfect 1000 score for the most recent four-year period from 2011-15.

U of L Freshman Cohort Graduation Rates

Graduation Rate

Year	All Students	Student-Athletes
1997-98	35%	48%
1998-99	33%	55%
1999-00	37%	56%
2000-01	41%	59%
2001-02	44%	65%
2002-03	46%	61%
2003-04	48%	59%
2004-05	49%	58%
2005-06	51%	58%

2006-07	52%	61%
2007-08	53%	65%
2008-09	54%	63%
2009-10	53%	65%

Four-Class Average

Year	All Students	Student-Athletes
1997-98	33%	45%
1998-99	34%	50%
1999-00	35%	52%
2000-01	37%	54%
2001-02	39%	58%
2002-03	42%	60%
2003-04	45%	61%
2004-05	47%	60%
2005-06	48%	59%
2006-07	50%	59%
2007-08	51%	61%
2008-09	53%	62%
2009-10	53%	64%

Student-Athlete

Graduation Success Rate

1998-99	66%
1999-00	68%
2000-01	72%
2001-02	75%
2002-03	77%
2003-04	80%
2004-05	81%
2005-06	80%
2006-07	81%
2007-08	80%
2008-09	81%
2009-10	83%



	Baseball		Field Hockey		Football		Men's Basketball		Men's Cross Country/Tra		Men's Golf		Men's Soccer		Men's Swimming & Diving		Men's Tennis		Softball	
	GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate
Boston College	96	73					67	36	96		100	100	89	50	95		92		100	93
Clemson University	94	40			84	79	91	67	76	56	100	73	93	50			100	80		
Duke University	97	85	100	87	94	85	100	71	91	91	100	100	90	67	96	100	100	89		
Florida State University	75	32			77	62	92	50	92	92	75	71			83	58	83	43	94	75
Georgia Institute of Technology	85	50			78	69	80	50	100	100	100	89			95	89	83	73	91	62
University of Louisville	69	39	94	76	69	54	77	60	71	57	57	44	82	48	85	83	86	50	100	76
University of Miami	87	23			86	67	91	64	86	100					100	0	70	60		
North Carolina State University	76	40			70	65	71	38	84	82	100	71	70	63	90	74	78	50	88	72
University of North Carolina	71	27	100	87	59	46	50	27	95	86	67	63	52	50	95	95	100	73	78	68
University of Notre Dame	95	84			93	79	100	83	100	89	100	100	100	87	100	95	100	100	100	100
University of Pittsburgh	67	45			75	62	62	58	82	75			94	92	84	67			94	88
Syracuse University			94	68	80	58	55	36	100	94			94	78					94	64
University of Virginia	70	44	86	78	75	70	64	50	86	79	100	78	40	32	93	92	100	80	89	67
Virginia Polytechnic Institute	88	39			80	67	82	62	83	76	100	100	80	52	86	77	86	57	90	46
Wake Forest University	81	67	100	90	90	83	73	44	100	94	80	67	89	56			100	71		
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National Averages	78	47	95	84	74	61	74	43	80	67	88	69	81	55	86	73	90	68	90	74

Rates reported are

Women's Basketball		Women's Cross Country/Track		Women's Golf		Women's Lacrosse		Women's Rowing		Women's Soccer		Women's Swimming & Diving		Women's Tennis		Volleyball		Overall Student-Athlete		Overall Institution
GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate	GSR	Fed Rate	Fed Rate
100	43	96	100	75	75	100	89	100	88	100	94	100	92	100	100	100	73	95	77	92
93	87	95	88					93	79	100	74	96	66	100	57	100	92	91	70	82
89	73	100	79	83	71	100	100	100	86	100	89	94	89	100	100	100	100	97	85	95
100	83	93	80	100	100					90	78	100	70	89	86	100	75	87	65	78
76	72	100	70									91	82	100	55	100	73	87	70	82
83	47	93	72	100	88	79	53	95	85	95	72	96	92	100	75	92	64	83	64	53
90	38	94	67	100	71			88	58	100	76	100	85	71	50	100	91	90	62	81
85	77	91	67	100	50					95	72	100	89	88	75	92	58	83	66	74
82	64	96	79	100	100	96	85	94	94	76	62	100	97	88	86	100	92	82	68	89
83	77	100	94	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	95	100	88	100	100	100	92	98	90	95
100	54	93	92							69	44	91	83	100	100	86	62	82	68	80
93	71	97	93			100	82	95	90	100	81			100	75	100	77	90	73	81
77	69	100	97	100	100	88	74	92	84	95	91	100	92	100	67	100	80	86	75	94
91	69	86	69	100	100	96	81			100	92	100	94	100	100	92	85	88	69	82
100	80	95	73	100	100					95	94			100	86	100	85	92	77	87

87	63	89	75	93	74	95	81	93	82	91	73	93	80	94	72	92	71	84	67	68
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for the 2006-2009 cohorts (i.e. four-class average)