

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025
ATHLETICS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Gary R. Heminger, chair
Elizabeth P. Kessler
Jeff M.S. Kaplan
Pierre Bigby
Bradley R. Kastan
George A. Skestos
Patrick C. Arp
John W. Zeiger (*ex officio*)

Location: Mount Leadership Room, Longaberger Alumni House
2200 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, OH 43210

Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Public Session

10:30-10:40 a.m.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

1. *Academics Update – Mr. Ross Bjork, Dr. Kacy King, Dr. John Davidson*

ITEM FOR ACTION

2. Approval of August 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes – Mr. Gary Heminger

Executive Session

10:40 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



Student Athlete Support Services Office



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What it Means to be an advisor:

Monitor Academic
Progress & Eligibility

Create Individualized
Degree Plans

Assist with general
study/learning
strategies

Work on creating time
management skills

Provide the best
learning environment

Communicate with
professors – injury
management/travel
letters

Help to connect with
external campus
resources

Work in collaboration
with on campus
advisors to ensure
timely degree
completion





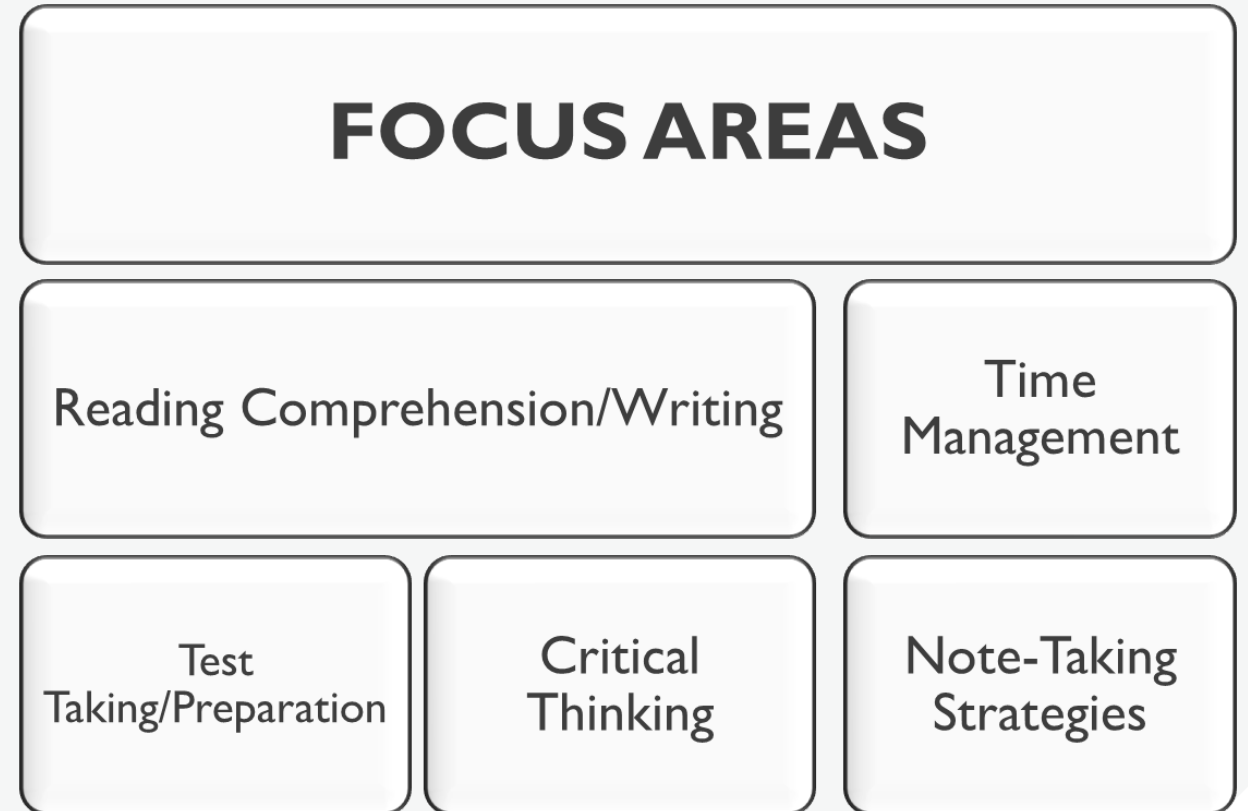
Top 5 Majors

- Sport Industry
- Finance
- Marketing
- Communications
- Health Sciences



What is a Learning Specialist?

- Work one-on-one with student-athletes to expand their academic skills
- Assist with developing strategies essential to college success



Wrap Around Support

SUPPORT



BUCKEYE STUDENT-ATHLETE TASK TRACKER

Student/Athlete Name:

Sport: MFB

Date: 9.6.21

Academic Counselor/Learning Specialist (if applicable)

Class	Tasks	Due	Complete	Incomplete
ESPSY 125B	Assignment - Motivation Exp.	Wed. Sept. 8		
Current Grade				
93%				
Class	Tasks	Due	Complete	Incomplete
EDS 2200	Engage 0.2	Tues. Sept. 7	X	
	Inquisitive Ch. 1	Tues. Sept. 7		
	Inquisitive Ch. 2	Tues. Sept. 7		
Current Grade	InQuisitive How to Use	Tues. Sept. 7		
N/A	Essay 01 and Essay 02 (2 Assignments)	Fri. Sept. 10		
	InQuisitive Ch. 3	Sun. Sept. 12		
Class	Tasks	Due	Complete	Incomplete
BUSADM 1100	Knowledge Check: Time Management	Thurs. Sept. 9		
	Knowledge Check: Tips for Online Learning	Thurs. Sept. 9		
Current Grade				
100%				
Class	Tasks	Due	Complete	Incomplete
KNSISM 2210	Review Module 2	ASAP		
	Read Kaplan Article and create 5-8 take-a-ways	ASAP		
	Module 2 Praxis Assignment - DUE AT 9:00PM	Fri. Sept. 10		
Current Grade				
N/A				
Class	Tasks	Due	Complete	Incomplete
Current Grade				

ENGLISH 1109: Work through Ch. 1 Practice (Pre-test) GEOG 2750: Complete "Current Event -- Earthquakes around the world" assignment KNSISM 2210: Watch and take notes for Module One mini lectures STAT 1350: Work on Lab Activity #1-make note of any questions to ask tutor tomorrow	ENGLISH 1109: Work through Ch. 1 Practice (Pre-test) GEOG 2750: Complete "Map quiz - world regions and oceans" KNSISM 2210: Select reading for response and begin Precis Assignment STAT 1350: Aim to complete Lab Activity #1	ENGLISH 1109: Chapter One Practice and Week Two-Discussion due by 11:59pm GEOG 2750: Complete Tectonic maps - map activity KNSISM 2210: Module One Precis Assignment due by 9pm STAT 1350: Work on HW #2 and complete Check-in #2	ENGLISH 1109: GEOG 2750: Complete The Rock Cycle - video with quiz, Vocabulary / concept check, and The Really Big One reading and quiz KNSISM 2210: STAT 1350: Work on HW #2	ENGLISH 1109: GEOG 2750: All Module 2 Assignments due SUNDAY by 11:59pm (7 total) KNSISM 2210: Module One Precis Assignment due FRIDAY by 11:59pm STAT 1350: Introduction and Lab Activity #1 due FRIDAY by 11:55pm and Check-in #2 and HW #2 due SUNDAY by 11:55pm
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LABOR DAY	
MONDAY 9/6 ECON 2001.01 Class @ 8am - ONLINE - Zoom CLASO mentoring @ 5:00pm - CLASO - 140	
TUESDAY 9/7 DANCE- Unit 1 Quiz Math- Written HW1 CLASO mentoring @ 8:00 w/ Katie F. @ YOUNION MATH 1130 Class @ 9:00am - CLASO - 140 MATH 1130 Class @ 11:30am - CLASO - 140	
WEDNESDAY 9/8 PSOCSE- Quiz 2 due Math- MWL 2 by 6pm ECON 2001.01 Class @ 8am - ONLINE - Zoom MATH 1130 Class @ 11:30am - ONLINE	
THURSDAY 9/9 BUSADM- Knowledge Check: Time Manag. B& Knowledge Check: Tips for Online Learning Math- Quiz 3 ECON- Prepare Video 2 MATH 1130 Class @ 9:00am - CLASO - 140 CLASO mentoring @ 10:30am - w/ Katie F. - ZOOM MATH 1130 Class @ 11:30am - CLASO - 140	
DANCE- Unit 2- Discussion 2A	



Academic Appointments

11,674
Autumn 2024
Appointments

(+282 more than AU23)



10,002
Spring 2025
Appointments

(+927 more than SP24)



Academic Metrics

Graduate Success Rate (GSR) - tracks the graduation rate of students receiving sport-based financial aid over a six-year period.

Students can be removed from the cohort if the athlete leaves the programs before they graduate AND before the student exhausts eligibility (i.e. they go pro or they will transfer for more playing time) as long as they leave NCAA eligible

Academic Progress Rate (APR) tracks the academic performance of student-athletes per semester, giving credit to the institution for each student-athlete in good academic standing.

As with GSR, a player does not count against the score if the student-athlete in question was in good-standing at the time of leaving and there is evidence they left for an exception reason (professional sport roster, transfer to 4-year institution)

NCAA member institutions at the DI level must maintain a 930 APR score



Academic Accomplishments

Academic Progress Rate (APR)

- *Single Year APR score 990*
- *Multi-Year APR score 990*

Postgraduate Scholarships

- *Awarded approximately \$123,200 in scholarships*

Scholar-Athlete Recognition

- *805 Student-Athletes*

Graduation Success Rate (GSR)

- *Single Year Score – 93%*
- *Four Year Cohort – 93%*

Graduation and GPA

- *Fall/Spring Graduate numbers – 262 Student-Athletes*
- *Highest department GPA – 3.4*



APR

FOOTBALL

Ohio State football's academic progress remains perfect for second straight year



Joey Kaufman

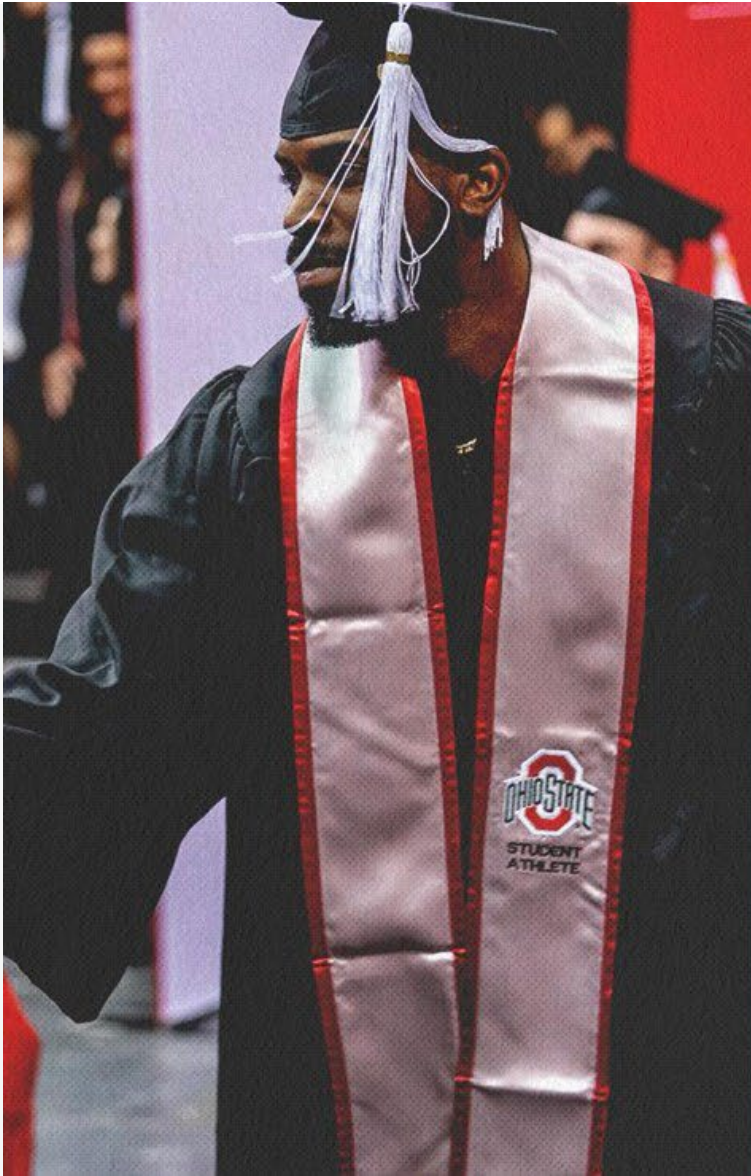
Columbus Dispatch

May 6, 2025, 3:10 p.m. ET

Ohio State posted another perfect multiview Academic Progress Rate for



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DEGREE COMPLETION

- The Degree Completion Program was established at The Ohio State University in 1994 under the direction of the Department of Athletics
- More than 100 former student-athletes have participated in this nationally recognized program
- The ultimate goal of the Degree Completion Program is to provide academic and tuition support to former Ohio State student-athletes who left the university without completing their degrees
- This program permits them to complete their undergraduate coursework and graduate





SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

August 20, 2025 – Athletics Committee Meeting

Members Present:

Gary R. Heminger
Michael F. Kiggin
Elizabeth P. Kessler

Jeff M.S. Kaplan
Pierre Bigby
Bradley R. Kastan

George R. Skestos
Kendall C. Buchan
John W. Zeiger (ex officio)

Members Present via Zoom: N/A

Members Absent: N/A

PUBLIC SESSION

The Athletics Committee of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, in person at Longaberger Alumni House on Ohio State's Columbus campus. Committee Chair Gary Heminger called the meeting to order at 7:59 a.m.

Item for Discussion:

1. Athletics Director's Report: Senior Vice President and Wolfe Foundation-Eugene Smith Endowed Athletics Director Ross Bjork reflected on accomplishments across the Department of Athletics over the past year. Ohio State athletics finished No. 8 in the Director's Cup standings and had its best year on record in terms of academics, fundraising, sponsorships and merchandise sales. The department has undergone an effectiveness review, which resulted in a restructuring as well as the creation of two new entities: the Center for Sports Intelligence and Strategy, and a data analytics unit. The department continues working to implement the terms of the *House* settlement and find innovative ways to adapt and lead in the changing landscape of collegiate sports.

Item for Action:

2. Approval of Minutes: No changes were requested to the May 15, 2025, meeting minutes; therefore, a formal vote was not required, and the minutes were considered approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Heminger and seconded by Mr. Kaplan that the committee recess into executive session to discuss business-sensitive trade secrets and to discuss personnel matters involving the appointment, employment and compensation of public employees.

A roll-call vote was taken, and the committee voted to move into executive session with the following members present and voting: Mr. Heminger, Mr. Kiggin, Ms. Kessler, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Bigby, Mr. Kastan, Mr. Skestos, Dr. Buchan and Mr. Zeiger.

The committee entered into executive session at 8:05 a.m., and the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.