2006-2007
DIVISION I
ATHLETICS
CERTIFICATION
SELF-STUDY
INSTRUMENT
4. Describe the process by which student-athletes are admitted to your institution and identify the agencies vested with this responsibility. In what ways (if any) do the process and/or criteria used for the admission of student-athletes differ from the process for admitting students generally. Be specific and, give careful attention to key decision points (e.g., establishment of admissions criteria, approval of, special admissions) in these processes and the individuals or groups involved at each point, including the role, either formal or informal, the athletics department plays (if any) in the admissions process for student-athletes.

The admissions process for all undergraduates is administered by the Executive Director of Undergraduate Admissions and the staff in the Office for Undergraduate Admissions. The admissions criteria and the process used to evaluate an applicant's credentials for admission are identical for all students, including student-athletes.

The Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions is assigned the responsibility of reviewing the applications from all prospective student-athletes, with the exception of those student-athletes coming from an international background (see section on International Student Admissions). This individual is knowledgeable about NCAA regulations and the University admissions standards and procedures.

The admissions criteria are published in The University of Alabama Undergraduate Catalog, on the web at http://gocatua.ua.edu/, and on the application form distributed to prospective students. In addition, high school guidance counselors are updated annually at the beginning of each school year, and all recruitment materials have appropriate web site reference information for prospective students and their parents.

Changes in admissions criteria are proposed to the Provost by a standing university committee. The Provost seeks advice and recommendations from the Faculty Senate, the Council of Assistant and Associate Deans, and the Council of Deans before recommending to the President whether the changes would be implemented. The last change in admissions criteria was approved in 2005 and applied to incoming freshmen in 2006. A recalculated academic grade point average is no longer used as part of an admit decision. The cumulative grade point average from a student's official high school transcript is used as a part of an admit decision.

Freshmen Admission

Freshmen applicants must complete an application, submit the appropriate print application fee ($35.00) or online application fee ($30.00), and submit official copies of high school-transcript(s) and either ACT or SAT scores. A completed application is evaluated and an admissions decision made by one of the admissions officers. The admissions officer uses a multiple regression formula which weighs standardized test scores and high school grades to predict first semester performance.