In a recent study conducted by the NCAA Division I Committee on Academic Performance, Philadelphia University’s athletes ranked among the nations best in the areas of overall Academic Progress Rate (APR), Eligibility/Graduation and Retention. Here’s how the Philadelphia Men’s Soccer Team rated in the study.

Out of 198 Division I Men’s Soccer programs reviewed for overall academic performance, the Rams received an exceptional score of 981 out of a possible 1000 total points. This places the program in the top eighty percent in the country in overall Academic Progress Rate. The team received a score of 963 out of a possible 1000 in the area of Eligibility/Graduation. When student athletes select Philadelphia University as their college choice they maintain participation eligibility through their college experience and graduate from Philadelphia University! In addition, the program received a perfect score of 1000 in the area of Retention. Bottom-line is our student athletes have a positive experience, remain at Philadelphia University and excel in the classroom!

Philadelphia University receives high marks in recent NCAA study!

USA TODAY acknowledged Philadelphia University’s proven track record of balancing the demands of academics & athletics. In a recent press release citing NCAA Academic Achievement Awards noted:

- Philadelphia University was the only NCAA athletic program (all division) in the Nation to place in top 10 in all three categories of USA Today/NCAA Academic Achievement Awards: Categories of excellence-
  1. Overall student athlete graduation rates
  2. Student athlete graduation rate compared to those of the student body, and
  3. Student athlete graduation rate increases from the previous year.

Philadelphia University Student Athletes Recognized by NCAA (Click for Press Release)
http://www.philau.edu/news/pdf/03NCAArrankings.pdf
Why Philadelphia University student’s athletes succeed in the classroom?

**Small Classroom Sizes:** (1 to 15 Faculty to Staff Ratio) Average Classroom size is 15-20 students. This allows for interaction, feedback and discussion between professors & students. Students excel through class participation, papers, and small group projects. If you are a DISCIPLINED student athlete within this academic structure you will be rewarded for your efforts. Our students, faculty, staff and coaches form close relationships in an environment that encourages personal and intellectual growth.

**NCAA Peer Advisor:** All members of the men's soccer team have a peer advisor (professor) who is solely responsible for assisting you in any area of academic performance. In addition, all student athletes are assigned an academic advisor to assist you in your chosen field of study.

**Study Hall:** All incoming men's soccer student athletes are required to participate in mandatory study hall for two hours a night two day a week in order to create positive study habits. Once you enter your second semester all student athletes who maintain a satisfactory cumulative GPA are no longer required to participate in study hall.

**Learning & Advisory Center:** The learning and Advisory Center is available to all student-athletes who require additional assistance in a class or just need to review class notes. In addition, if a student athlete’s grade falls below a “C” average, an Academic Alert will be forwarded from professors to the Learning & Advisory center and Department of Athletics. This structure allows ample time to arrange for academic support prior to potential student athlete’s academic slide.

**Communication with Professors:** Prior to the start of every semester all men's soccer players provide their professors with a letter informing the professors of their commitment to academics and athletics and review any conflicts that might occur during the fall semester. Our faculty is proud of you for representing our University on the field and they work with you to ensure your success.

**LEADERSHIP is a key ingredient to academic & athletic success at Philadelphia**

“Our student athletes personify what it means to be a successful, well-rounded individual, they strive for excellence both in the classroom and on the field and we couldn’t be prouder of their accomplishments”

James P. Gallagher, Ph.D.
President, Philadelphia University

“We constantly emphasize student in the term ‘student athlete’, and much of the credit goes to our coaches and outstanding faculty, who realize that wins and losses is only part of the job. It goes beyond the field of play and into the classroom, where our student athletes prepare for the real world that awaits them once their athletic career is complete.”

Tom Shirley
Director of Athletics