Get in the Game
Supporting Student Athletes

Session Block 5: Thursday, July 11
1:45pm - 2:55pm
Supporting Student-Athletes

Panelists

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Samantha Jackson - EducationUSA
Susan Whipple – Marquette University
What is BUCS?

- British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS)
  - National Governing body for Higher Education (HE) sport in the UK
  - Believed to be second largest HE sporting structure (behind US & Canada)
  - Membership Organisation (170 member institutions, 4800 teams, 100 championships)

Vision is simple

“enhance the student experience through sport”
Key Differences Between US/UK Uni Athletics

- No eligibility restrictions (3 year undergraduate degrees and 1 year postgraduate)
- No age limit
- No limit on number of Varsity teams per sport
- 48 Varsity Sports
- Varsity played alongside National Club activity
- Very few ‘full-ride’ scholarships
- All study abroad students are eligible to compete at Varsity level

SIGNIFICANTLY MORE PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS THAN IN THE U.S.!
The BUCS System

- Any number of teams from each sport (male/female)
- Each team awarded points for final league position and post season competition
- Points collated
- Clear linear ranking (from c.200 institutions)

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Northumbria ranking equivalent

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BUCS Sports

- American Football
- Archery
- Athletics (Track & Field)
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Boxing
- Canoeing
- Clay Pigeon Shooting
- Climbing
- Cricket
- Cycling
- Equestrian
- Fencing
- Football (Soccer)
- Futsal
- Gaelic Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Field Hockey
- JuJitsu
- Judo
- Karate
- Korfball
- Lacrosse
- Modern Biathlon/Pentathlon
- Netball
- Orienteering
- Pool
- Rifle
- Rowing
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Sailing
- Snooker
- Snowsports
- Squash
- Suring
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Trampolining
- Triathlon
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Wakeboarding
- Water Polo
- Windsurfing
Athlete applicant and student experience

- Parallel to academic application process
  - Email to engage with sport teams

- Selection varies as per institution
  - Electronic application
  - Review footage/in-person where possible
  - Once applied and eligible offer is made

- We won’t adjust grades based on athletic profile

- Academic/attendance monitoring during study

- 850+ Athletes / 10%+ international / 63 countries

- Athletic and pastoral support

- Dedicated timetable for competition

- Sept – March BUCS (April - National)

- T&F, Boxing, Swimming, Tournament based twice a year

- No Fees for participation once committed to squad
Options for Play: Canada

U Sports
(Formerly CIS: Canadian Interuniversity Sport)

• 4 divisions (Ontario University Athletics, Canada West, Atlantic University Sport, RSEQ)
• 12 sports with 56 member Universities
• Athletic Scholarships are known as Athletic Financial Awards (AFA) and cannot exceed tuition costs ($4500 in ON)
• Athletic Scholarship requires an academic threshold (80% in Ontario)
• Additional non-athletic grants/bursaries can be obtained, as well as private funding.
• Simon Fraser University competes in NCAA Div II in 17 sports
• UBC and University of Victoria compete in NAIA
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Options for Play: USA

NAIA – National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics: [www.naia.org](http://www.naia.org)

NJCAA – National Junior College Athletic Association: [www.njcaa.org](http://www.njcaa.org)

NCAA – National Collegiate Athletics Association: [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) - Division I, II, III
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Options for Play: NCAA

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<td>351</td>
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<td>179,200</td>
<td>121,900</td>
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<td>32</td>
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<td>9,629</td>
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<td>~500</td>
<td>~370</td>
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<td>% of students who participate in NCAA sports</td>
<td>4%</td>
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NCAA Student-Athletes

http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/research/number-student-athletes-country-divisions-i-and-ii
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<td>7 of the 10 courses must be in English, Math or Natural/Physical Science</td>
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NCAA Eligibility Center

Eligibility Center: https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/
NCAA Profile - Free $0, Year 9
Required for DI and DII
Method to report Academic and playing experiences
USD $150 certification fee
Take advantage of strong academic profile (early qualifier)
Submitting transcripts electronically (new!)
Amateurism

When an international student registers with the NCAA Eligibility Center, they will also be asked a series of questions about their sports participation to determine amateur status.

The following may impact amateur status:
- Signing a contract/playing with a professional team
- Participating in tryouts or practices with a professional team
  - Accepting payments or preferential benefits for playing
  - Accepting $$ above expenses
  - Accepting benefits from an agent or prospective agent
- Agreeing to be represented by an agent (for athletics)
- Delaying full-time college enrollment to play in organized sports competitions

For specifics, see page 24 of the NCAA’s Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete:
The Parallel Process

Athletic Application Process

Step 1: Research your options
- NCAA, NAIA, NCJAA
- schools that offer your sport

Step 2: Finance your studies
- sports scholarships
- additional scholarships?

Step 3: Complete your application
- Register NCAA Eligibility Centre
- Send standardized test scores to NCAA and NAIA
- Complete/send sports CV and cover letter
- Sign letter of intent

Step 4: Apply for student visa
Step 5: Prepare for your departure

Timeline: 18-24 + months!

Academic Application Process

Step 1: Research your options
- define priorities
- study for tests

Step 2: Finance your studies

Step 3: Complete your Application
- complete application
- Take standardized tests

Step 4: Apply for student visa
Step 5: Prepare for your departure

Timeline: 12-18 months.
Making the Move – How to get started

• Ask your coach if you are “recruitable”, eg do you have the potential required?

• Find out what the competitive standard is for your sport and if you meet that, don’t be afraid to email coaches and ask what you need to be “in the running”

• Search your sport on the NAIA, NJCAA and NCAA sites; who offers your sport; your major; scholarships?

• Start emailing universities (both reach & possible), don't worry about contacting too many coaches, reach out to many (and keep track on a spreadsheet)!

• Discuss financial parameters with parents; set realistic expectations. Which universities offer academic + athletic scholarships you might qualify for? (Update spreadsheet)
Finding Your NCAA Athletic Program
http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/research/ncaa-member-schools

NCAA MEMBER SCHOOLS

1,115 Schools
(All Sports)
Resources: Mapping Your Education
http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/international-student-athletes

Just getting started?
Click here to learn more about the steps in the NCAA initial-eligibility process.

Questions about academic requirements?
Click here to review the standards you must meet for NCAA initial eligibility.

Need to submit documentation?
Click here to review our document submission policies and recommendations.

Looking for specific information about your country?
Click here for our country-specific information.

Seeking answers about amateurism?
Click here to learn more about amateurism requirements.
Resources: EducationUSA
https://au.usembassy.gov/education-culture/educationusa-australia/

Playing sports at U.S. Colleges

U.S. College Sports

- Overview (PDF 65KB)
- Athletic Associations (PDF 66KB)
- Where to start (PDF 78KB)
- The NCAA pathway (PDF 81KB)
- Setting a timeline (PDF 67KB)
- NCAA 16 core courses (PDF 72KB)
- Your sport profile (PDF 78KB)
- Promoting yourself to coaches (PDF 82KB)
- Contacting coaches (PDF 88KB)
Resources

- NCAA Intl Student Academic Eligibility Standards

- NCAA Intl Document Submission

- NAIA School Search

- Eligibility Center:

- International Student Section:
  [http://www.playnaia.org/internationalstudents](http://www.playnaia.org/internationalstudents)

- International Credential Evaluation Service:
  [http://www.playnaia.org/InCred](http://www.playnaia.org/InCred)

  Contact: Garrett Seelinger, Manager of Eligibility Services International: GSeelinger@naia.org

- EducationUSA Resources
  [https://au.usembassy.gov/education-culture/educationusa-australia/](https://au.usembassy.gov/education-culture/educationusa-australia/)

NCAA help line 1-317-917-6222
NCAA International Credentials
[ec-processing@ncaa.org](mailto:ec-processing@ncaa.org)

Talent Assessment Tools

- Track and Field [www.tfrrs.org](http://www.tfrrs.org)
- Swimming [www.usaswimming.org](http://www.usaswimming.org)
- Tennis [www.collegetennisonline.com](http://www.collegetennisonline.com)
- Golf [www.rankings.golfweek.com](http://www.rankings.golfweek.com)
  [www.golfstat.com](http://www.golfstat.com)
- Rowing [www.americancollegiaterowing.com](http://www.americancollegiaterowing.com)
- Cycling [www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org)
- Rifle [www.ncaarifle.org](http://www.ncaarifle.org)
Resources

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