

Cert. in NCAA Compliance Description

This post-baccalaureate certificate program is designed to introduce technical knowledge and application of NCAA bylaws and to provide relevant training for working in NCAA compliance. The program will equip students with knowledge, skills, and abilities to utilize, interpret, and communicate information from NCAA compliance-specific research databases. This program is geared towards students with an interest in working in NCAA compliance. It can be taken as a stand-alone primer or as part of a graduate degree in higher education, law, sport management, or other related fields of study.

Application Requirements

Applicants must hold a baccalaureate or graduate degree from an accredited institution and intend to participate in courses leading to a graduate certificate. In evaluating applications, the Admissions Committee takes into consideration the applicant's grades and rank in his or her undergraduate degree. Additionally, the committee will review optional supporting documents such as letters of recommendation, statement of interest, and professional and personal accomplishments.

International applicants whose primary language is not English and/or who have completed their secondary or tertiary education primarily outside of the U.S. must submit official scores from the list of acceptable tests found on the University of Mississippi's International Student and Scholar Services listing of English language requirements.

Program Start Dates

January, March, May, August, October (see program webpage or graduate application for specific dates).

Application Deadline

The deadline to submit an application is one week prior to the program start date.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 12 Course Requirements

The graduate certificate in NCAA compliance consists of the following courses (12 hours):

- SAS 600 - NCAA Governance (3 hours)
- SAS 607 – NCAA Rules and Monitoring Systems (3 hours)
- SAS 608 – NCAA Enforcement and Infractions Cases (3 hours)
- SAS 609 - Contemporary Issues in NCAA Compliance (3 hours)

Other Academic Requirements

The graduate certificate learning objectives are to:

1. Demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the NCAA governance structure and ways intercollegiate athletics departments are structured within the framework of higher education.
2. Demonstrate a basic knowledge and understanding of NCAA bylaws and research tools as well as the role rules education and monitoring systems play in the establishment of institutional control.
3. Discuss and describe the operating procedures for NCAA enforcement inquiries, infractions case resolution options and the role that landmark infractions cases have played in shaping current systems and intercollegiate athletics culture.
4. Demonstrate a comprehension and appreciation for some of the short-term challenges and issues facing compliance professionals in the intercollegiate athletics industry.

