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Policy Statement regarding student-athletes competing in off-campus athletic events and athletic training students who accompany Fort Lewis College intercollegiate teams.

The number one priority for student-athletes and student athletic trainers at Fort Lewis College is to complete their education in a timely and efficient manner. First and foremost, they are students. When a student-athlete represents the College in sanctioned intercollegiate varsity sports athletic competition, s/he (includes student athletic trainers) should be permitted to make up any course work missed while representing the College. Student-athletes and athletic training students (included on the official travel roster issued by the athletic department) have the responsibility for arranging with their instructors to make up any missed class work, test, project, or other assignment before leaving for an off-campus athletic contest. Each instructor has the discretion of requiring the student-athlete or athletic training student to make up any assignment or course work either before or after the scheduled athletic event. When a student-athlete or athletic training student is appropriately excused from a class as a result of submitting an official student-athlete travel form and the missed work is satisfactorily completed, the student's grade for that class should not be negatively affected as a result of the absence.

The Faculty Athletic Committee (FAC) will review all athletic team schedules and projected missed class days and work with the coaches to minimize the number of class days missed as the result of team travel. The FAC will also coordinate with the Athletic Department in advising student-athletes to pay particular attention to their selection of classes taken during the season in which their sport is played. Every effort will be made to encourage student-athletes to enroll in high-level-student-participation courses during the off-season for their particular sport.

Any instructor who has concerns or questions regarding travel-related absences or a student-athlete's academic status is invited to contact the head coach (name, phone #, and e-mail address included on *student-athlete travel form*), assistant athletic director, or athletic director. Each student-athlete and athletic training student is required to submit a completed *student-athlete travel form* at the beginning of the applicable semester before leaving for any off-campus athletic contest.

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This policy statement was approved by the Fort Lewis College Faculty Senate 4/5/06

Student-athlete travel form

Head Coach _____ Ext. _____, E-mail address _____

(Date)

(Course)

_____ will be representing Fort Lewis
(Student-athlete's name)

College in intercollegiate _____
(Sport)

As a result, this student-athlete or athletic training student may not be attending class on the following date(s).

Date/departure time

Date/return time

Institution/Location

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