



Alabama's APR scores continue to improve

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[TUSCALOOSA, Alabama](#) - University of [Alabama](#) student-athletes are continuing to shine as students, according to the latest Academic Progress Rate (APR) [scores released Tuesday by the NCAA](#).

Three Alabama teams - men's golf, women's golf and women's tennis - produced perfect scores of 1,000, and scores were down for only four teams: baseball (minus-3), softball (minus-3), women's swimming (minus-1) and volleyball (-10).

The national cut-off standard is 930. As has been the case for several years, no Alabama team is close to that score.

"Our mission at the University of Alabama is to, one - recruit and develop student-athletes to compete at the highest levels in intercollegiate athletics, two - educate and prepare our student-athletes to compete at the highest levels in life after graduation, and three - accomplish all this with honor and integrity," Alabama athletics director Bill Battle said in a news release. "These scores over the last four years are proof that the Crimson Tide is performing at a championship level in all areas, which is a point of great pride for the department."

The rowing team, which produced a score of 1,000 in 2006-07, has the lowest score of any Alabama team at 968, but its score is up by 10 points over a year ago.

Last week, [five Alabama teams were honored](#) with the NCAA Division I Public Recognition Award: [football](#), men's [basketball](#), men's golf, women's golf and tennis.

Alabama was the only Southeastern Conference football team to earn the award, and it and Duke were the only Division I schools to earn the award in football and men's basketball. Vanderbilt was the only SEC school that had more teams honored.

The men's basketball team's score is 995. That's up 11 points over last year, and it is 43 points higher than the national average for men's basketball. Its score was 902 in 2004-05.

The football team's score is 978. That's up eight points over last year. Its score was 916 in 2004-05, and the score has been up every year since then.

"Our APR report continues to be very positive," Jon Dever, Alabama's associate athletic director for student services, said in the news release. "Five of our sports earned NCAA recognition and three earned perfect scores of 1,000 and all 21 teams were at least 30 points above the 930 mark, including 12 teams that scored 980 or better.

"We also saw 17 of our teams equal or improve their four-year scores from a year ago. All told, nine of our teams bettered the national average for their sport by 10 points or more and three, football, men's basketball and men's golf, bettered the national average by 24 points or more."

ALABAMA ACADEMIC PROGRESS RATE (APR) SCORES

Men's programs

Sport	2011-12	2010-11	Change	2004-05
Baseball	977	980	-3	919
Football	978	970	+8	916
Men's basketball	995	984	+11	902
Men's cross country	985	969	+16	922
Men's golf	1,000	993	+7	963
Men's swimming	981	980	+1	977
Men's tennis	993	980	+13	949
Men's indoor track	969	955	+14	931
Men's outdoor track	969	955	+14	923

Women's programs

Sport	2011-12	2010-11	Change	2004-05
Softball	990	993	-3	986
Women's basketball	977	977	+0	911
Women's cross country	989	978	+11	984
Women's golf	1,000	1,000	+0	953
Gymnastics	991	991	+0	990
Rowing	968	958	+10	1,000*

Soccer	988	982	+6	985
Women's swimming	984	985	-1	983
Women's tennis	1,000	1,000	+0	971
Women's indoor track	971	969	+2	988
Women's outdoor track	971	969	+2	988
Volleyball	973	983	-10	1,000

*2006-07

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