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Quick Facts

- As a department, Winthrop's 18 sports combined to achieve a 3.16 GPA and 15 teams had cumulative GPAs of better than 3.0.
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Joanna Harris

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA — Winthrop's student-athletes have achieved the **best academic semester** since department officials first began tracking semester-by-semester grade point averages for its teams in 1998.

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The **2014 fall semester report card** shows that two-thirds of Winthrop's student-athletes achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average or higher, or 207 of 308 athletes, according to **Joanna Harris**, director of academic and student-athlete services. She reported that 29 student-athletes achieved perfect 4.0 GPAs while 102 compiled a GPA between 3.5 and 4.0.

Winthrop officials are delighted with the classroom success of the Eagle student-athletes. "Everyone in the Winthrop athletic department is very proud of the academic accomplishments our student-athletes achieved this past semester," said **Athletic Director Tom Hickman**. "To have five teams make their highest ever GPA and the overall semester GPA (3.16) be the highest ever achieved is indeed an accomplishment that our entire university community can be proud of. The number of student-athletes achieving above a 3.5 GPA is indeed significant. Our director of academic services, Joanna Harris, deserves much credit for her continued good work mentoring our student-athletes. This also confirms the good work of our coaches in their efforts to recruit overall good student-athletes."

The **men's tennis team** set a department record for highest GPA as it compiled a 3.81 mark, eclipsing the previous record of 3.72 by the women's tennis squad during the 2002 fall semester. Three other men's teams — cross country, golf and soccer — also achieved 3.0 GPAs. Cross country achieved a 3.17 GPA, while golf finished at 3.10, and men's soccer had the highest GPA in program history at 3.23.

For the third consecutive semester, the **top GPA** for a women's team was achieved by the **golf squad** at 3.61. The other women's teams with above 3.0 GPA's included soccer (3.36), volleyball (3.12), cross country (3.54), softball (3.40), basketball (3.21), track (3.12), tennis (3.48), and lacrosse (3.39).

The semester GPA's achieved by the **softball, women's lacrosse and women's golf teams** were also the best in the history of each program.

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