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# SRJC Athletics: SCORE!

*Student-Athletes Creating Opportunities Results and Empowerment*

## SCORE! Overview

**SCORE!** facilitates academic engagement and success through research-based learning principles interwoven into the culture and mindset of athletics. Founded on an interdisciplinary collaborative approach, **SCORE!** utilizes universal design to meet individualized learning needs with techniques that can benefit all student-athletes. The program reaches each SRJC student-athlete, while creating positive academic standards for the entire team. Results support athletic eligibility through academic success and create opportunities for transfer and future academic and athletic development.

## SCORE! Launches for SRJC Intercollegiate Teams

In Fall 2025, **SCORE!** launched for SRJC Intercollegiate Teams with over 300 student-athletes enrolled. The program applies the athletic mindset to achieve academic success:

- Team-based
- Data-driven
- Results-oriented
- SRJC Coaches being engaged with student-athletes in every SCORE meeting to support and enhance academic success.



**SCORE!** addresses the unique strengths and challenges of the student-athlete and creates an academic environment which:

- Connects the team dynamic to academics.
- relates athletic experiences and strategies to academic situations.
- incorporates the leadership of the coach in collaboration with a learning specialist.
- provides instruction in academic strategies for application in areas including:
  - Attention/focus
  - Time management
  - Understanding study locations that maximize learning
  - Creation of weekly schedule (*due dates, study times/locations, goals*)
  - Motivation
  - Note taking
  - Reading comprehension/retention
  - Test taking
  - Communication
  - Goal setting
  - Sleep
  - Transfer of study habits to outside weekly **SCORE!** meetings





## BOARD WRITTEN UPDATES



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Fall 2024 Athletics College Success Pilot GPA and Passing Rate Comparisons						
Sport	Fall 23 AVG GPA	Fall 24 AVG GPA	Fall 23 # who failed	Fall 24 # who failed	Fall 23 % Students Passing All Classes	Fall 24 % Students Passing All Classes
WBBL*	3.1	3.6	2	0	87%	100%
WSOC**	2.8	3.4	12	4	60%	83%
MSOC***	2.7	3.2	12	5	55%	84%
SB****	3.0	3.3	4	2	75%	88%

\*15/17 women's basketball student-athletes participated in the Fall 2024 College Success pilot.  
\*\*23/24 women's soccer student-athletes participated in the Fall 2024 College Success pilot.  
\*\*\*33/36 men's soccer student-athletes participated in the fall 2024 College Success pilot.  
\*\*\*\*17/17 softball student-athletes participated in the Fall 2024 College Success pilot.

## SCORE! Alignment with Strategic Plan Connection

**SCORE!** advances the Strategic Plan through its connection to Academic Quality and Student Success and Support. The program brings academic guidance into a format that resonates with student-athletes by using familiar team structures, coaching approaches, and weekly routines. This model helps student-athletes strengthen their learning skills, stay organized, understand expectations, and follow a steady path through their courses. By integrating this support into the athletic environment, **SCORE!** Enhances persistence and contributes to clearer pathways toward certificates, degrees, and transfer.

## SCORE! Fall 2025 Student-Athletes surveyed about their experience:

94% indicated **SCORE** has had a positive impact on their academics.

78% procrastinate less as a result of **SCORE**.

70% Tried different study environments as a result of **SCORE**.

97% indicated they are more in control of academics as a result of **SCORE**.

76% start studying earlier as a result of **SCORE**.

36% report that prior to **SCORE** their phone was significant distractor while studying.

7% indicate that after **SCORE** their phone is still a significant distractor while studying.

99% report **SCORE** has provided them with tools to succeed academically.

## Student-Athlete Comments on SCORE!

Feedback from student-athletes who have participated in the pilot reflects the early success of the program:

- **"SCORE! holds me academically accountable, and is a great place for team bonding"**
- **"It's a refreshing feeling actually, to get so much done after a long day. SCORE! helps me feel really productive."**
- **"I've learned to look ahead, to prepare in advance for papers and exams, and not just focus on the week in front of me."**
- **"It's good to build a bond off the field - an academic bond."**

## Contact Information

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