**Physical Education**

Until 1908, Davidson College offered no regular physical education or training for

students. In 1901, an Athletic Instructor was hired to supervise the athletic teams

and the Board of Trustees created an additional position of professor of physical

training in 1907 to conduct exercises and give lectures on hygiene. Dr. J. W.

MacConnell, the college physician, was appointed as the first professor.

In 1932 the department was renamed as the Department of Student Health

Services and Physical Education and in 1968, Physical Education became a

separate department. Currently, the college maintains a physical education

requirement for graduation; however, the program carries no academic credit. A

total of four courses are required: PED101 (required of all students, including

transfers, during their first semester at Davidson); one lifetime credit (PED2\*\*);

one water credit (PED3\*\*); and one team credit (PED4\*\*).

A swim test is administered during orientation to determine swimming ability and

to offer guidance in course selection. Students who do not pass the swim test

must register for an appropriate swimming class. Students can receive credit for a

team sport by participating on a varsity or junior varsity athletic team or by

participating in 75 percent of games in a club or intramural sport.

The Physical Education department is responsible for scheduling and conducting

physical education classes and overseeing the intramural sports program.

**Retention Schedule**

**Administrative Files.** Records concerning the administration and activities of

the department. Files may include correspondence, reports, brochures,

memorandums, and reference materials.

Disposition Instructions: Transfer paper copies of files (for correspondence,

reports, self-study documentation) to College Archives after 6 years for

appraisal and final disposition.

**Course Files.** Copies of syllabi, course outlines, and examinations for courses

offered by the department.

Disposition Instructions: Transfer to College Archives after 3 years for

appraisal and final disposition.