

Appendix G

Partial Missed Class-time Analysis Conducted by Students in KIN 761

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Investigators used a “missed class-time” calculation that employed at Penn State and Maine. This approach compares a base of potential class hours to the actual class hours missed because of team travel.

The first step is to establish the base of potential class hours, using the Academic Calendar and the Time and Room Schedule. For the standard week, daytime hours for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday totaled 8 hours, and Tuesdays and Thursdays amounted to 7.5 hours. Evening classes were counted at 3 hours per evening for 4 days of the week. Overall this resulted in an average total of 51 hours of class time in one academic week.

Investigators used the travel itineraries from each of the six teams from their 2002-2003 seasons that are kept by Merry Jennison, the senior administrative assistant in the athletic department. Approximately 5-10% of the travel itineraries were missing and were estimated for this project. In these cases, students looked for itineraries from past seasons for the opponents in question, or they looked at the time that other UNH teams left to play the same opponent. Three members of the group were athletes whose knowledge of “typical” itineraries was also helpful. Since the formula is based on missed class time, exhibition games in August for Football and Soccer were not accounted for because classes had not begun yet.

Team itineraries were then matched against the time and room schedule to compare time away against time slots of all potential classes, for the team’s actual playing schedule. Thus, for example, the base for football (612 hours) was larger than the base for soccer (510 hours) because football has a longer season.

Results:

	Number of Possible Hours	Number of Class Hours Missed	Percent of Class Time Missed	
Football	612	20.5	3.34	
Men's Soccer	510	51.5	10.09	
Men's Ice Hockey	1071	101.5	9.47	
Women's Volleyball	663	109	16.44	
Women's Soccer	510	46.5	9.11	
Women's Ice Hockey	918	95	10.34	
Men's Basketball	612	116.5	19.03	
Women's Basketball	561	133	23.70	

Maine limits any team to a maximum missed class-time of 10%. If UNH were to use a similar rule, only Volleyball would require a serious look at it’s travel plans. It is recommended that:

- Athletics require all teams to submit travel itineraries for all games.
- The AAC continue a baseline analysis for all other team schedules in the 2002-03 academic year.

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