

Your Path to the Student-Athlete Experience

NCAA Eligibility Center
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Eligibility Center

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- ▶ Initial-Eligibility Requirements.
- ▶ Sports Participation.
- ▶ Resources.

STEPS TO ACHIEVING YOUR ELIGIBILITY



Freshmen and Sophomores Must:



- ▶ Start planning now by working hard to get the best grades possible.
- ▶ Register at www.eligibilitycenter.org at the beginning of your sophomore year.
- ▶ Take classes that match your high school's List of NCAA Courses. The NCAA Eligibility Center will only use approved courses to certify your initial eligibility.
- ▶ Access and print your high school's List of NCAA Courses at www.eligibilitycenter.org by clicking "Resources" at the top of the screen.
- ▶ If you fall behind, use summer school sessions before graduation to catch up.

NCAA Eligibility Center Registration



The image shows a digital interface for the NCAA Eligibility Center registration process, designed to look like a wooden bulletin board. At the top left is the NCAA Eligibility Center logo. A navigation bar contains links: Welcome, About the NCAA, Divisions, Sports, For Parents, Resources, and Contact Us. On the left, a Nokia smartphone displays a 'Registered?' status. The main area features a large, tilted card with the text: 'Welcome to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Your student-athlete experience begins here. At this site, you'll find the tools and information you need to begin your college experience. Explore this site to learn more about the NCAA, its athletics divisions, its sports and other information. Click on the phone or use the login box in the top right corner to complete your registration for eligibility.' Below this card is a calendar with dates 18 through 31, a photo of a basketball player, and a 'Resources' label. To the right, a 'Checklist:' section lists 'Create account' and 'Complete registration'. Above the checklist are sticky notes for 'Divisions' and 'About the NCAA'. In the top right corner, a login box prompts for 'Username (e-mail)' and 'Password', with links for 'LOGIN', 'NEW ACCOUNT', and 'Forgot password'. A man in a dark shirt and jeans stands on the right side of the interface. At the bottom left, a Twitter icon and text encourage following the Eligibility Center on Twitter. A yellow jump rope and a red whistle labeled 'Sports' are at the bottom center.

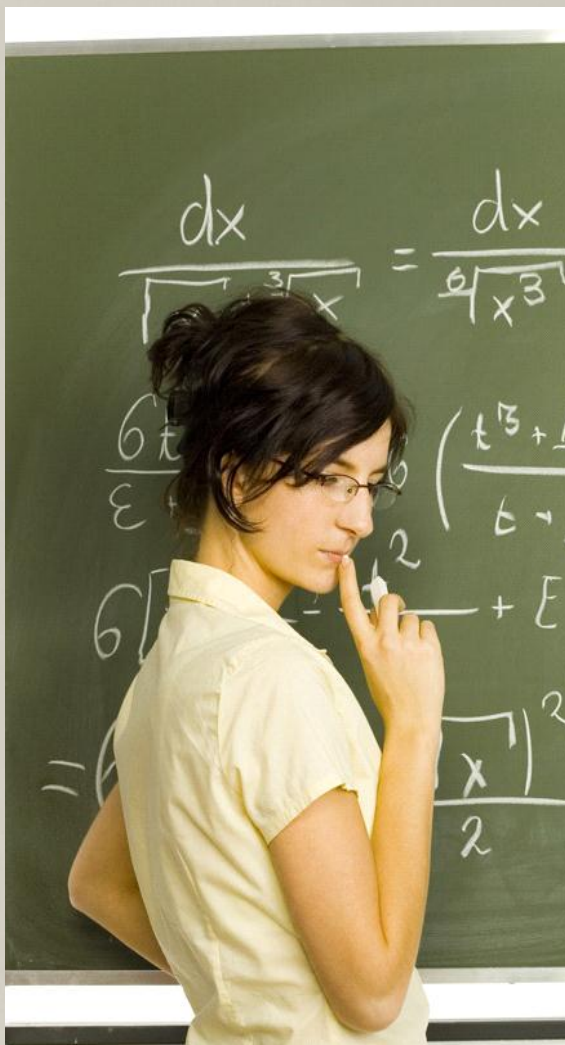
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Checklist:

- Create account
- Complete registration

Click here to create or log onto your account.

Juniors Must:



- ▶ Register to take the ACT, SAT or both and use the NCAA Eligibility Center code “9999” as a score recipient.
- ▶ Double check to make sure that you are taking courses that match your high school’s List of NCAA Courses.
- ▶ Request that your high school counselor send an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center after completing your junior year. (*The NCAA Eligibility Center does NOT accept faxed or emailed transcripts.*)
- ▶ Prior to registration for your senior year, check with your counselor and the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine the number of core courses that need to be completed your senior year.

Seniors Must:

Continue to take college-preparatory courses.

Check your List of NCAA Courses.

Take the ACT or SAT as many times as necessary.

Graduate on time (eight semesters). Use summer courses before graduation if necessary.



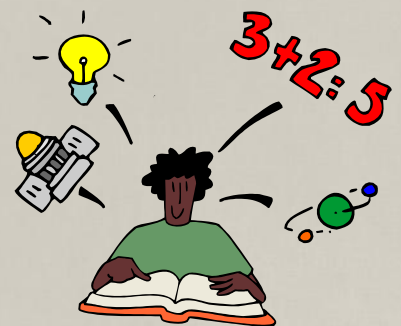
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Seniors Must:



- ▶ Visit the “My Planner” page online after you register to view your status and check for any missing information or documents.
- ▶ Review your sports participation (amateurism) responses and request final amateurism certification beginning April 1 (for fall enrollees) or October 1 (for spring enrollees).
- ▶ After graduation, ask your high school counselor to send your final transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center with proof of graduation.

ACADEMIC INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



Definition of a Core Course

- ▶ A course that qualifies for high school graduation in one or more of the following: English, mathematics, natural or physical science, social science, foreign language or comparative religion or philosophy;
- ▶ Is considered four-year college preparatory;
- ▶ Is taught at or above the high school's regular academic level;
- ▶ For mathematics courses, is at the level of Algebra I or higher; and
- ▶ Is taught by a qualified instructor as defined by the appropriate academic authority.



What are Nontraditional Courses?

- ▶ Courses taught through:
 - ❑ The Internet (online or virtual);
 - ❑ Distance learning;
 - ❑ Independent study;
 - ❑ Individualized instruction;
 - ❑ Correspondence;
 - ❑ Computer software programs; or
 - ❑ Other similar means.

Things to Consider before Taking Nontraditional Courses

- ▶ Must include ongoing access between the instructor and student.
- ▶ Must have a defined time period for completion (i.e., six weeks).
- ▶ Should be clearly identified as nontraditional courses on the high school transcript.
- ▶ Must be four-year college preparatory and need to be comparable in length, content and rigor to courses taught in a traditional classroom setting.

Core-Course Time Limitation

Division I

- ▶ From the time you enter the ninth grade, you have four (4) years or eight (8) semesters to complete your core-course requirement. If you fail to complete high school "on time" in eight semesters, core courses taken after the eighth semester will not be counted toward your NCAA academic-eligibility requirements.
- ▶ "On time" also means that if your high school graduation takes place June 1, you must graduate June 1. If you do not graduate June 1 with the rest of your high school class, you have not completed your requirements "on time."

Division II

- ▶ You are permitted to use all core courses completed from your ninth grade year until the time you enroll full time at a college or university.



A man in a blue button-down shirt is standing next to a whiteboard, holding a red marker and looking towards the camera. The whiteboard has a text box with the question "What are the initial-eligibility requirements?".

What are the
initial-eligibility
requirements?



Academic Requirements

- ▶ Graduate from high school.
- ▶ Complete NCAA-approved courses.
- ▶ Earn a minimum required core-course grade-point average (GPA).
- ▶ Earn a required SAT or ACT sum score.



Early Academic Certification

- ▶ Students who meet the following criteria after six semesters will be certified as qualifiers:

For Division I: Minimum SAT (math and critical reading) of 900 or minimum sum score of 75 on the ACT; and a core-course GPA of 3.000 or higher in a minimum of 14 core courses:

- ▶ 3 English;
- ▶ 2 math;
- ▶ 2 science;
- ▶ 2 core courses in English, math or natural or physical science; and
- ▶ 5 additional core courses in any area.

For Division II: Minimum SAT (math and critical reading) of 1000 or minimum sum score of 85 on the ACT; and a core-course GPA of 3.000 or higher in a minimum of 12 core courses:

- ▶ 3 English;
- ▶ 2 math;
- ▶ 2 science; and
- ▶ 5 additional core courses in any area.



Division I

Core-Course Requirements (Now)

16 Core Courses

- ▶ 4 years English.
- ▶ 3 years math (Algebra I or higher).
- ▶ 2 years natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- ▶ 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science.
- ▶ 2 years social science.
- ▶ 4 years additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy) .



Division I Sliding Scale (Now)

(Abbreviated)

Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Sum		Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Sum
3.550 & above	400	37		2.500	820	68
3.500	420	39		2.400	860	71
3.400	460	42		2.300	900	75
3.300	500	44		2.200	940	79
3.200	540	47		2.100	970	82
3.100	580	49		2.000	1010	86
3.000	620	52				
2.900	660	54				
2.800	700	57				
2.700	730	60				
2.600	780	64				

The full sliding scale can be found at www.eligibilitycenter.org under Resources.



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NCAA Division I Initial-Eligibility Academic Requirements (New)

There are **new** requirements for college-bound student-athletes enrolling full time at an NCAA Division I college or university on or after **August 1, 2016**.



NCAA Division I Initial-Eligibility Academic Requirements (New)

For college-bound student-athletes enrolling full time at an NCAA Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2016, there are three possible academic outcomes:

1. Full qualifier = competition, athletics aid (scholarship), and practice the first year.
2. Academic redshirt = athletics aid the first year, practice in first regular academic term (semester or quarter).
3. Nonqualifier = no athletics aid, practice or competition the first year.

Summary of Changes

- ▶ Minimum core-course GPA of 2.300 required;
- ▶ Change in GPA/test score index (sliding scale); and
- ▶ Ten core courses required before the beginning of senior year.

The following slides explain these changes in further detail.

NCAA Division I Full Qualifier:

Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition

Students will need to meet the following requirements to receive **athletics aid**, **practice** and **compete** their first year:

- ▶ 16 core courses in the following areas:
 - ❑ 4 years English;
 - ❑ 3 years math at Algebra I level or higher;
 - ❑ 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered at any high school attended);
 - ❑ 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science;
 - ❑ 2 years social science; and
 - ❑ 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion.

- ▶ Minimum required GPA:
 - ❑ Minimum GPA of **2.300** in those 16 core courses.



NCAA Division I Full Qualifier:

Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition

- ▶ Competition sliding scale. *(The full sliding scale can be found at www.eligibilitycenter.org under Resources.)*
- ❑ Minimum sum ACT or SAT (critical reading and math only) score that matches the 16 core-course GPA.
 - Example: 2.500 core-course GPA requires 1000 SAT or 85 sum ACT.
 - Example: 820 SAT or 68 sum ACT requires core-course GPA of 2.950.



NCAA Division I Full Qualifier:

Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition

- ▶ Core-course progression.
 - ❑ Must complete **10** core courses before seventh semester of high school (e.g., senior year).
 - ❑ Of the **10** core courses completed, **seven** must be in the area of **English, math, or science**.
 - ❑ These 10 core courses become “locked in” for the purpose of GPA calculation.
 - A repeat of one of the “locked in” courses will not be used if taken after the seventh semester begins.



Sliding Scale for Competition

(Abbreviated)

GPA for Competition	SAT (critical reading/math only)	ACT Sum		GPA for Competition	SAT (critical reading/math only)	ACT Sum
4.000	400	37		2.900	840	70
3.900	440	41		2.800	880	73
3.800	480	43		2.700	920	77
3.700	520	46		2.600	960	81
3.600	560	48		2.500	1000	85
3.500	600	50		2.400	1040	88
3.400	640	53		2.300	1080	93
3.300	680	56				
3.200	720	59				
3.100	760	62				
3.000	800	66				

The full sliding scale can be found at www.eligibilitycenter.org under Resources.

Academic Redshirt:

Requirements for Scholarship and Practice.

- ▶ 16 core courses in the following areas:
 - ❑ 4 years English;
 - ❑ 3 years math at Algebra I level or higher;
 - ❑ 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered by any school attended);
 - ❑ 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science;
 - ❑ 2 years social science; and
 - ❑ 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion.
- ▶ Minimum required GPA.
 - ❑ Minimum GPA of 2.000 in 16 core courses.
- ▶ Academic redshirt sliding scale.
 - ❑ Minimum sum ACT or SAT score (critical reading/math only) that matches the 16 core-course GPA.
 - Example: GPA of 2.50 requires SAT of 820 or ACT sum of 68.



Sliding Scale for Academic Redshirt

(Abbreviated) Athletics Aid and Practice Only

GPA for Aid and Practice	SAT (critical reading/math only)	ACT Sum		GPA for Aid and Practice	SAT (critical reading/math only)	ACT Sum
3.550 or above	400	37		2.500	820	68
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Academic Redshirt:

Requirements for Scholarship and Practice

If a college-bound student-athlete meets these requirements, he/she can receive an **athletics scholarship** during his/her first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.

If he/she meets these requirements, he/she can **practice** during his/her first term (e.g., semester, quarter) at a Division I college or university.

- ▶ After the first semester or quarter is complete, in order to continue to **practice** for the rest of the year, the student must be academically successful at the collegiate level.



What If A Student Does Not Meet Either Set of Requirements?

If a college-bound student-athlete does not meet either set of requirements, he/she is a **nonqualifier**.

A **nonqualifier**:

- ▶ Cannot receive athletics aid during the first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.
- ▶ Cannot practice or compete during the first year at a Division I college or university.



Division II

Core-Course Requirements

16 Core Courses

- ▶ 3 years English.
- ▶ 2 years math (Algebra I or higher).
- ▶ 2 years natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- ▶ 3 years additional English, math or natural/physical science.
- ▶ 2 years social science.
- ▶ 4 years additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy).

Test Score Requirements

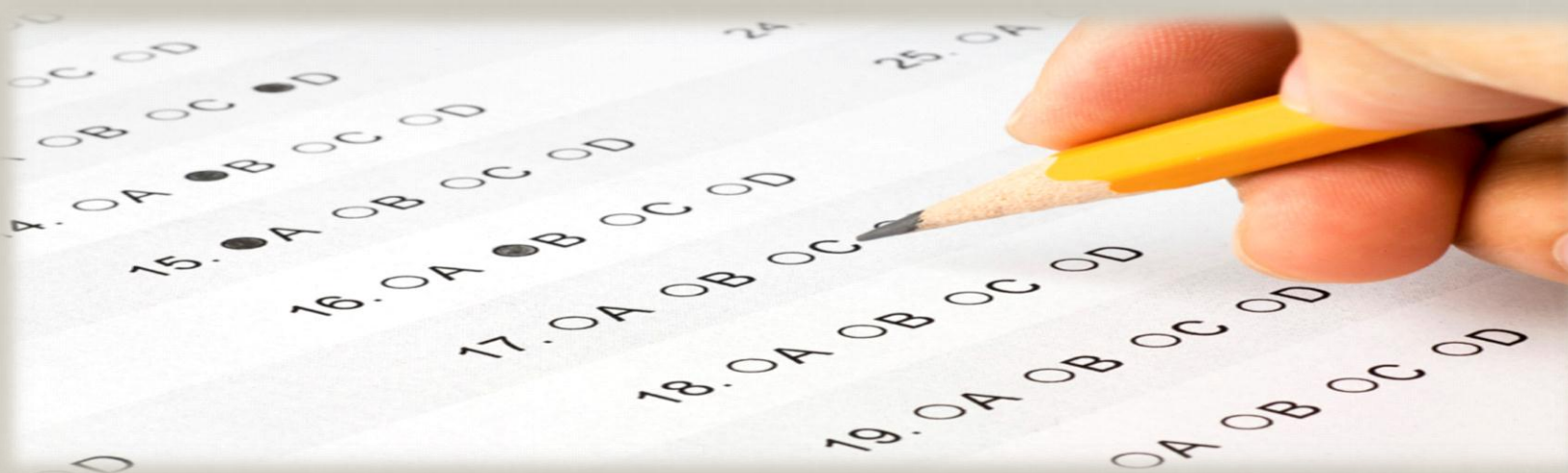
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- ▶ Earn a 2.000 GPA or better in your core courses.
- ▶ Earn a combined SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.



Taking the ACT and/or SAT

- ▶ Be sure to enter the “**9999**” code when registering for the ACT or SAT.
 - ❑ This requests for your official test scores to be sent directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- ▶ Test scores on high school transcripts will not be used.



Your Best Test Scores Will Be Used to Certify You

	Test Score		
	<u>Math</u>	<u>Verbal</u>	<u>Total</u>
SAT (10/11)	350	470	820
<u>SAT (12/11)</u>	<u>420</u>	440	<u>860</u>
Scores Used	420	470	890



Division III

Core-Course Requirements

- ▶ Unlike Divisions I and II, there is no uniform set of eligibility requirements for Division III schools.
- ▶ Eligibility for admission, financial aid, practice and competition is determined by the college or university.



AMATEURISM (SPORTS PARTICIPATION)



What about Sports Participation?

- ▶ The NCAA Eligibility Center encourages you to update your sports participation (amateurism) information often, especially if you participate in events outside of the normal high school season.
- ▶ Stay college eligible – always ask before you act!



Tell Us About You and Your Sports

In this section, we will ask about the teams you have been a part of, and events you have participated in.

Remember, you have confirmed that you read and understood NCAA Bylaw 10.1 about ethical conduct. So be honest and provide complete and accurate information.

First, select the sport you plan to participate in at the Division I or II level.

If you plan to participate in more than one sport, that's great. You will tell us about your participation in each sport separately. For now, get started by selecting your first sport.

Select a sport from the list below. *

Practice Player (for a Women's Sport)
Baseball
Football
Men's Basketball
Men's Cross Country



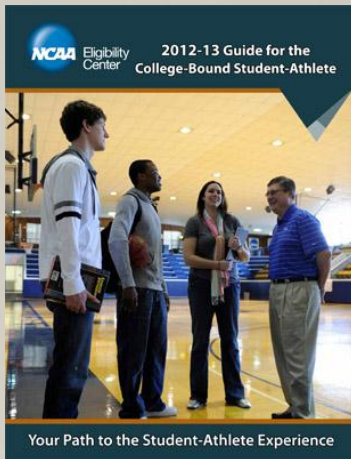
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Resources

- ▶ Resources tab on the NCAA Eligibility Center website (www.eligibilitycenter.org).
- ▶ Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.
- ▶ Quick Reference Guide.
- ▶ Initial Eligibility Brochure.



Questions?

Please contact the NCAA Eligibility Center customer service staff at 877/262-1492.

