

NCAA Eligibility

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WHAT IS THE NCAA?

The National Collegiate Athletic Association

- Member-led organization dedicated to the well-being and success of college athletes
- 1,117 colleges and universities
- 100 athletic conferences
- 40 affiliated sports organizations



Three Divisions

Align like-minded campuses in the areas of philosophy, competition, and opportunity

Division I or Division II: must meet standards set by NCAA members

Division III: athletes must meet the admissions standards set by the school.

- **Division 1**
 - 351 schools
 - 1 in 25 students are athletes
- **Division 2**
 - 308 schools
 - 1 in 11 students are athletes
- **Division 3**
 - 443 schools
 - 1 in 6 students are athletes



Three Divisions

- Evaluates and certifies prospective student-athletes for collegiate competition
- Division I schools enroll the most students, manage the largest athletics budgets, offer a wide array of academic programs and provide the most athletics scholarships.
- Division II schools provide growth opportunities through academic achievement, high-level competition and a focus on community engagement.
- Division III schools provide an integrated environment focusing on academic success while offering a competitive athletics environment.



NCAA Eligibility Center

- NCAA Eligibility Center evaluates and certifies prospective student-athletes for collegiate competition
- Focus on
 - Academic preparedness
 - Sports participation
 - High school courses
 - Customer service
- Students who want to compete at NCAA Division I or Division II schools need to meet NCAA Eligibility Center
 - Academic initial-eligibility requirements
 - Amateurism requirements



NCAA Eligibility Center

College-bound student-athletes preparing to enroll in a Division I or Division II school need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to ensure they have met amateurism standards and are academically prepared for college coursework.

Register for a Certification Account or Profile Page at eligibilitycenter.org to begin process of becoming a NCAA Student Athlete



Registration

Two Account types

- **Certification Account**
 - DI or DII students
 - Account info, school, and sports history
 - Required for signing a National Letter of Intent with a DI or DII school
 - Required to go on an official visit
- **Profile Page**
 - Undecided students
 - DI/II students
 - Account info and school history
 - Can transition to a certification account at any time
 - Will not receive an academic or amateurism certification

Core Courses

Only courses that appear on your high school's list of NCAA core courses will count toward the 16 core-course requirement; visit eligibilitycenter.org/courselist for a full list of your high school's approved core courses. Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:



ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

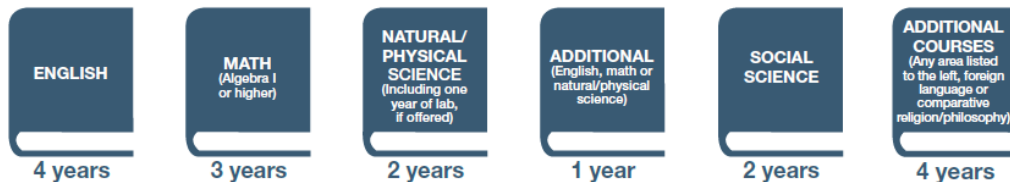
To play sports at a Division I or II school, you must graduate from high school, complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses, earn a minimum GPA and earn an ACT or SAT score that matches your core-course GPA.

CORE COURSES

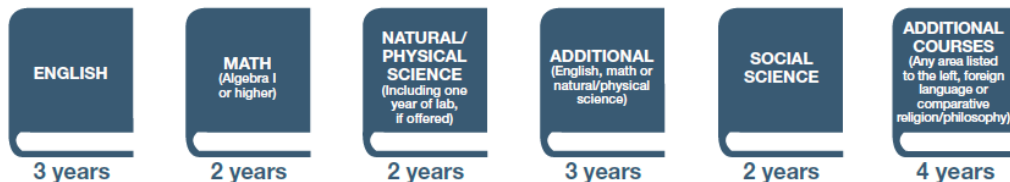
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DIVISION I

Complete 10 NCAA core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before your seventh semester.



DIVISION II



GRADE-POINT AVERAGE

The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates your grade-point average based only on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core courses.

- DI requires a minimum 2.3 GPA.
- DII requires a minimum 2.2 GPA.

SLIDING SCALE

Divisions I and II use sliding scales to match test scores and GPAs to determine eligibility. The sliding scale balances your test score with your GPA. If you have a low test score, you need a higher GPA to be eligible. Find more information about test scores at ncaa.org/test-scores.

TEST SCORES


You may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before you enroll full time in college. Every time you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code 9999 to send your scores directly to us from the testing agency. We accept official scores only from the ACT or SAT, and won't use scores shown on your high school transcript. If you take either test more than once, the best subscore from different tests are used to give you the best possible score.

Determining GPA with Core Courses

- Determine the quality points earned for each course, using the following grading scale. Once you add up all points for your 16 core courses, you divide by 16 and that equals your GPA

	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Gen Ed</u>	<u>Honors</u>	<u>AP</u>
A	4		4.5	5
B	3		3.5	4
C	2		2.5	3
D	1		1.5	2
F	0		0	0

NCAA Sliding Scale

- Calculates GPA based only on grades you receive in NCAA approved Core Courses
 - DI requires a minimum of 2.3 GPA
 - DII requires a minimum of 2.2 GPA
 - DI & DII use **Sliding Scales** to match test scores and GPAs to determine eligibility
 - Sliding Scale balances test scores with your GPA
 - If you have a low test score, you need a higher GPA to be eligible.
 - If you have a low GPA, you need a higher test score to be eligible.
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DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			
Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
3.550	400	400	37
3.525	410	410	38
3.500	430	420	39
3.475	440	430	40
3.450	460	440	41
3.425	470	450	41
3.400	490	460	42
3.375	500	470	42
3.350	520	480	43
3.325	530	490	44
3.300	550	500	44
3.275	560	510	45
3.250	580	520	46
3.225	590	530	46
3.200	600	540	47
3.175	620	550	47
3.150	630	560	48
3.125	650	570	49
3.100	660	580	49
3.075	680	590	50
3.050	690	600	50
3.025	710	610	51
3.000	720	620	52
2.975	730	630	52
2.950	740	640	53
2.925	750	650	53
2.900	750	660	54
2.875	760	670	55
2.850	770	680	56
2.825	780	690	56
2.800	790	700	57
2.775	800	710	58

DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			
Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
2.750	810	720	59
2.725	820	730	60
2.700	830	740	61
2.675	840	750	61
2.650	850	760	62
2.625	860	770	63
2.600	860	780	64
2.575	870	790	65
2.550	880	800	66
2.525	890	810	67
2.500	900	820	68
2.475	910	830	69
2.450	920	840	70
2.425	930	850	70
2.400	940	860	71
2.375	950	870	72
2.350	960	880	73
2.325	970	890	74
2.300	980	900	75
2.299	990	910	76
2.275	990	910	76
2.250	1000	920	77
2.225	1010	930	78
2.200	1020	940	79
2.175	1030	950	80
2.150	1040	960	81
2.125	1050	970	82
2.100	1060	980	83
2.075	1070	990	84
2.050	1080	1000	85
2.025	1090	1010	86
2.000	1100	1020	86

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

Sliding Scale for Division II

Division II uses a sliding scale to match test scores and GPAs to determine eligibility. The sliding scale balances your test score with your GPA. Find more information about test scores on page 12 or visit ncaa.org/test-scores.

DIVISION II FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			
USE FOR DIVISION II BEGINNING AUGUST 2018			
Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
3.300 & above	400	400	37
3.275	410	410	38
3.250	430	420	39
3.225	440	430	40
3.200	460	440	41
3.175	470	450	41
3.150	490	460	42
3.125	500	470	42
3.100	520	480	43
3.075	530	490	44
3.050	550	500	44
3.025	560	510	45
3.000	580	520	46
2.975	590	530	46
2.950	600	540	47
2.925	620	550	47
2.900	630	560	48
2.875	650	570	49
2.850	660	580	49
2.825	680	590	50
2.800	690	600	50
2.775	710	610	51
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2.700	740	640	53
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2.600	770	680	56
2.575	780	690	56
2.550	790	700	57
2.525	800	710	58
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2.475	820	730	60
2.450	830	740	61
2.425	840	750	61
2.400	850	760	62
2.375	860	770	63
2.350	860	780	64
2.325	870	790	65
2.300	880	800	66
2.275	890	810	67
2.250	900	820	68
2.225	910	830	69
2.200	920	840 & above	70 & above

DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			
USE FOR DIVISION II BEGINNING AUGUST 2018			
Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
3.050 & above	400	400	37
3.025	410	410	38
3.000	430	420	39
2.975	440	430	40
2.950	460	440	41
2.925	470	450	41
2.900	490	460	42
2.875	500	470	42
2.850	520	480	43
2.825	530	490	44
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2.175	840	750	61
2.150	850	760	62
2.125	860	770	63
2.100	860	780	64
2.075	870	790	65
2.050	880	800	66
2.025	890	810	67
2.000	900	820 & above	68 & above

*Final concordance research between the new SAT and ACT is ongoing.

Transcripts

- Ask your high school counselor to send an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center after completing six semesters (end of Junior year)
- If you have attended more than one high school or took courses from more than one program, the NCAA Eligibility Center needs an official transcript from ALL high school(s) or program(s).
- You also will need to ask your high school counselor to send your final transcript with proof of graduation once you have completed high school.
- The NCAA Eligibility Center does not accept grades from one high school or program transcribed on another high school's transcript.



Qualifier Status

If you meet these eligibility requirements, you will be a Division I or Division II qualifier. This means you are eligible to practice, compete, and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of college. You will also be eligible to play four seasons of your sport if you maintain eligibility from year to year.

Academic Redshirt Status

Student athletes enrolling in a Division I college that do not meet the requirements above may earn academic redshirt status if they completed the 16 core-course requirement, graduate from high school and meet the sliding scale minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale and the corresponding SAT/ACT sum score on the sliding scale. Freshmen qualifying as an academic redshirt can practice and receive athletic scholarships but not compete during the first year of college.

Partial Qualifier Status

At present, you will be classified as a Division II “partial qualifier”, if you have not met all of the requirements listed above, you can be a partial qualifier if you graduate from high school and meet all of the following standards: Complete the 16 required core courses, Maintain a 2.00 GPA on a 4.0 scale., Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching your core course GPA on the sliding scale on the Division II partial qualifier scale. A Division II “partial qualifier” is eligible to practice with a team at its home facility and receive an athletic scholarship his or her first year at a Division II school, but may not compete. The student can then play four seasons in a sport, as long as eligibility is maintained.

Non - Qualifier Status

If you do not meet qualifier, academic red-shirt, or partial qualifier eligibility requirements, you will be a Nonqualifier. In Division I and Division II, a Nonqualifier cannot practice, compete or receive an athletic scholarship during their first year of school. You may be able to play and receive scholarships in later years if you can earn and maintain eligibility.

