Your Path to the Student-Athlete Experience

NCAA Eligibility Center
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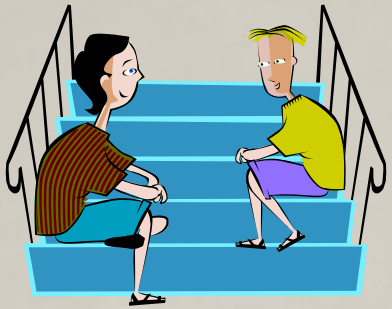
STEPS TO ACHIEVING YOUR ELIGIBILITY

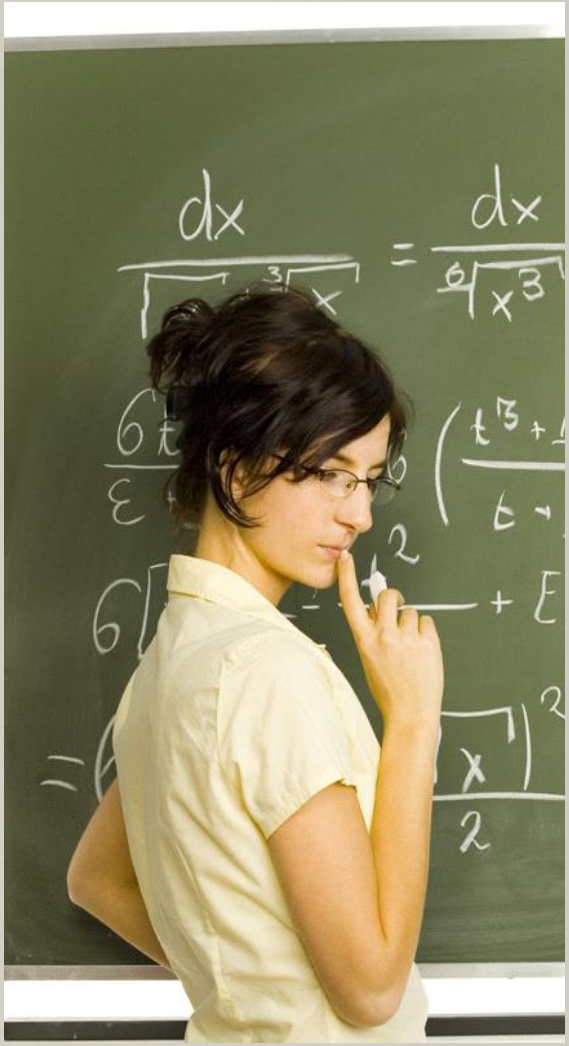


Freshmen and Sophomores Must:

- Start planning now by working hard to earn the best grades possible.
- Access and print your high school's List of NCAA Courses at www.eligibilitycenter.org by clicking "Resources" at the top of the screen.
- Take only approved courses that are on your high school's List of NCAA Courses.
- Register at www.eligibilitycenter.org at the beginning of your sophomore year.
- If you fall behind, use summer school sessions before your senior year to catch up.

NCAA Eligibility Center Registration

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 are approved on 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.)*
  - Transcripts are accepted electronically through Parchment, Scrip Safe, ConnectEDU, National Transcript Center/Pearson Edustructure, USMO ET and Xap.

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).

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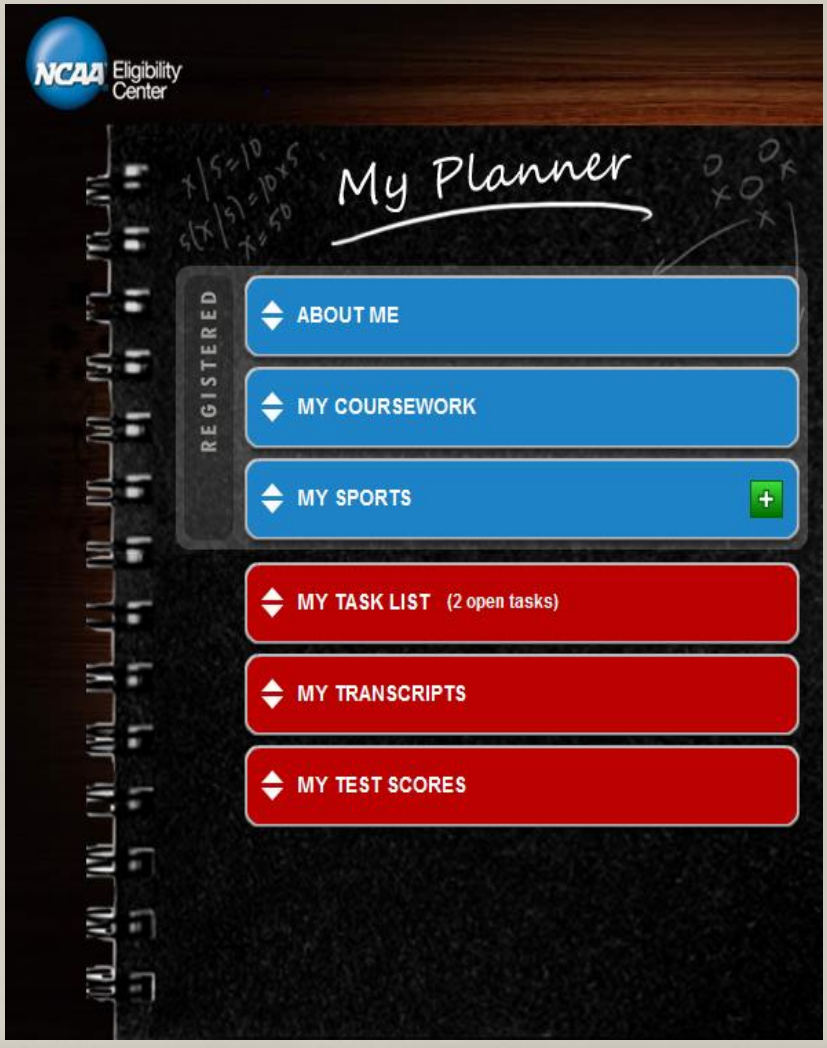


- Visit the “My Planner” page after you register online to view your eligibility status and check for any missing information or documents.
- Review your sports participation (amateurism) responses and request final amateurism certification beginning April 1 (for fall enrollees) or October 1 (for spring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

ACADEMIC INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

What Is 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.

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 additional core courses in English, math or 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

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 (Prior to 2016)
(Abbreviated)

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

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

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**.

Summary of Changes

- Minimum core-course GPA of 2.300 required;
- Slight 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 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. 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.

NCAA Division I Qualifier:
Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition (New)

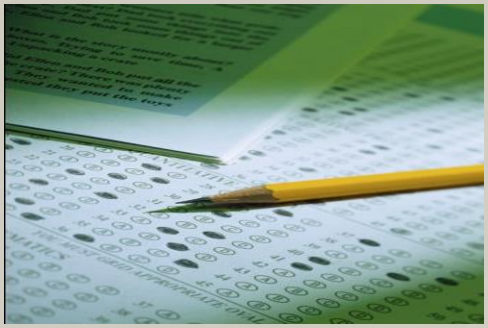
Students will need to meet the following requirements to receive **athletics aid**, **practice** and **compete** their first year:

- 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 Qualifier:
Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition (New)

- Sliding Scale A. *(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 820 SAT or 68 sum ACT.
    - Example: 640 SAT or 53 sum ACT requires core-course GPA of 2.950.



NCAA Division I Qualifier:

Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition (New)

- 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 any of the “locked in” courses will not be used if taken after the seventh semester begins.

Division I Sliding Scale Changes

Old

Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Sum
2.725	730	59
2.700	730	60
2.675	740-750	61
2.450	840-850	70
2.425	860	70
2.150	960	80
2.125	960	81
2.100	970	82
2.075	980	83
2.050	990	84
2.025	1000	85
2.000	1010	86

New

Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Sum
2.725	730	**60**
2.700	**740**	61
2.675	**750**	61
2.450	**840**	70
2.425	**850**	70
2.150	960	**81**
2.125	**970**	**82**
2.100	**980**	**83**
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Academic Redshirt:
Requirements for Scholarship and Practice (New)

- 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**-**2.299** in 16 core courses.

- Sliding scale.
  - Minimum ACT sum or SAT score (critical reading/math only) that matches the 16 core-course GPA.

Academic Redshirt

If you fail to meet the required 10 core courses prior to the start of your seventh semester (seven of which must be in English, math, or natural or physical science), you will be allowed to retake core courses in your seventh or eighth semester, which will be used in your academic certification for the purpose of meeting the academic redshirt requirements.

New Sliding Scale for Academic Redshirt

Athletics Aid and Practice Only (Abbreviated)

Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Sum
3.550 & above	400	37
3.500	420	39
3.400	460	42
3.300	500	44
3.200	540	47
3.100	580	49
3.000	620	52
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2.700	740	61
2.600	780	64
2.500	820	68
2.400	860	71
2.300	900	75
2.299	**910**	**76**
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Academic Redshirt:
Requirements for Scholarship and Practice (New)

If you meet these requirements, you can receive an **athletics scholarship** during your first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.

After the first term is complete, you must successfully complete nine semester hours or eight quarter hours in each applicable term at your college or university to continue to practice for the remainder of the year.

What If You Do Not Meet Either Set of Requirements?

If you do not meet either set of requirements, you are 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).

Division II Academic Requirements (Prior to 2018)

Division II

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

NCAA Division II Competition Academic Requirements (Beginning August 1, 2018)

Division II

- Complete the required 16 core courses.
- Earn a minimum 2.200 GPA or better in your core courses.
- Earn a Minimum SAT or ACT score that matches the 16 core-course GPA on the full qualifier sliding scale.

New Competition Sliding Scale for Division II

Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Sum
3.300 & above	400	37
3.200	440	41
3.100	480	43
3.000	520	46
2.900	560	48
2.800	600	50

Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Sum
2.700	640	53
2.600	680	56
2.500	720	59
2.400	760	62
2.300	800	66
2.200	840	70

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

NCAA Division II Partial Qualifier Academic Requirements (New)

A student-athlete will be allowed to practice and receive athletics aid in first academic year if he or she:

- Completes the required 16 core courses; and
- Minimum GPA of 2.000 with corresponding test score on the partial qualifier sliding scale.

New Partial Qualifier Sliding Scale for Division II Athletics Aid and Practice Only (Abbreviated)

Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Sum
3.050 & above	400	37
3.000	420	39
2.900	460	42
2.800	500	44
2.700	540	47
2.600	580	49

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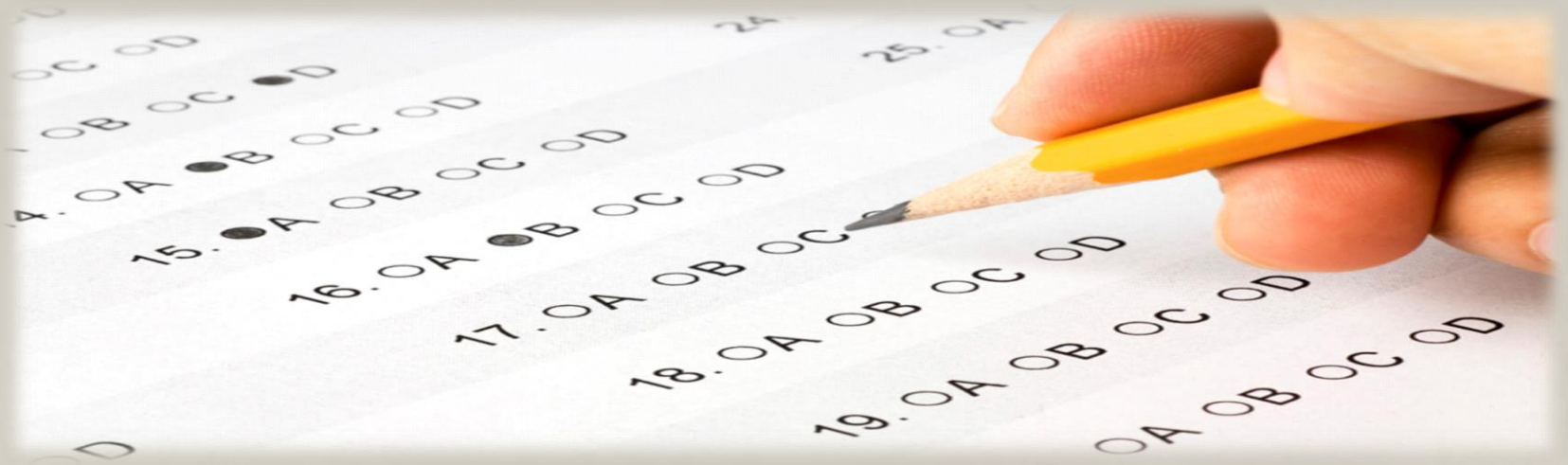
Taking the ACT and/or SAT

- 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.



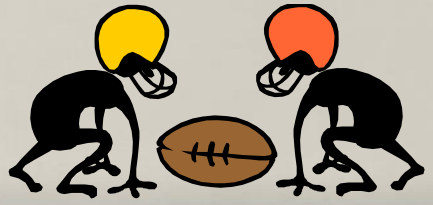
Your Best Test Scores Will Be Used to Certify You

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

Division III
Core-Course Requirements

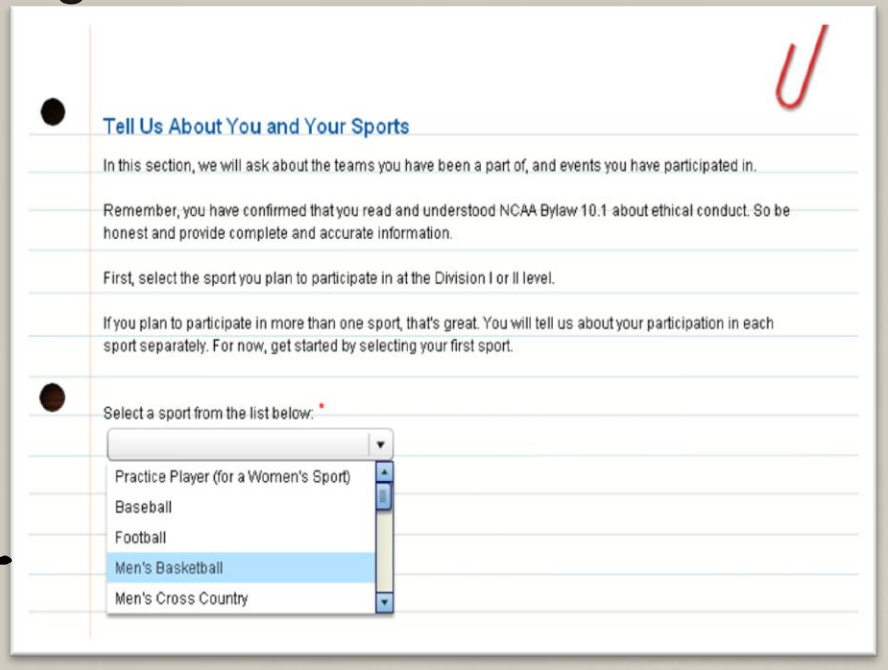
- Unlike Divisions I and II, there is no uniform set of eligibility requirements for Division III schools.
- Eligibility for admission, financial aid, practice and competition is determined by the college or university.
- The NCAA Eligibility Center does not perform certifications for Division III college-bound student-athletes.

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 – <u>always</u> ask before you act!



Once you are certified from an academic and amateur perspective, you may practice, compete and receive athletics aid.

Resources

- Resources tab on the NCAA Eligibility Center website (www.eligibilitycenter.org).
- www.2point3.org (mobile ready website with new academic requirements).
- 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.