


NCAA Requirements for Division I & II College Sports

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What are my chances of playing professional sports?



How can I best prepare myself to play competitive sports in college?


- * Very strong athletic ability (top athlete on your team)
 - * CP level courses or higher
 - * Good grades in all of your courses
 - * Strong SAT Scores Junior year
 - * Make sure you take enough classes that meet NCAA requirements
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Biggest Obstacles for GHS Athletes.....

- Not taking courses at a College Prep level or higher
- Not taking minimum of CP Algebra I & higher
- Grade point average in core courses
- Not taking ENOUGH core courses!!



Benefits of Division I.....

- Highly Competitive
 - Largest schools
 - Most often televised
 - Scholarship \$ available
 - Larger budgets than Division II
 - May offer full scholarships
 - Average Division I student-athlete received \$11,300 in 2012 (NCAA.org)
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Division I Requirements

16 Core Courses with 2.3 minimum GPA (78) in these courses

4 years English (only CP level or higher eligible for NCAA)

3 years Math (CP Algebra I or higher)

2 years natural or physical science (CP or higher)

Additional year of one of the above (3 credits science required for GHS)


2 years social studies (CP or higher)

4 additional credits in English, math, science, SS, or world language

*** 3 years social studies a requirement so = 3 more courses ***

SAT Combined score matching core course GPA on sliding scale

Benefits of Division II

- * Smaller Schools
 - * Still offer athletic scholarship money
 - * Average student-athlete received approx. \$5,000 in 2012 (NCAA.org)
 - * Less competitive
 - * Offer more of a 'traditional' college balance between sports & academics
 - * Less travel for competition
 - * May get more playing time in the sport than Division I
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Division II Requirements

16 Core Courses with a 2.2 GPA (76) in core classes:

3 years English (CP or higher)

2 years math (CP Algebra I or higher)

2 years natural or physical science

3 additional years of any of the above

2 years social studies

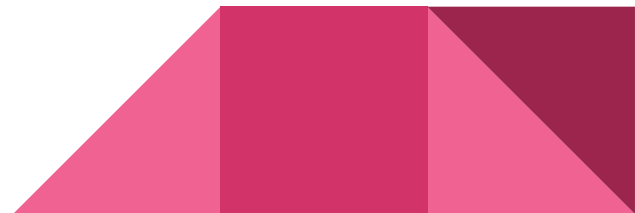
4 additional years of English, math, science, SS, or world language

SAT combined score matching core course GPA



Division III

- * Division III requirements are set by each individual college (admission requirements)
- * No scholarship \$\$
- * Academics are a priority
- * Shorter seasons
- * Less time commitment than Division I or II



What do I need to do to qualify?

Register on the NCAA Website (NCAA.org then click on “play college sports”)

- * Division I or II: Create Certification Account

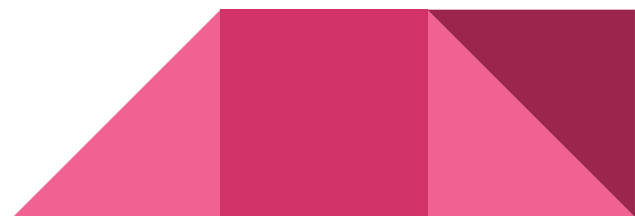
- * Need to do this before senior year

- * \$80 Fee

- * Must send SAT scores (Code: 9999)

- * Division III

- * May create a profile page



Questions??

Please see Mr. Cravinho, Athletic Director, or your School Counselor

