

NCAA Intial Eligibility vs Admissibility

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Agenda

- NCAA Initial Eligibility Standard
- UH Admission Standard
- UH Admissible vs. NCAA Eligible
- Questions



National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

▶ Three Divisions

- Division I – Largest, most competitive, most athletic scholarships available
- Division II – Some athletic scholarships, less competitive than Division I
- Division III – Only academic financial aid packages available



NCAA Division I Initial- Eligibility Academic Requirements

▶ High School  NCAA Division I

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



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 non-doctrinal 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 a higher level mathematics course; and
- ▶ Is taught by a qualified instructor as defined by the appropriate academic authority.



CURRENT Initial Eligibility Standards

▶ 16 Core Courses

- 4 years English
- 3 years Math (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years Physical/Natural Science
- 1 year additional (English, Math, or Science)
- 2 years Social Science
- 4 years additional (incl. anything from above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)



NCAA Division I Initial- Eligibility Academic Requirements

For college-bound student-athletes enrolling full time at an NCAA Division I college or university 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.



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.
- Graduate from high school



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 820 SAT or 68 sum ACT.
 - Example: 900 SAT or 75 sum ACT requires core-course GPA of 2.300.



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
3.550	400	37		2.700	740	61
3.500	420	39		2.650	760	62
3.450	440	41		2.600	780	64
3.400	460	42		2.550	800	66
3.350	480	43		2.500	820	68
3.300	500	44		2.450	840	70
2.950	640	53		2.400	860	71
2.900	660	54		2.350	880	73
2.850	680	56		2.300	900	75
2.800	700	57				
2.750	720	59				

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
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	980	83
3.100	580	49		2.000	1020	86
3.000	620	52				
2.900	660	54				
2.800	700	57				
2.700	740	61				
2.600	780	64				

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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.



New NCAA Division I Two-Year College Transfer Academic Requirements

- ▶ Information for student-athletes that attend a two-year college before enrolling full time at an NCAA Division I college or university.



Division I Two-Year College Transfer Academic Requirements

These new requirements apply to students enrolling in college full time on or after **August 1, 2012**.

Additional requirements for qualifiers and nonqualifiers:

- Increases the required two-year college GPA from 2.000 to 2.500.
- Students are limited to two physical education activity courses from the two-year college to meet requirements (all sports).



Division I Two-Year College Transfer Academic Requirements

Additional requirement for nonqualifiers only:

- Students will be required to complete three transferrable credits in science from the two-year college.
- This is in addition to the current requirements of three transferrable credits of math and six transferrable credits of English.



Helpful Steps for Students

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 they are taking courses that match their high school’s List of NCAA Courses.
- ▶ Request that their high school counselor send an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center after completing their junior year (NCAA Eligibility Center does **NOT** accept faxed transcripts.)
- ▶ Prior to registration for their senior year, check with their counselor and the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine the number of core courses.



Helpful Steps for Students

Freshmen and Sophomores Must:

- ▶ Start planning now!
- ▶ Work hard to get the best grades possible.
- ▶ By the end of their freshmen year, register for the NCAA Eligibility Center
- ▶ Take classes that match their high school's List of NCAA Courses. The NCAA Eligibility Center will only use approved courses to certify a student's initial eligibility.
- ▶ Access and print their high school's List of NCAA Courses at www.eligibilitycenter.org by clicking "Resources" at the top of the screen.
- ▶ If students fall behind, use summer school sessions before graduation to catch up.



Taking the ACT and/or SAT

- ▶ Students should enter “9999” code when registering for the ACT or SAT. This requests for the student’s official test scores to be sent directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- ▶ Test scores on high school transcripts will NOT be used.
- ▶ Best test scores will be used to certify students.



Graduate on Time

- ▶ Graduation “on time” means that if your high school graduation takes place June 1st, you graduated June 1st. If you don’t graduate June 1st with the rest of your high school class, you have not graduated “on time.”
- ▶ If you don’t graduate “on time” in eight semesters, no core courses taken after the eight semester will be counted toward your NCAA academic-eligibility requirements.



Recruiting Visits

▶ Unofficial Visits

- Prospect pays all expenses
- Institution may provide 3 complimentary admissions to an on-campus athletic event
- Prospect may take an unofficial visit at any time
- Prospect may take as many unofficial visits as he/she wishes

▶ Official Visits

- Institution finances all or part of visit
- Maximum of 5 visits per prospect
- One visit per school
- Maximum 48 hours in length
- Academic requirements for visit:
 - Division I- Test scores (PSAT/ACT/SAT) and all transcripts



Resources

For more information or questions:



- NCAA Eligibility Center website at www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- <http://blog.ncaa.org/GetTheGrades/#home>
- NCAA Eligibility Center Customer Service:
 - 877/622-2321 (high school administrators only); or
 - 877/262-1492 (public).



Freshmen Admission Requirements

High School Coursework

4 units English

3 units Math (Algebra I, II & Geometry)

3 units Science

3 units Social Studies

4 units Additional College Prep

5 units Electives

Test Scores

SAT 510/510/510

ACT 22 in Eng, Math, Comp, and Writing



Admissible vs. Eligible

Incoming Freshmen may be NCAA Qualifier, but may **NOT** be UH admissible (and vice versa)

- UH Criteria for Undergraduate Admissions:
 - 17 unit core courses/ 5 unit electives
 - 510s on SAT (Admissions evaluates Writing score)
 - 22s on ACT (Must take separate ACT Writing exam)
 - 2.8 cumulative GPA

- Transfers may be UH admissible but NOT NCAA eligible
 - JC transfer does not need to have an AA degree to be admitted
 - Transfer GPA for resident: 2.0/ Non-resident GPA: 2.5



Questions/Concerns?

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