

NCAA Clearinghouse and Eligibility



NCAA Clearinghouse Responsibilities

- Determines the eligibility of every college-bound student-athlete in NCAA Divisions I and II using the following two areas:
- **Academic Certification**-Does the college-bound student-athlete meet the legislated minimum academic requirements?
- **Amateurism Certification**-Has the college-bound student-athlete jeopardized his or her amateur status?

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, taught at or above the high school's regular academic level and is taught by a qualified instructor as defined by the appropriate academic authority.
- Important to note : D1 requires a CORE course be completed "on time" which means prior to graduation date.

NON TRADITIONAL COURSES

- Courses taught through:
- The Internet (online or virtual);
- Distance learning;
- Independent study;
- Individualized instruction;
- Correspondence;
- Computer software programs; or
- Other similar means.
- MUST have a defined period for completion and have ongoing access between student and instructor

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



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.
- 1. Minimum core-course GPA of 2.300 required;
- 2. Slight change in GPA/test-score index (sliding scale); and
- 3. Ten core courses required before the beginning of senior year.

Potential Eligibility Outcomes

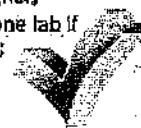
For college-bound student-athletes enrolling full time at an NCAA Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2016, there are three possible academic outcomes:

- Qualifier = competition, athletics aid (scholarship), and practice the first year.
- Academic Redshirt = athletics aid the first year, practice in first regular academic term (semester or quarter).
- Nonqualifier = no athletics aid, practice or competition the first year.

NCAA DIVISION 1 Qualifier

Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition (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 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 1 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 1 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.

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 2.000-2.299 in 16 core courses. SEE Sliding scale.
- Minimum ACT sum or SAT score (critical reading/math only) that matches the 16 core-course GPA.



What if I 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 Academic Requirements (PRIOR to 2018)

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).
- 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

Division II 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.



Division III Core Course Requirement

- 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.
- Division III student-athletes do not receive athletics scholarships, but can receive some form of merit or need-based financial aid.

Steps for Students

Freshmen/Sophomores

- Start planning now by working hard to earn the best grades possible.
- Register at www.eligibilitycenter.org at the beginning of their sophomore year.
- Take only approved classes that match their high school's List of NCAA Courses.
- 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 they fall behind, use summer school sessions before graduation to catch up.

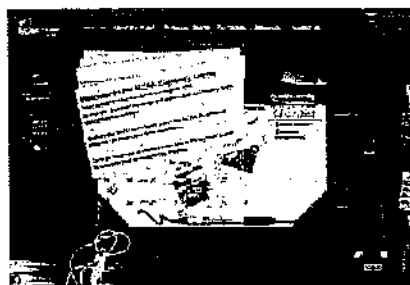


NCAA Registration



- At the beginning of the student's sophomore year:
- Go to www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- Select the link for college-bound student-athletes to enter.
- Then click the "New Account" button at the top right of the screen or the cell phone on the left side of the screen.
- Follow the instructions to complete the registration process.

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Steps for Students (cont)



Juniors

- Register to take the ACT, SAT or both and use the NCAA Eligibility Center code "9999" as a score recipient.
- Register at www.eligibilitycenter.org if they have not already
- 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.

Steps for Students (cont.)



Seniors

- Visit the "My Planner" page online to view their status and check for any missing information or documents.
- Review their sports participation (amateurism) responses and request final amateurism certification beginning April 1
- After graduation, ask their high school counselor to send their official transcript to the school they will attend

2016 Division I New Academic Requirements



Eligibility Center

*The Initial-Eligibility Standards for NCAA Division I
College-Bound Student-Athletes are Changing*

Division I

College-bound student-athletes first entering an NCAA Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2016, will need to meet new academic rules in order to receive athletics aid (scholarship), practice or compete during their first year.

What are the New Division I Requirements?

Full Qualifier	Academic Redshirt	Nonqualifier
Complete 16 Core Courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ten of the 16 core courses must be complete before the seventh semester (senior year) of high school. Seven of the 10 core courses must be in English, Math, or Science. 	Complete 16 core courses.	Does not meet requirements for Full Qualifier or Academic Redshirt status.
Minimum Core-Course GPA of 2.300.	Minimum Core-Course GPA of 2.000.	
Meet the sliding scale requirement of GPA and ACT/SAT score.*	Meet the sliding scale requirement of GPA and ACT/SAT score.*	
Graduate from high school.	Graduate from high school.	

Full Qualifier: A college-bound student-athlete may receive athletics aid (scholarship), practice and compete in the first year of enrollment at the Division I college or university.

Academic Redshirt: A college-bound student-athlete may receive athletics aid (scholarship) in the first year of enrollment and may practice in the first regular academic term (semester or quarter) but may NOT compete in the first year of enrollment. After the first term is complete, the college-bound student-athlete must be academically successful at his/her college or university to continue to practice for the rest of the year.

Nonqualifier: A college-bound student-athlete cannot receive athletics aid (scholarship), cannot practice and cannot compete in the first year of enrollment.

Examples

Q: A college-bound student-athlete completes nine core courses prior to the seventh semester of high school. What is the college-bound student-athlete's initial-eligibility status?

A: The college-bound student-athlete cannot be certified as a qualifier because only nine of the 10 required courses were completed before the seventh semester. He/she would be permitted to practice and receive aid (scholarship), provided he/she presents 16 core courses and meets the necessary core-course GPA and test score requirement at the time of graduation.

Q: A college-bound student-athlete completes 16 core courses in the required framework with a 2.200 core-course GPA and a 79 sum ACT. What is the college-bound student-athlete's initial-eligibility status?

A: The college-bound student-athlete is an academic redshirt under the new sliding scale because the minimum GPA requirement is 2.300.

Q: A college-bound student-athlete completes 15 core courses with a 2.500 core-course GPA and an 820 SAT score (critical reading and math). What is the college-bound student-athlete's NCAA initial-eligibility status?

A: The college-bound student-athlete is a nonqualifier because only 15 core courses were completed, not the required 16 core courses.

For additional information on these requirements, please visit www.eligibilitycenter.org.

Use for Division I beginning August 1, 2016

NCAA DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE

3.550	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	420	39
3.475	430	40
3.450	440	41
3.425	450	41
3.400	460	42
3.375	470	42
3.350	480	43
3.325	490	44
3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	47
3.175	550	47
3.150	560	48
3.125	570	49
3.100	580	49
3.075	590	50
3.050	600	50
3.025	610	51
3.000	620	52
2.975	630	52
2.950	640	53
2.925	650	53
2.900	660	54
2.875	670	55
2.850	680	56
2.825	690	56
2.800	700	57
2.775	710	58
2.750	720	59
2.725	730	60
2.700	740	61
2.675	750	61
2.650	760	62
2.625	770	63
2.600	780	64
2.575	790	65
2.550	800	66
2.525	810	67
2.500	820	68
2.475	830	69
2.450	840	70
2.425	850	70
2.400	860	71
2.375	870	72
2.350	880	73
2.325	890	74
2.300	900	75
2.299	910	76
2.275	910	76
2.250	920	77
2.225	930	78
2.200	940	79
2.175	950	80
2.150	960	81
2.125	970	82
2.100	980	83
2.075	990	84
2.050	1000	85
2.025	1010	86
2.000	1020	86