

COLLEGE ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

In 1993, legislation was adopted establishing the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse, now known as the Eligibility Center, to certify eligibility of prospective student-athletes to practice and compete during their freshman year of enrollment at the college level. It has been initiated for all students entering Division I and II institutions.

Students may register at any time but the Eligibility Center recommends registering during the sophomore year by completing the academic information as well as the amateurism questionnaire. Registration has no bearing on your admission to a particular Division I or II institution.

How Do I Register?

- Register with the Eligibility Center at www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- Follow payment instructions on website. The registration fee for students is \$75.
- Order an official transcript online at www.parchment.com. Transcripts should be sent to the Eligibility Center at the end of your junior year.

Questions?

Are standardized tests scores required? Yes, qualifying test scores are required for participation at both Division I and II institutions. When you register to take the ACT or SAT, mark code 9999 so that the Eligibility Center will receive your scores. You can also pay a fee for your scores to be sent if it is after the test date.

What information will the Eligibility Center provide to institutions that are recruiting me? The Eligibility Center will send your eligibility status to any Division I or II institution that requests it provided you have given written permission on your form.



NCAA ELIGIBILITY REFERENCE SHEET

Core Courses

- Sixteen core courses are required for NCAA Division I and II eligibility.
- All courses must be taken during the high school years.
- For the class of 2016 and beyond, ten of the sixteen required core courses must be completed before the beginning of senior year.
- See the breakdown of core-course requirements below.

Grade-Point Average and Test Scores

- Division I has a sliding scale for test score and grade-point average. The sliding scale for those requirements can be found in the NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete which is available for download at www.ncaapublications.com.
- Division II currently has a minimum core grade-point average of 2.0 and a minimum SAT score requirement of 820 (critical reading and math sections only) or an ACT sum score of 68 (combined total of English, math, reading, and science sections).
- For the class of 2018 and beyond, Division II will use a sliding scale to match test scores and core-course grade-point averages. The sliding scale for those requirements can be found in the NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete which is available for download at www.ncaapublications.com.
- The NCAA core GPA is calculated using NCAA core courses only. You can access and print our list of approved NCAA courses at www.eligibilitycenter.org.

DIVISION I

16 Core Courses:

- 4 years of English.
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy).

DIVISION II

16 Core Courses:

- 3 years of English.
- 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 3 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy).

For more information, please go to www.ncaa.org

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT NCAA ELIGIBILITY, PLEASE CALL THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER TOLL FREE AT 877/262-1492.