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YOUR CHECKLIST

If you want to play sports at a Division I or II school, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.

FRESHMEN

- Ask your counselor for a list of your high school's NCAA core courses and make sure you take them.
- Study hard and earn good grades.

SOPHOMORES

- Register at the beginning of the year at eligibilitycenter.org.
- Make sure you take core courses on your high school's List of NCAA Courses.

JUNIORS

- Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate on time.
- Take the ACT or SAT and submit your scores to the NCAA using code 9999.
- At the end of the year, ask your counselor to send your official transcript to the Eligibility Center.

SENIORS

- Take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary.
- Request amateurism certification after April 1.
- After you graduate, ask your counselor to submit your final official transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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NCAA Eligibility Center

WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

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If you want to play NCAA sports at an NCAA Division I or II school, you need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org. The Eligibility Center works with you and your high school to certify your initial eligibility.

CORE COURSES

Not all high school classes are NCAA core courses. A core course prepares you for a four-year college and is taught at or above your high school's regular academic level. Visit eligibilitycenter.org for a full list of your high school's core courses.

GRADE-POINT AVERAGE

Only classes on your high school's List of NCAA Courses will be used for your core-course GPA.

TEST SCORES

Division I schools match test scores and core-course GPA on a sliding scale. After August 1, 2018, Division II schools will also use a sliding scale. Find the sliding scales at eligibilitycenter.org.

An SAT combined score is calculated by adding your reading and math scores. An ACT sum score is calculated by adding English, math, reading and science scores. You may take the SAT or ACT as many times as you like before you enroll full time in college. If you take either test more than once, the best sub score from each section is used for initial-eligibility purposes.

When you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code of 9999 so your scores are sent directly from the testing agency. Test scores on transcripts will not be used in your academic certification.

DIVISION I GUIDELINES

Before August 1, 2016

- Graduate high school.
- Complete 16 high school core courses in four academic years.
- Earn at least a 2.000 GPA in your high school core courses.
- Earn the SAT or ACT score that matches your core-course GPA (minimum 2.000) on the Division I sliding scale.

After August 1, 2016

- Graduate high school.
- Complete 16 high school core courses in four academic years. Ten core courses, with at least seven in English, math or science, must be completed before you start your seventh semester.
- Earn at least a 2.300 GPA in your core courses.
- Earn the SAT or ACT score that matches your core-course GPA (minimum 2.300) on the Division I sliding scale.

Core Courses

To play sports at a Division I school, you must complete these core courses:

- 4 years of English;
- 3 years of math (Algebra 1 or higher);
- 2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if your high school offers it);
- 1 additional year of English, math or natural or physical science;
- 2 years of social science; and
- 4 additional years of English, math, natural or physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy.

DIVISION II GUIDELINES

Before August 1, 2018

- Graduate high school.
- Complete 16 high school core courses.
- Earn at least a 2.000 GPA in your high school core courses.
- Earn a combined SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.

After August 1, 2018

- Graduate high school.
- Complete 16 high school core courses.
- Earn at least a 2.200 GPA in your core courses.
- Earn the SAT or ACT score that matches your core-course GPA (minimum 2.200) on the Division II sliding scale.

Core Courses

To play sports at a Division II school, you must complete these core courses:

- 3 years of English;
- 2 years of math (Algebra 1 or higher);
- 2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if your high school offers it);
- 3 additional years of English, math or natural or physical science;
- 2 years of social science; and
- 4 additional years of English, math, natural or physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy.



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Addressing Recruiting and Eligibility...at its Core.

Revised July 8, 2013

The NCAA's dramatic changes to DI initial-eligibility academic standards are in effect for high school athletes in the class of 2016 and beyond. The changes include a higher minimum core course GPA, new credit requirements prior to senior year and limitations on retaking courses. Any student-athlete beginning their freshman year in high school in the fall of 2012 or after, who is even remotely considering the possibility of playing a sport collegiately, needs to fully understand these changes. The wiggle room to correct academic shortcomings has been greatly reduced.

Here is a summary of the new D1 academic requirements that are now in place for the class of **2016 and beyond**:

- The minimum core course GPA has increased from 2.00 to 2.30
- 10 of the 16 core course requirements must be satisfied prior to the start of the senior year
- 7 of those 10 core courses must be from the English, Math and Science subsections
- Grades earned in the 10 core courses are "locked in" for the purpose of calculating the final core course GPA
- Any retakes of the first 10 core courses must be completed prior to senior year

The NCAA has also introduced a new status for the class of 2016 - the "Academic Redshirt." Students with a core course GPA between 2.00 and 2.299 are ineligible for "Full Qualifier" status but may achieve Academic Redshirt status by meeting minimum sliding scale test score requirements. An Academic Redshirt may receive a scholarship and practice with their team, but may not participate in game competition as a college freshman.

The new requirements could result in athletes being NCAA DI Nonqualifiers before their senior year even begins. In other cases, some athletes who would have been Full Qualifiers in previous years will now only achieve Academic Redshirt status or even be Nonqualifiers. Here are two examples of the impact of the changes:

- **Prior to 2016:** 2.299 core course GPA + 910 SAT or 76 ACT = Full Qualifier
- **2016 and after:** 2.299 core course GPA + 910 SAT or 76 ACT = Academic Redshirt

- **Prior to 2016:** 2.125 core course GPA + 960 SAT or 81 ACT = Full Qualifier
- **2016 and after:** 2.125 core course GPA + 960 SAT or 81 ACT = Nonqualifier
(The NCAA does not include the writing component of the SAT or ACT and the ACT score is a sum score of the English, math, reading and science sections.)

Finally, just because a student-athlete meets the minimum NCAA initial-eligibility standards, it doesn't mean they will be admitted to play sports at the college of their choice. Many universities have academic standards for incoming freshman athletes that are much higher than the NCAA minimum requirements.

So what does this all mean? Student-athletes must start tracking courses early. A student-athlete should calculate their initial core course GPA at the conclusion of their first semester in high school and continue to do so each semester thereafter.

Now more than ever, every semester counts.

NCAA Sliding Scale for Class of 2016 and Beyond

Core GPA	SAT Full Qualifier	ACT Full Qualifier	SAT Redshirt	ACT Redshirt
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	-	-

Core GPA	SAT Full Qualifier	ACT Full Qualifier	SAT Redshirt	ACT Redshirt
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