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Addressing Recruiting and Eligibility...at its Core.

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CORE MATTERS

A periodic newsletter from CoreCourseGPA.com

Designed to keep you informed on issues impacting NCAA and NAIA initial-eligibility and provide helpful software tips and best practices for increased student-athlete engagement.

Have Your Seniors Completed 10 NCAA Core Courses?

With their senior year starting, athletes in the class of 2016 are now past the first NCAA DI initial-eligibility deadline. To maintain eligibility for DI qualifier status, they must have already completed 10 core courses credits, including 7 in English, math or science.

The 10 core course credits completed are also "locked in" for NCAA core course GPA calculations, meaning no retakes this year for a better grade.

All senior athletes should start this school year by updating their CoreCourseGPA.com account with all classes completed through this past summer. Knowing whether or not they met the 10/7 credit requirement will allow them to adjust their recruiting options accordingly. Those who missed the DI qualifier credit requirement may still be able to attain DI academic redshirt status, or choose to focus on DII, DIII, NAIA or JUCO options.



Two Important Semesters for Juniors

If any of your incoming junior class (2017) athletes are not already tracking their core courses each semester, they are behind and running out of time.

They must also meet end of junior year NCAA 10/7 core course credit requirements in order to remain eligible for DI qualifier status, which means they have just two semesters remaining to do so. Any credit deficiencies and retakes to improve poor grades must be addressed this school year.



Freshmen & Sophomores Face a 1-2 Punch

Your incoming freshman and sophomore athletes must meet the 2016 NCAA DI initial-eligibility changes, but they are also the first two classes required to meet increased standards for NCAA DII initial-eligibility.

For them, the NCAA DII minimum core course GPA has increased from 2.00 to 2.20. DII has also implemented two new SAT/ACT test score sliding scales to replace the previous static 820/68 test score minimums.



List of Approved Courses Up-to-date?

Summer is typically a busy time for curriculum changes. If your school added, dropped or changed the title of any courses, remember to submit those changes to the NCAA Eligibility Center. An out-of-date core course list could cause a recruited athlete at your school to lose a scholarship opportunity.

When course updates are approved by the NCAA, send a quick email to support@corecoursegpa.com so we can update your approved core course list in our software. Updates are always free and completed within two business days.



2016-19 NCAA Initial-Eligibility Rules Summary

We've created a simple summary of the NCAA DI and DII Initial-Eligibility standards in place for each current high school graduating class. We encourage you to download and share it with your fellow coaches, counselors and student-athletes.

[2016-19 NCAA Initial-Eligibility Rules Summary](#)

Educational Webinars for Staff, Athletes & Parents

In need of professional development for staff? Looking to educate your students and parents on collegiate eligibility and recruiting? The 501(c)3 FreeRecruitingWebinar.org program provides free, on-demand educational webinars with no solicitations or collection of personal information.



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Summary of Minimum NCAA DI & DII Initial-Eligibility Standards for Classes 2016-2019

DIVISION I	2016	2017	2018	2019
Minimum Core Course GPA*	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30
Total Core Course Credits Required	16	16	16	16
Credits Required Prior to Senior Year*	10	10	10	10
Eng, Math, Sci Prior to Sr Year*	7	7	7	7
Minimum SAT	2016+ DI Sliding Scale	2016+ DI Sliding Scale	2016+ DI Sliding Scale	2016+ DI Sliding Scale
Minimum ACT	2016+ DI Sliding Scale	2016+ DI Sliding Scale	2016+ DI Sliding Scale	2016+ DI Sliding Scale
DIVISION II	2016	2017	2018	2019
Minimum Core Course GPA^	2.00	2.00	2.20	2.20
Total Credits	16	16	16	16
Minimum SAT	820	820	2018+ DII Sliding Scales	2018+ DII Sliding Scales
Minimum ACT (sum)	68	68	2018+ DII Sliding Scales	2018+ DII Sliding Scales

* The 2.30 minimum gpa and 10/7 credit requirements are required for DI Qualifier status. The 10 core credits are "locked in" for core gpa calculations and may not be retaken once the senior year begins. Students who complete 16 credits, earn a minimum 2.00 gpa and the required sliding scale test score may achieve Academic Redshirt status.

^ For the classes of 2018 and 2019, the 2.20 minimum gpa is required for DII Qualifier status. Students who complete 16 credits, earn a minimum 2.00 gpa and the required sliding scale test score may achieve Partial Qualifier status.

