

# Your Path to the Student-Athlete Experience

NCAA Eligibility Center  
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Eligibility Center

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- ▶ Initial-Eligibility Requirements.
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- ▶ Resources.

# STEPS TO ACHIEVING YOUR ELIGIBILITY



# Freshmen and Sophomores Must:



- ▶ Start planning now!
- ▶ Work hard to get the best grades possible.
- ▶ Take classes that match your high school's List of NCAA Courses. The NCAA Eligibility Center will only use approved courses to certify your initial eligibility.
- ▶ Access and print your high school's List of NCAA Courses at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) by clicking "Resources" at the top of the screen.
- ▶ If you fall behind, use summer school sessions before graduation to catch up.

# Juniors Must:



- ▶ At the beginning of your junior year, complete your online registration at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org).
- ▶ 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 you are taking courses that match your high school’s List of NCAA Courses.
- ▶ Request that your high school counselor send an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center after completing your junior year. (*The NCAA Eligibility Center does NOT accept faxed transcripts.*)
- ▶ Prior to registration for your senior year, check with your counselor and the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine the number of core courses that need to be completed your senior year.

# NCAA Eligibility Center Registration

**NCAA Eligibility Center**

Welcome About the NCAA Divisions Sports For Parents For High Schools Resources

**Registered?**  
If not, click below to get started.

**Welcome to the NCAA Eligibility Center.**  
*Your student-athlete experience begins here.*  
At this site, you'll find the tools and information you need to begin your college experience.  
Explore this site to learn more about the NCAA, its athletics divisions, its sports and other information.  
Click on the phone or use the login box in the top right corner to complete your registration for eligibility.

**Checklist:**

- Create account
- Complete registration

**LOGIN NEW ACCOUNT**

Username  
Password  
Forgot password

**Divisions**

**About the NCAA**

**Resources**

**Sports**

Click here to create or log onto your account.

# Seniors Must:

Continue to take college-preparatory courses.

Check your List of NCAA Courses.

Take the ACT or SAT as many times as necessary.

Graduate on time (eight semesters). Use summer courses if necessary.

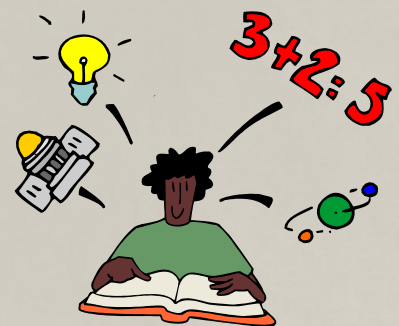



# Seniors Must:



- ▶ Visit the “My Planner” page online after you register!
- ▶ Review your sports participation (amateurism) responses and request final amateurism certification beginning April 1 (for fall enrollees) or October 1 (for spring enrollees).
- ▶ After graduation, ask your high school guidance counselor to send your final transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center with proof of graduation.

# ACADEMIC INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



A man in a blue shirt is standing next to a whiteboard, pointing at it with a red marker. The whiteboard has a text box containing the question. The background is a dark blue gradient with a white triangle in the top right corner.

What are the  
initial-eligibility  
requirements?

# 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.

# 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;
- ▶ Is taught at or above the high school's regular academic level;
- ▶ For mathematics courses, is at the level of Algebra I or higher; and
- ▶ Is taught by a qualified instructor as defined by the appropriate academic authority.

# Division I Core-Course Requirements

## 16 Core Courses

- ▶ 4 years English.
- ▶ 3 years math (Algebra I or higher).
- ▶ 2 years natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- ▶ 1 year 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) .

# Division II Core-Course Requirements

## 14 Core Courses (Current Standard)

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

**Division II moves to 16 core courses for student-athletes enrolling fall 2013 and after.**

# Division II

# Core-Course Requirements

## 16 Core Courses

(Students enrolling on or after August 1, 2013)

- ▶ 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).

# Division III

## Core-Course Requirements

- ▶ 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.

# Core-Course Time Limitation

## Division I

- ▶ From the time you enter the ninth grade, you have four (4) years or eight (8) semesters to complete your core-course requirement. If you fail to complete high school "on time" in eight semesters, core courses taken after the eighth semester will not be counted toward your NCAA academic-eligibility requirements.
- ▶ "On time" also means that if your high school graduation takes place June 1, you must graduate June 1. If you do not graduate June 1 with the rest of your high school class, you have not completed your requirements "on time."

## Division II

- ▶ You are permitted to use all core courses completed from your ninth grade year until the time you enroll full time at a college or university.

# What are Nontraditional Courses?

- ▶ Courses taught through:
  - The Internet (online or virtual);
  - Distance learning;
  - Independent study;
  - Individualized instruction;
  - Correspondence;
  - Computer software programs; or
  - Other similar means.

# Things to Consider before Taking Nontraditional Courses

- ▶ Must include ongoing access between the instructor and student.
- ▶ Must have a defined time period for completion (i.e., six weeks).
- ▶ Should be clearly identified as nontraditional courses on the high school transcript.
- ▶ Must be four-year college preparatory and need to be comparable in length, content and rigor to courses taught in a traditional classroom setting.

# Core-Course GPA and Test Scores

## Division I

- ▶ Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches your core-course GPA and test-score sliding scale.
  - For example, a 2.400 core-course GPA needs an 860 combined SAT score.

## Division II

- ▶ Earn a 2.000 GPA or better in your core courses.
- ▶ Earn a combined SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.

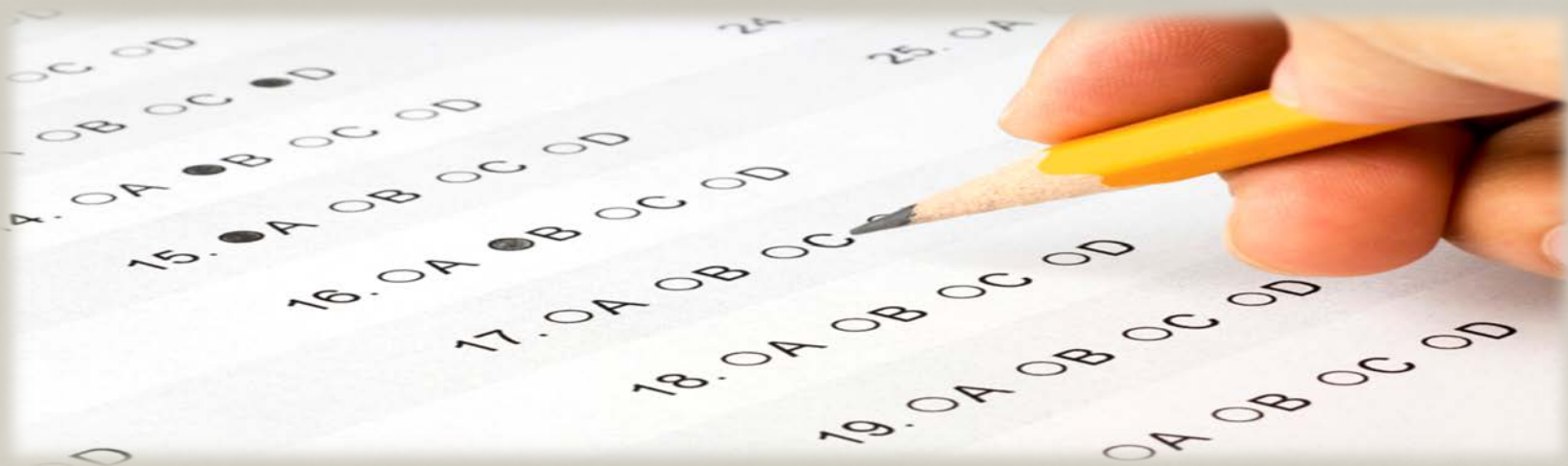
# Division I Sliding Scale

Core GPA	SAT Verbal and Math ONLY	ACT
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	59

Core GPA	SAT Verbal and Math ONLY	ACT
2.700	730	60
2.675	740-750	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	840-850	70
2.425	860	70
2.400	860	71
2.375	870	72
2.350	880	73
2.325	890	74
2.300	900	75
2.275	910	76
2.250	920	77

# Taking the ACT and/or SAT

- ▶ Be sure to enter the “**9999**” code when registering for the ACT or SAT.
  - This requests for your official test scores to be sent directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- ▶ Test scores on high school transcripts will not be used.

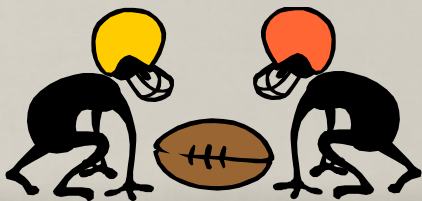


# Your Best Test Scores Will Be Used to Certify You

	Test Score		
	<u>Math</u>	<u>Verbal</u>	<u>Total</u>
SAT (10/10)	350	470	820
<u>SAT (12/10)</u>	<u>420</u>	440	<u>860</u>
Scores Used	420	470	890



# AMATEURISM (SPORTS PARTICIPATION)



# What about Sports Participation?

- ▶ The NCAA Eligibility Center encourages you to update your sports participation (amateurism) information often, especially if you participate in events outside of the normal high school season.
- ▶ Stay college eligible – always ask before you act!

A screenshot of a web form titled "Tell Us About You and Your Sports". The form contains several sections: a header with a red paperclip icon, a section for "Tell Us About You and Your Sports" with a red dot bullet point, a text area for "In this section, we will ask about the teams you have been a part of, and events you have participated in.", a reminder to read NCAA Bylaw 10.1, a section for "First, select the sport you plan to participate in at the Division I or II level.", a section for "If you plan to participate in more than one sport, that's great. You will tell us about your participation in each sport separately. For now, get started by selecting your first sport.", and a dropdown menu titled "Select a sport from the list below." with a red asterisk. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of sports: "Practice Player (for a Women's Sport)", "Baseball", "Football", "Men's Basketball" (highlighted in blue), and "Men's Cross Country".

Student-athletes  
who meet all  
initial-eligibility  
requirements  
may practice,  
compete and  
receive athletics  
aid.



# Resources

- ▶ [Eligibilitycenter.org](http://Eligibilitycenter.org) for college-bound student-athletes to complete their registration and check their status with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Also to download and print a copy of the 2011-12 Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.
- ▶ [Act.org](http://Act.org). (ACT)
- ▶ [Collegeboard.com](http://Collegeboard.com). (SAT)
- ▶ [National-letter.org](http://National-letter.org). (National Letter of Intent)



# Questions?

Please contact the NCAA Eligibility Center customer service staff at 877/262-1492.

