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NCAA Eligibility Center – Requirements for Division I and Division II Collegiate Athletics

The following primer is to be considered a general guide. Please refer to the online NCAA Eligibility Center for the most current information.

Academic Requirements – NCAA Eligibility Center contains a sliding scale that identifies minimum requirements that compare GPA, SAT, and ACT scores. For example, a higher GPA will allow for a lower ACT Sum score, etc.

Division I Core-Course Requirements – 4 years English, 3 years Math (Alg. 1 or higher), 2 years Science (natural/physical), 1 year additional Math or Science, 2 years Social Science, 4 years additional courses from above categories including foreign language. **16 Core-Courses are required.**

Division II Core-Course Requirements - 3 years English, 2 years Math (Alg. 1 or higher), 2 years Science (natural/physical), 2 years additional Math or Science, 2 years Social Science, 3 years additional courses from above categories including foreign language. **14 Core-Courses are required. In 2013, Division II requirements increase to 16 required Core-Courses (3 years additional English/Math/Science and 4 years additional core).**

What Should I Do? – My Plan

Grades 9 and 10 – Enroll in college preparatory courses, preferably one in each of the following areas: English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language. The student should compare course selections against the list of NCAA-approved courses with their counselor.

Grade 11 – [a] Student continues to take classes in areas listed above. [b] Student registers for the SAT and/or the ACT, making sure to use the code “9999” at registration so that scores are reported to the NCAA Eligibility Center. [c] Student Registers with the NCAA Eligibility Center and completes both the academic information and the amateurism questionnaire. [d] At the end of the student’s sixth semester, the student will request that the counselor send transcripts to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Grade 12 – [a] Student continues to take classes in areas listed above. [b] Student registers for the SAT and/or ACT (if necessary) and uses code “9999” to report scores. [c] On or after April 1 of the senior year, student returns to the NCAA Eligibility Center to update their academic and amateurism information and request final amateurism certification. [d] After graduation, the student will request that the counselor send the student’s final transcript (which needs evidence and the date of graduation) to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

This process can begin at any time, but beginning the process as early as possible will help to avoid delays.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



Eligibility Center

Divisions I and II Initial-Eligibility Requirements

Core Courses

- **NCAA Division I requires 16 core courses. NCAA Division II currently requires 14 core courses.** Division II will require 16 core courses for students enrolling on or after August 1, 2013. See the charts below.
- **NCAA Division I will require 10 core courses** to be completed **prior to the seventh semester** (seven of the 10 must be a combination of English, math or natural or physical science that meet the distribution requirements below). These 10 courses become "locked in" at the seventh semester and cannot be retaken for grade improvement.
 - *Beginning August 1, 2016, it will be possible for a Division I college-bound student-athlete to still receive athletics aid and the ability to practice with the team if he or she fails to meet the 10 course requirement, but would not be able to compete.*

Test Scores

- **Division I** uses a sliding scale to match test scores and core grade-point averages (GPA). The sliding scale for those requirements is shown on Page No. 2 of this sheet.
- **Division II** requires a minimum SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.
- The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes **only** the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.
- The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a **sum** of the following four sections: English, mathematics, reading and science.
- **When you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code of 9999 to ensure all SAT and ACT scores are reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center from the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will not be used.**

Grade-Point Average

- **Be sure** to look at your high school's List of NCAA Courses on the NCAA Eligibility Center's website (www.eligibilitycenter.org). Only courses that appear on your school's List of NCAA Courses will be used in the calculation of the core GPA. Use the list as a guide.
- **Division I** students enrolling full time **before August 1, 2016**, should use Sliding Scale A to determine eligibility to receive athletics aid, practice and competition during the first year.
- **Division I** GPA required to receive **athletics aid and practice on or after August 1, 2016**, is 2.000 (corresponding test-score requirements are listed on Sliding Scale B on Page No. 2 of this sheet).
- **Division I** GPA required to be eligible for **competition on or after August 1, 2016**, is 2.300 (corresponding test-score requirements are listed on Sliding Scale B on Page No. 2 of this sheet).
- **The Division II** core GPA requirement is a minimum of 2.000.
- Remember, the NCAA GPA is calculated using NCAA core courses only.

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 14 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).
- 2 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 3 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy).

DIVISION II 16 Core Courses (2013 and After)

- 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).

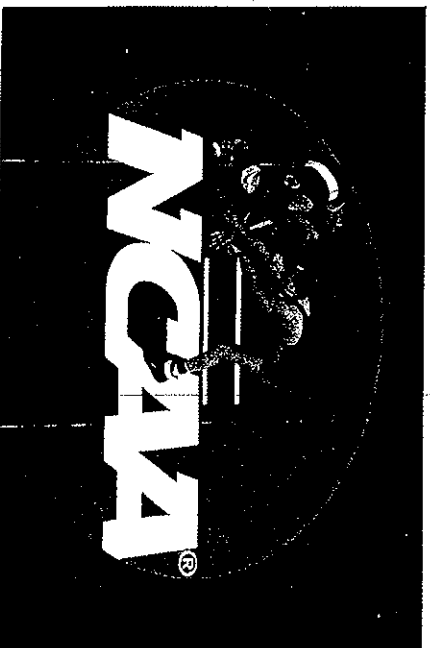
Sliding Scale A		
<i>Use for Division I prior to August 1, 2016</i>		
NCAA DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE		
3.550 & above	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	420	39
3.475	430	40
3.450	440	41
3.425	450	41
3.400	460	42
3.375	470	42
3.350	480	43
3.325	490	44
3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	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	59
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
2.225	930	78
2.200	940	79
2.175	950	80
2.150	960	80
2.125	960	81
2.100	970	82
2.075	980	83
2.050	990	84
2.025	1000	85
2.000	1010	86

Sliding Scale B			
<i>Use for Division I beginning August 1, 2016</i>			
NCAA DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE			
3.550	4.000	400	37
3.525	3.975	410	38
3.500	3.950	420	39
3.475	3.925	430	40
3.450	3.900	440	41
3.425	3.875	450	41
3.400	3.850	460	42
3.375	3.825	470	42
3.350	3.800	480	43
3.325	3.775	490	44
3.300	3.750	500	44
3.275	3.725	510	45
3.250	3.700	520	46
3.225	3.675	530	46
3.200	3.650	540	47
3.175	3.625	550	47
3.150	3.600	560	48
3.125	3.575	570	49
3.100	3.550	580	49
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2.825	3.275	690	56
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2.775	3.225	710	58
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2.725	3.175	730	60
2.700	3.150	740	61
2.675	3.125	750	61
2.650	3.100	760	62
2.625	3.075	770	63
2.600	3.050	780	64
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2.050	2.500	1000	85
2.025	2.475	1010	86
2.000	2.450	1020	86
	2.425	1030	87
	2.400	1040	88
	2.375	1050	89
	2.350	1060	90
	2.325	1070	91
	2.300	1080	93

For more information, visit the NCAA Eligibility Center website at www.eligibilitycenter.org.

Checklist for College-Bound Student-Athletes

- Register at the beginning of your sophomore year at www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- Ask your high school counselor to send your transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center at the end of your junior year.
- Take the ACT or SAT and use the code "9999" to have your official scores sent directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Check with your high school counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate on time with your class and have the required amount of core courses.
- Request final amateurism certification during your senior year (beginning April 1).
- Ask your high school counselor to submit your final transcript with proof of graduation.



The NCAA salutes

more than

400,000

student-athletes

participating in

23 sports

at more than 1,100

colleges/universities



2012-13 Path to the Student-Athlete Experience

If you wish to participate in NCAA Division I or II athletics, you need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center. You need to qualify academically and you will also need to be cleared as an amateur student-athlete.

You are responsible for achieving and protecting your eligibility status!



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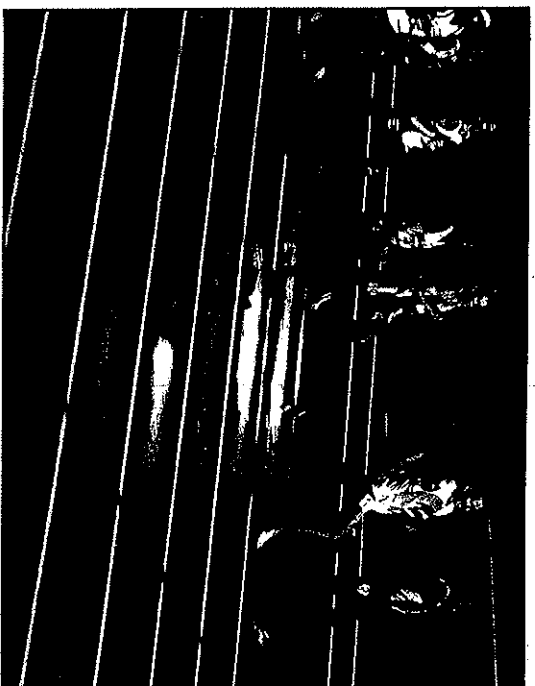
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Grade-Point Average

- Only courses that appear on your high school’s List of NCAA Courses will be used in the calculation of your core GPA. For a complete list of your school’s courses, follow the instructions on the right side of this brochure.
- Currently, Division I uses a Sliding Scale to match test scores and core GPAs. The Sliding Scale can be found on page No. 10 of the Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete found at www.eligibilitycenter.org.
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For a Complete List of NCAA Courses
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Division I (16 Core Courses)	Division II (*16 Core Courses)
4 years of English.	3 years of English.
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