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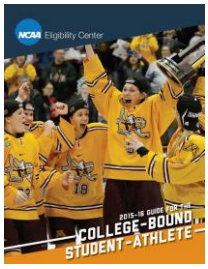
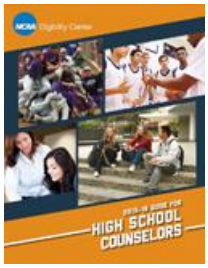


Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete

Initial Eligibility Brochure



DIVISION I ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Students who enroll full time at an NCAA Division I school this fall must graduate high school and meet ALL the following requirements:

- Complete 16 core courses:
  - Four years of English
  - Three years of math (Algebra 1 or higher)
  - Two years of natural/physical science (including one year of lab science if your high school offers it)
  - One additional year of English, math or natural/physical science
  - Two years of social science
  - Four additional years of English, math, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy
- Complete 10 core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before the start of the seventh semester. Once students begin their seventh semester, they must have more than 10 core courses completed to be able to repeat or replace any of the 10 courses used in the preliminary academic certification.
- Earn at least a 2.3 GPA in their core courses.
- Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching their

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core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale, which balances their test score and core-course GPA. If students have a low test score, they will need a higher core-course GPA to be eligible. If they have a low core-course GPA, they will need a higher test score to be eligible.

For more resources regarding these changes, visit NCAA.org/student-athletes/play-division-i-sports or the Division I Academic Requirements Guide.

TRANSCRIPT UPLOAD

To date, over 15,000 high schools have used the transcript upload feature for more than 325,000 transcripts. We encourage you to continue using this upload feature for all preliminary and final transcripts for your students, as it significantly reduces processing time for student accounts. As a reminder, only transcripts in a PDF file format may be uploaded through the High School Portal. Any other document types will not be reviewed and could potentially hold up a student's evaluation. Also, when students register with the NCAA Eligibility Center, the student must accept the Terms and Conditions, which provides broad permission for all schools to share official high school transcripts and academic records with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

TEST SCORE SUBMISSIONS

In order for a student's academic certification to be processed, the student must have ACT or SAT scores submitted to the NCAA Eligibility Center directly from the testing agency. Click here for step-by-step instructions on how they can request to have their test scores sent.

Test scores on a high school transcript will not be used. Students may take the ACT or the SAT an unlimited number of times prior to full-time collegiate enrollment, and the best score will be used in the final academic certification. Test scores are matched to the student's NCAA Eligibility Center account by name, date of birth and address.

Note: If a student takes the current SAT before March 2016 and then takes the redesigned SAT, which will be offered beginning March 2016, the NCAA Eligibility Center will not combine section scores from the current and redesigned SAT when determining a student's initial eligibility. The NCAA Eligibility Center will only combine section scores from the same version of the test. Because the redesigned SAT

varies in design and measures different academic concepts than the current SAT, a numerical score on the current test may not be equivalent to the same numerical score on the redesigned test.

UPDATE YOUR CORE-COURSE LIST

The start of a new semester is always a great time to update your school's list of NCAA courses. A list that has not been updated recently could delay your graduating seniors' academic certification or prevent them from meeting the academic requirements.

You may add courses, archive those no longer taught and change titles quickly and easily on the High School Portal. Click here for additional information on updating your course list and a step-by-step tutorial.

If your list is accurate, please log in to the High School Portal to verify you have no updates; this will confirm your list is accurate for your school in our system.

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