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# NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY For College-Bound Student-Athletes



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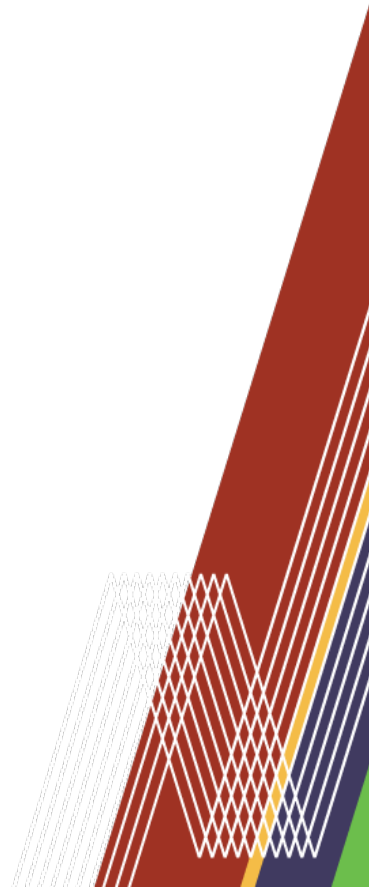
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## AGENDA

- » NCAA Eligibility Center.
- » Registration.
- » Core Courses.
- » Alternative Standards.
  - Division I.
  - Division II.
- » Distance or E-Learning.
- » Sports Participation.
- » Recruiting.
- » Resources.







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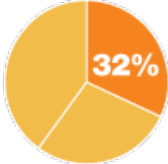





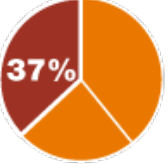



# NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

- » **Who are we?** A unit within the NCAA.
- » **What do we provide?** Certification of college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition.
- » **What do we review?**
  - Academic requirements.
  - Amateurism requirements.



# OUR THREE DIVISIONS

	DIVISION I	DIVISION II	DIVISION III
 NUMBER OF SCHOOLS*	<b>350</b> 	<b>300</b> 	<b>432</b> 
 PERCENTAGE OF NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETES IN EACH DIVISION			
 ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS	<b>Multiyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available</b> 57% of athletes receive athletics aid	<b>Partial athletics scholarship model</b> 60% of athletes receive athletics aid	<b>No athletics scholarships</b> 80% of athletes receive nonathletics aid

\*Numbers are from 2020-21. This does not include reclassifying, provisional or exploratory schools.



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# REGISTRATION





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# NCAA REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the NCAA Eligibility Center website. It includes the NCAA logo and 'Eligibility Center' text on the left. On the right, there are links for 'Student Email', 'Password', 'Login', 'Help', and 'High School Administrators'. Below the navigation bar, a large banner features a group of athletes in purple and black uniforms on a field. The main text on the banner reads 'WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?' followed by the subtext 'Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete'. A prominent orange circle with a white downward arrow and the word 'REGISTER' is centered on the banner. In the bottom right corner of the banner area, there is a white box containing the text 'NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR SCHOOL IS IN?' and a link 'Learn more or search NCAA schools.'



# NCAA REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

## Three Account Types



**Free Profile Page  
Account**



**Amateurism-Only  
Certification Account**



**Academic  
and Amateurism  
Certification Account**





# FREE PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT

## Account Type #1



The right place to start for most students!

- » Not sure in which division you plan to compete.
- » Domestic students planning to compete at a **Division III school**.
- » Registering in an NCAA-certified nonscholastic basketball event (**BBCS**, ECAG, AAU).



No registration fee.



**Transition** to the right **Certification account** at any time.



# AMATEURISM-ONLY CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

## Account Type #2



Required for all **international student-athletes** planning to compete at a Division III school.



Registration fee:  
» \$70.



Student-athletes transferring from a two-year school to an NCAA Division I or II school who have not previously been certified as an amateur.



# ACADEMIC AND AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

## Account Type #3



Required to compete at a Division I or II school.



Registration fee:

» **Domestic students:** \$100.

» **International students:** \$160.



Required to:

» Go on an **official visit**.

» Sign an **NLI** with a Division I or II school.

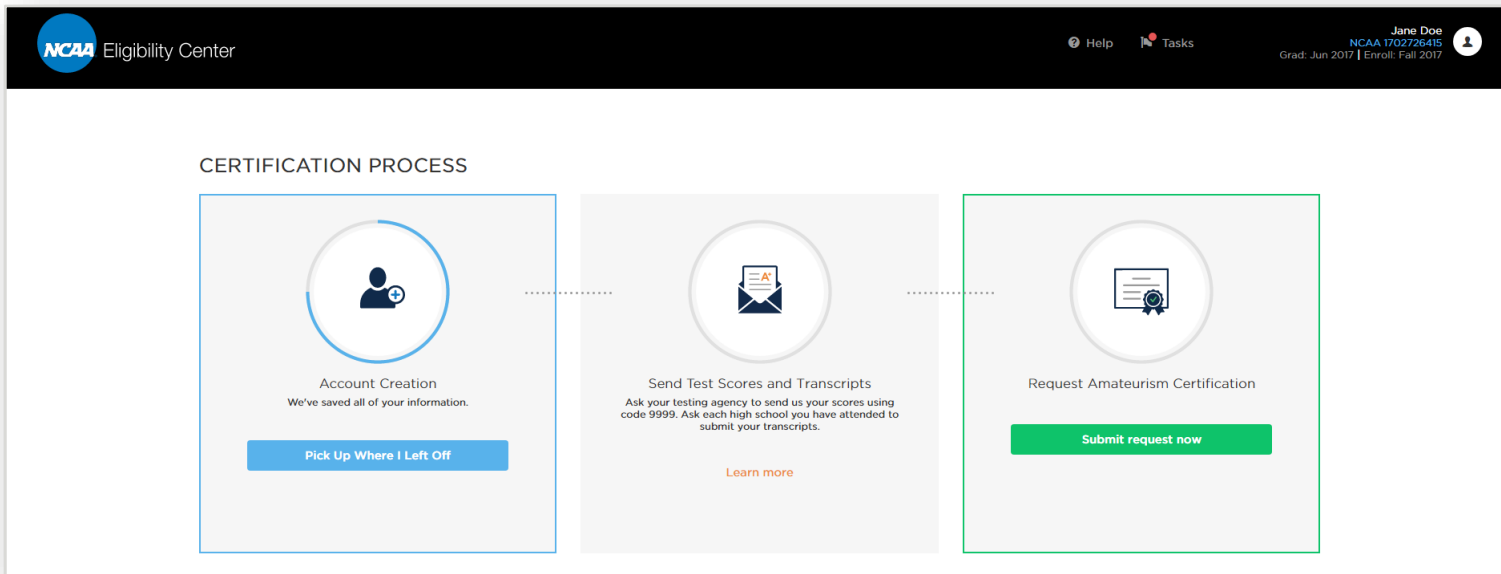




## REMEMBER

» If you have an Eligibility Center Certification account check to see if you meet **fee waiver criteria**.

# CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT DASHBOARD



**CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

**Account Creation**  
We've saved all of your information.  
[Pick Up Where I Left Off](#)

**Send Test Scores and Transcripts**  
Ask your testing agency to send us your scores using code 9999. Ask each high school you have attended to submit your transcripts.  
[Learn more](#)

**Request Amateurism Certification**  
[Submit request now](#)

Help Tasks  
Jane Doe  
NCAA 1702726415  
Grad: Jun 2017 | Enroll: Fall 2017

- » Check for open tasks.
- » Update graduation or enrollment dates, if needed.
- » Check transcript receipt.
- » Edit account, schools or sports information.



## WHAT IS AN NCAA ID?

- » Used by NCAA coaches to add you to their school's institutional request list for recruiting purposes.
- **Where?** Your NCAA ID is in the top-right corner of your Eligibility Center account.
- In addition to your password, you need your NCAA ID when calling the Eligibility Center with questions.



Your Name

**NCAA ID: 1234567890**

Grad: MM/YYYY | Enroll: MM/YYYY





## WHAT IS AN IRL?

### » Institutional request list.

- A list of college-bound student-athletes an NCAA school is interested in recruiting.
- » You **must** be on an NCAA school's IRL to receive an Eligibility Center certification, which qualifies you to receive athletics aid, practice and compete in college.



## COLLEGE ADMISSION

- » You must apply and be accepted to your NCAA school before you can compete on campus.
  - NCAA certification does **NOT** include acceptance to the NCAA school recruiting you.
- » Ask your NCAA school for more information about cost of attendance and financial aid.



## REMEMBER

- » Communicate closely with your high school counselors, coaches, parents/guardians, college compliance office and mentors as you transition to an NCAA school.





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**CORE COURSES**

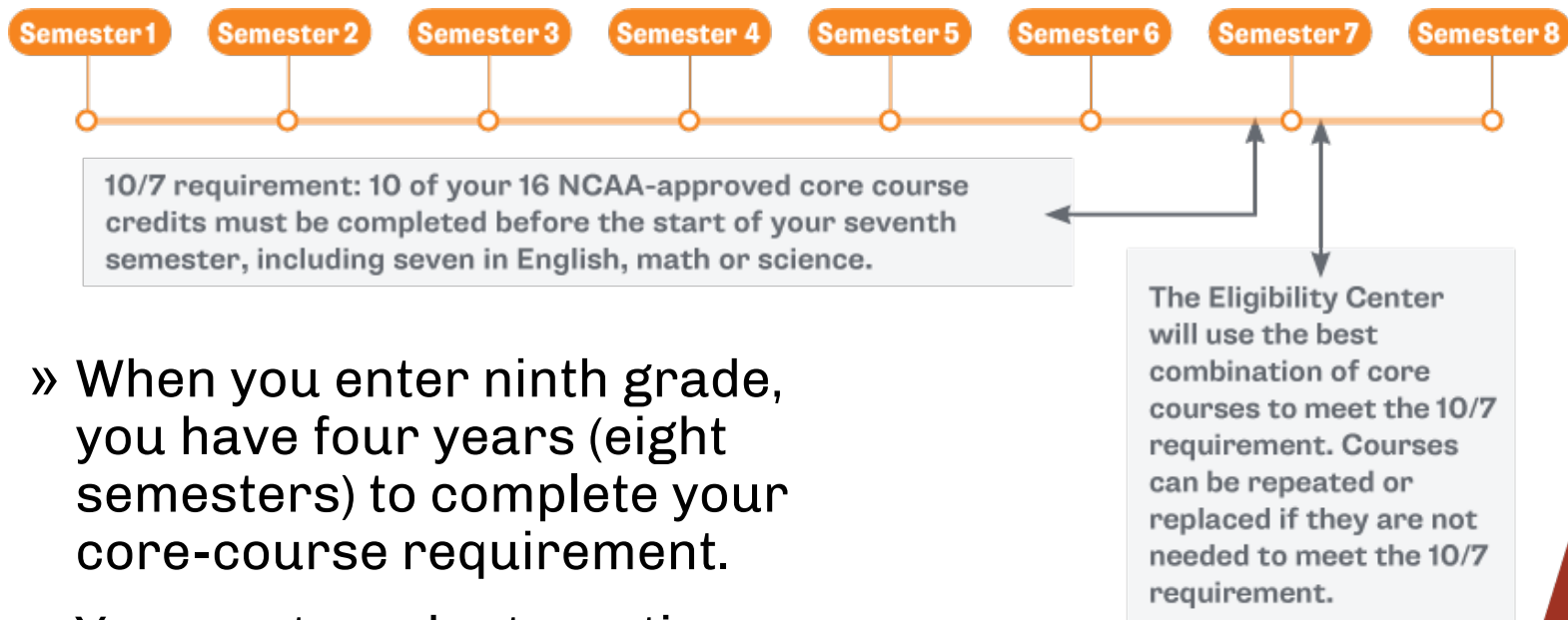
## WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

- » Four-year college preparatory course in one of these subject areas:



- » Taught by qualified instructor.
- » Taught at or above your high school's regular academic level.
- » On your official transcript with course title, grade and credit and receives credit toward your high school graduation.
- » On your [high school's list](#) of NCAA-approved core courses.

# DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION



- » When you enter ninth grade, you have four years (eight semesters) to complete your core-course requirement.
- » You must graduate on time, with your class.



# EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

## 9<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

**4 CORE COURSES**

## 10<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

**4 CORE COURSES**

## 11<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

**4 CORE COURSES**

## 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

**4 CORE COURSES**





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# CORE-COURSE LIST

Scan the QR Code Below



**Find and Review Your  
High School's List of  
NCAA-Approved  
Core Courses**



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**COVID-19  
ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS  
2023-24 Enrollment**





# FLEXIBILITY IN INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY



**2023-24  
Full-Time Enrollee**



**COVID-19  
Automatic Waiver**



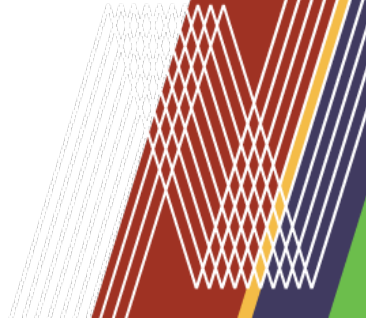
**Athletics Aid,  
Practice and Compete**

- » Students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during the 2023-24 academic year must meet specific criteria to be eligible.
  - COVID-19 impact adjusted requirements.



# DIVISION I: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS

- » Four possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:
- Early Academic Qualifier.
  - Qualifier.
  - Academic Redshirt.
  - Nonqualifier.







# DIVISION I: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Division I early academic qualifier status is based on the student's pre-seventh semester academic record.



Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.



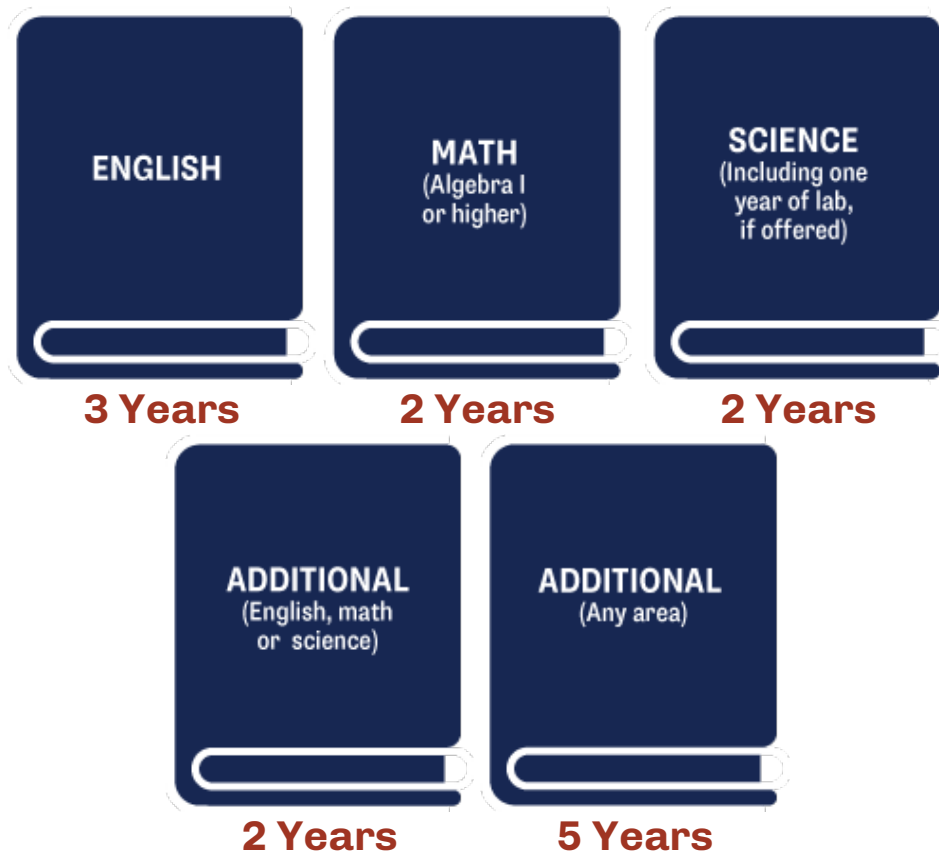
Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 3.0$  in the required subject areas.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.



# DIVISION I: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

## Subject Area Breakdown





## DIVISION I: QUALIFIER



Meet core-course progression before the seventh semester.

*Note:* Students certified based solely on international credentials are exempt from core-course progression.



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.3$  in the required subject areas.



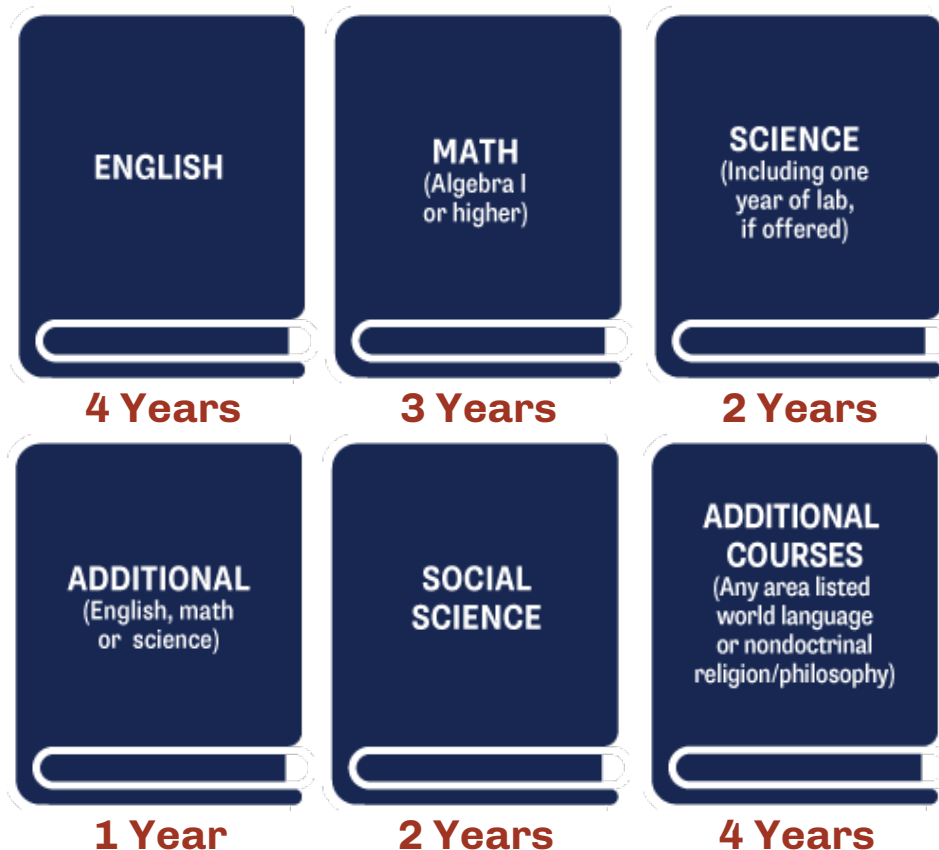
Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.



# DIVISION I: QUALIFIER

## Subject Area Breakdown







# DIVISION I: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq$  2.0 in the required subject areas.



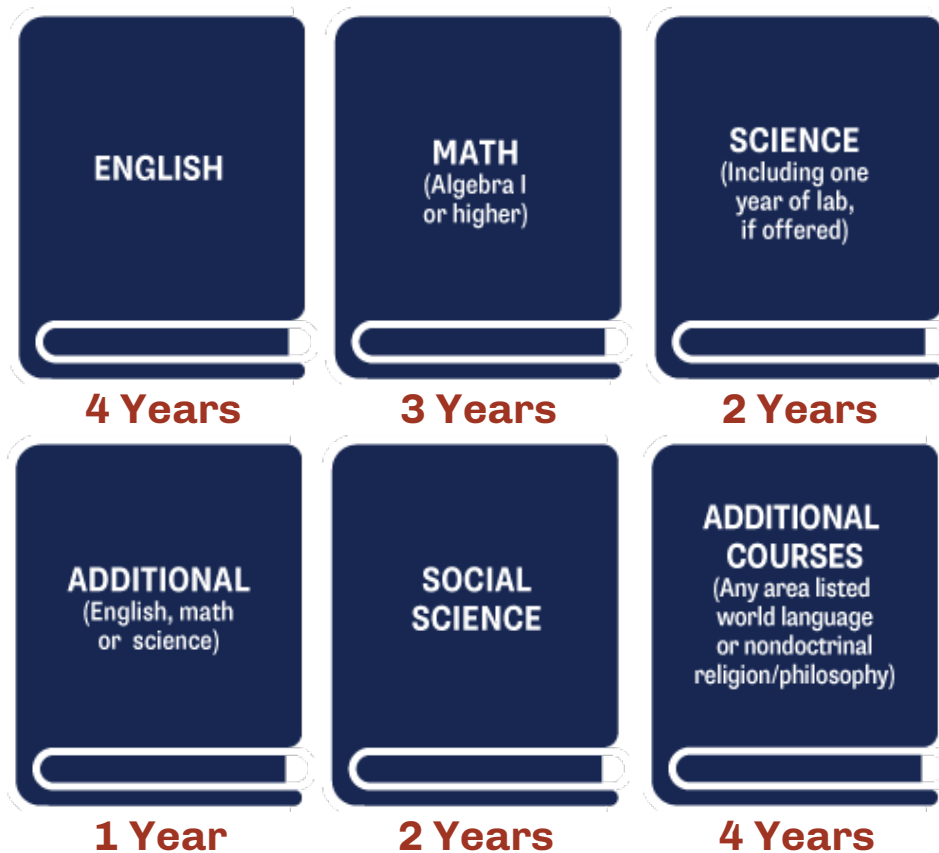
Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » First Year Athletics Aid.
- » First Term Practice.



# DIVISION I: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

## Subject Area Breakdown





# DIVISION I: NONQUALIFIER



Nonqualifiers are not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete their first year at an NCAA Division I school.

- » ~~Athletics Aid.~~
- » ~~Practice.~~
- » ~~Compete.~~



# STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

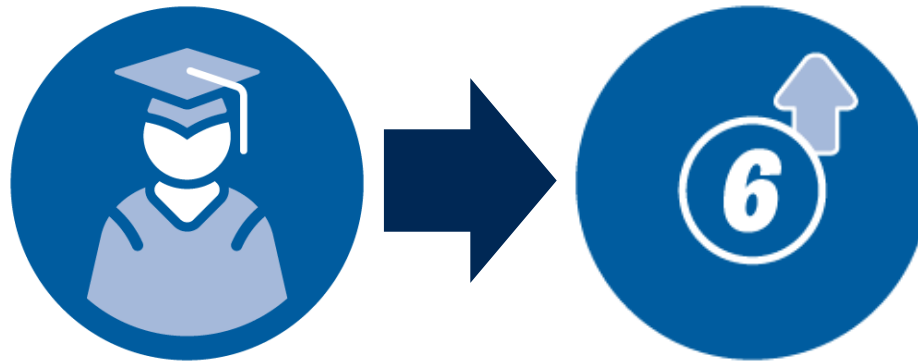
## GPA and Core-Course Requirements Remain



- » In January 2023, NCAA **Divisions I** and **II** adopted legislation to remove standardized test scores from initial-eligibility requirements.
- » Check with the NCAA school you plan to attend regarding whether standardized test scores are necessary for admission or scholarship requirements.



# DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION



**2023-24  
Full-Time Enrollees**

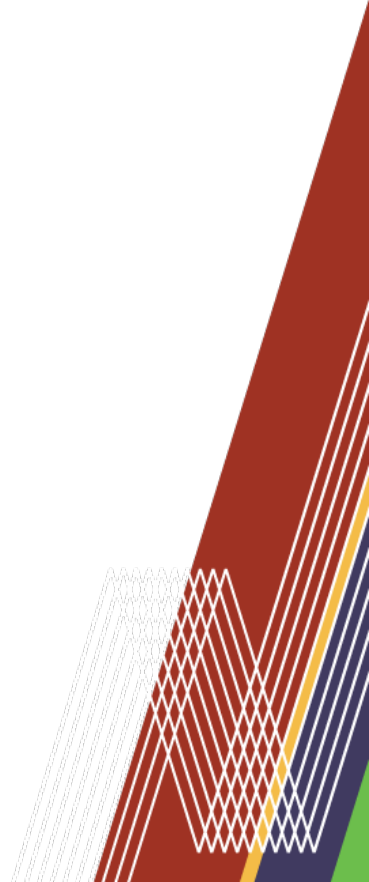
**Up to Six Courses  
(From Seventh Semester  
to Full-Time Enrollment)**

- » This approach will allow students impacted by school closures to complete additional core courses toward their initial eligibility.



## **DIVISION II: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS**

- » Three possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:
  - Early Academic Qualifier.
  - Qualifier.
  - Partial Qualifier.





## DIVISION II: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Division II early academic qualifier status is based on the student's pre-seventh semester academic record.



Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.



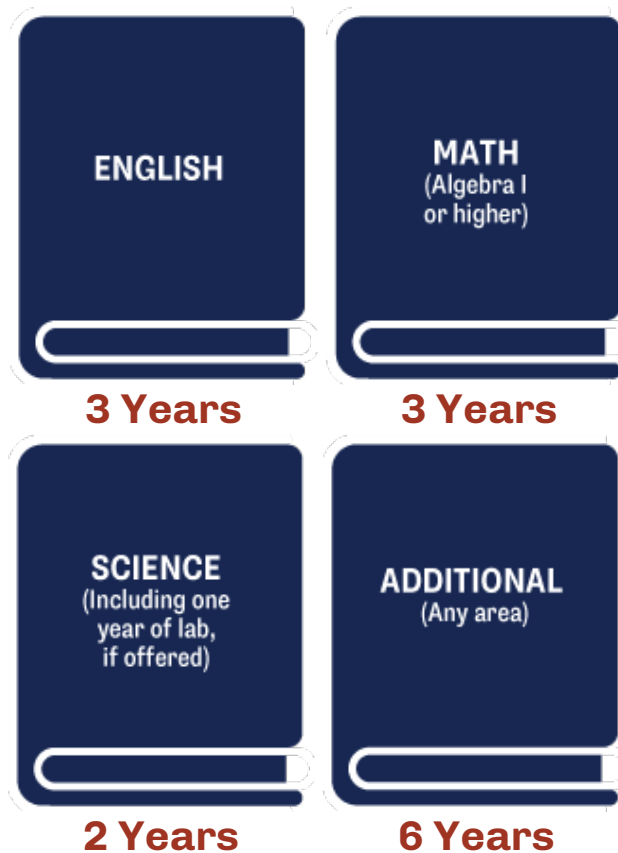
Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.5$  in the required subject areas.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.



# DIVISION II: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

## Subject Area Breakdown







## DIVISION II: QUALIFIER



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.2$  in the required subject areas.



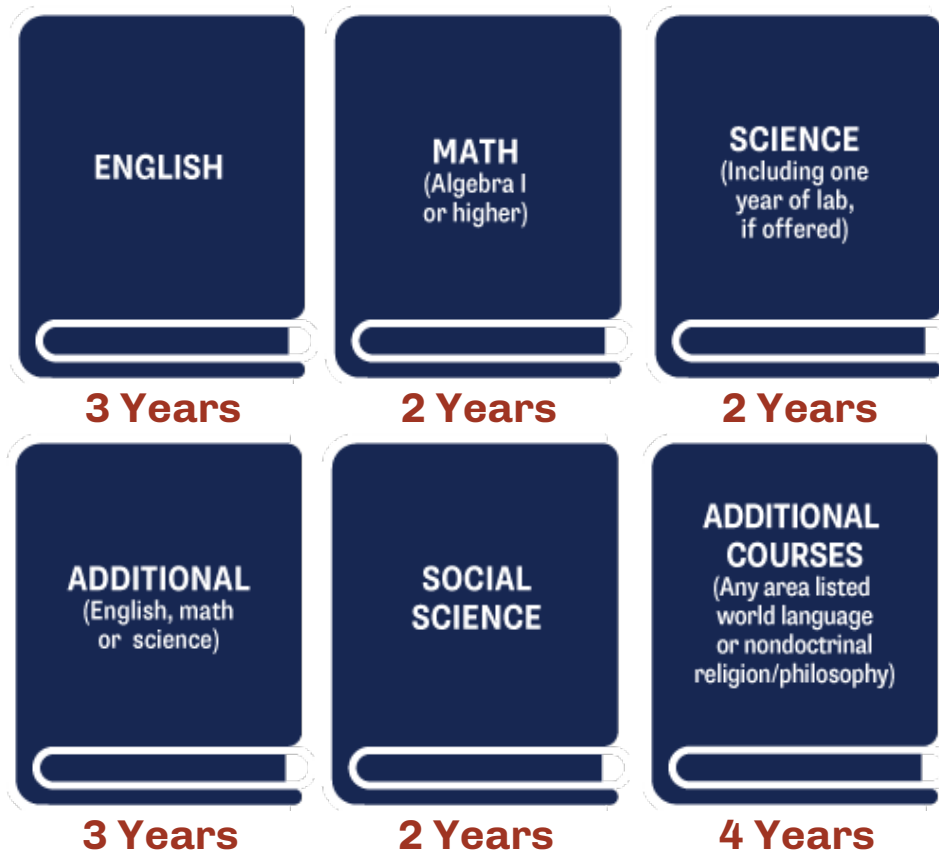
Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.



# DIVISION II: QUALIFIER

## Subject Area Breakdown





## DIVISION II: PARTIAL QUALIFIER

College-bound student-athletes that do not meet Division II qualifier standards will be deemed a partial qualifier.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.



# STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

## GPA and Core-Course Requirements Remain



- » In January 2023, NCAA **Divisions I** and **II** adopted legislation to remove standardized test scores from initial-eligibility requirements.
- » Check with the NCAA school you plan to attend regarding whether standardized test scores are necessary for admission or scholarship requirements.



# DIVISION III

- » Each Division III school determines its own eligibility for:
  - Academic requirements.
  - Admissions.
  - Financial aid.
- » **International student-athletes** who plan to compete at a Division III school must complete an Amateurism-Only Certification account.
- » Domestic student-athletes who plan to compete at a Division III school may register for a free Profile Page account, but it is not required.





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# INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY FLYERS

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**Division I Academic  
Requirements**



**Division II Academic  
Requirements**



**Division III  
Amateurism**



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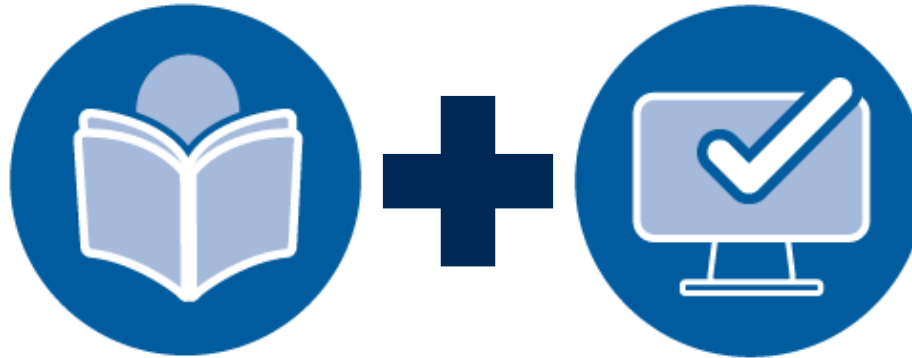


**DISTANCE  
OR E-LEARNING**





# DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING



**Students of  
All Grade Levels**

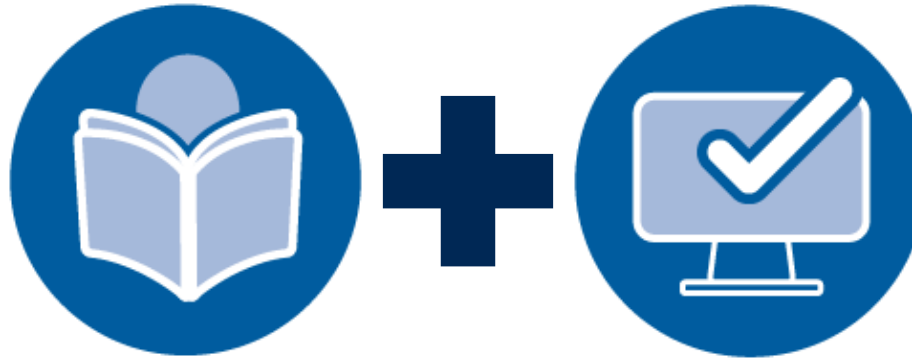
**Distance or  
E-Learning Program**

- » The Eligibility Center will not require a separate review of distance or e-learning programs used during the spring 2020, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic calendars in response to closures due to COVID-19.





# DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING



**Students of  
All Grade Levels**

**Distance or  
E-Learning Program**

- » This policy applies to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who complete distance or e-learning courses during the spring 2020, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic calendars.



## REMEMBER

- » **This policy** applies to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who complete distance, e-learning or hybrid courses in 2022-23 at schools with NCAA-approved core courses.
- » **It does NOT apply to courses completed on or after September 1, 2023.**



# HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS



Home School Toolkit

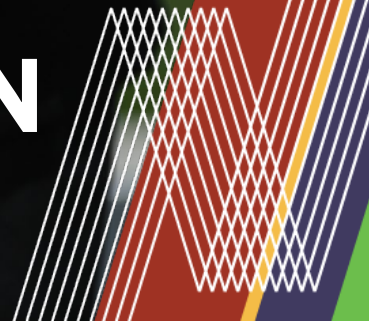
- » Taking online or hybrid courses does not necessarily mean you are considered a home-schooled student.
- » Home-school students can also meet the COVID-19 Automatic Waiver criteria for 2023-24 enrollment.
- » Review our [Home School Toolkit](#) for questions about home schooling.



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A close-up photograph of a person's arm and hand holding a silver shot put. The person's forearm is wrapped in white athletic tape. The shot put has blue handwritten text that reads "STATE" and "DIB". The background is a blurred green field.

# SPORTS PARTICIPATION







# SPORTS PARTICIPATION

When you register for a Certification account, you must:

- » Select the sport(s) you would like to play in college.
- » Update your information frequently if you play for multiple teams or attend events outside the traditional high school setting.
- » **Request your final amateurism certification** before you enroll full time at an NCAA school.



# NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS

## TAKING ACTION NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS

[INTERIM NIL POLICY](#) [TIMELINE](#) [NEWS](#)  
[STATEMENTS](#) [HISTORIC RESOURCES](#)

### THE COLLEGE ATHLETE MODEL

The NCAA is committed to allow name, image and likeness opportunities for student-athletes consistent with the college athlete model.

The college athlete model is not the professional model, meaning students will compete against other students, not professionals or employees.

NCAA student-athletes now have opportunity to benefit from their name, image and likeness.

- » All three divisions have adopted a uniform, interim policy suspending NIL rules for all incoming and current student-athletes in all sports.
- » For more NIL resources.
  - Visit [ncaa.org/nil](https://ncaa.org/nil).
  - Contact your NCAA school's compliance office.
  - Follow the Eligibility Center on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).



## REMEMBER

If you have questions, contact the Eligibility Center. Your actions may impact your future NCAA eligibility.

» College-bound student-athlete support line.

- 877-262-1492.
  - > Monday-Friday.
  - > 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time.



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**RECRUITING**







# RECRUITING CALENDARS

## FOOTBALL, DIVISION I

RECRUITING METHOD	
<b>Recruiting Materials and Electronic Correspondence (e.g., recruiting letters, social media messages, text messages)</b>	<p>You may receive brochures for camps, questionnaires, NCAA materials and nonathletics recruiting publications at any time.</p> <p>A coach may begin sending you recruiting materials and electronic correspondence Sept. 1 of your junior/11th year of high school.</p>
<b>Phone Calls to a Coach</b>	<p>You or your family may call a coach at any time.</p>
<b>Phone Calls From a Coach</b>	<p>A coach may call you one time between April 15 and May 31 during your junior/11th year of high school. Beginning Sept. 1 of your senior/12th year, a coach may call you one time per week outside a contact period and make unlimited calls during a contact period.</p>
<b>Off-Campus Contact</b>	<p>A college coach may have contact with you or your family off the college's campus beginning July 1 following the end of your junior/11th year of high school or opening day of classes of your senior/12th year (whichever comes first).</p>
<b>Unofficial Visit</b>	<p>You and your family may visit a college at your own expense at any time.</p>
<b>Official Visit</b>	<p>A college may pay for you and two family members to visit campus beginning April 1 of your junior/11th year of high school through the Sunday before the last Wednesday in June. After this date, a college may provide you the expense-paid visit after Sept. 1 of your senior/12th year.</p>

» To learn more about recruiting calendars, visit [on.ncaa.com/RecruitCal](https://on.ncaa.com/RecruitCal).



# RECRUITING CALENDARS

NCAA member schools limit recruiting to certain periods during the year.

» Recruiting calendars promote the well-being of college-bound student-athletes and ensure fairness among schools by defining certain periods during the year in which recruiting may or may not occur in a particular sport.

- **Contact period.**
- **Quiet period.**
- **Dead period.**



# UNOFFICIAL VS OFFICIAL VISITS

## Unofficial Visits

Any visit to a college campus paid by you or your family members.

- » Take as many unofficial visits as you like after the first permissible date in each sport based on grade level.
- » Be mindful of recruiting calendars and dead periods when scheduling unofficial visits.

You may receive:

- » Complimentary admission.
  - This includes three tickets for a home Division I athletics contest or five tickets for a home Division II athletics contest.

**Note:** You cannot talk with a coach during an unofficial visit during your sport's **dead period**.



# UNOFFICIAL VS OFFICIAL VISITS

## Official Visits

Before a Division I or II official visit you must:

- » Send the NCAA school a high school transcript.
- » Register for a Certification account with the Eligibility Center.

During an official visit, NCAA schools can:

- » Pay for transportation to and from the college.
  - This includes up to two family members in Division I (all sports, effective July 1, 2023).
- » Provide lodging and meals.
  - This includes reasonable entertainment expenses.

**Note:** You cannot take an official visit during your sport's **dead period**.



# NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

- » By signing a NLI, you are agreeing to attend a Division I or II school for one academic year.
- » NLIs are voluntary and ends the recruiting process.
- » NCAA schools agree to provide athletics financial aid to you for a minimum of one academic year.
  - You must be admitted to the school.
  - You must be eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules.
- » For more information, visit [nationalletter.org](http://nationalletter.org).

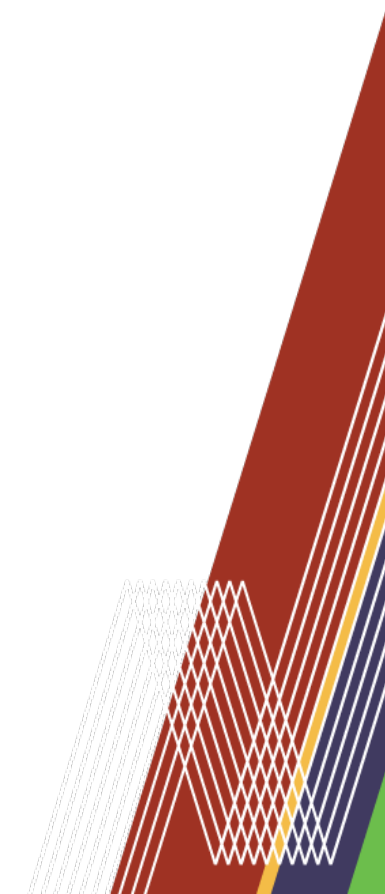




# SCHOLARSHIPS BY SPORT

Only about **2%** of high school-athletes are awarded athletics scholarships to compete in college.

- » Expectations.
  - Annual scholarships.
  - Renewal.
- » Academic scholarships.
- » Athletics scholarships.





## QUESTIONS TO ASK

- » What is the cost of attendance?
  - Financial aid.
    - > Will I receive a full or partial scholarship?
    - > If I'm injured and can no longer compete, will my scholarship remain?
  - On-campus housing.
- » What degree programs are offered?
- » What is the NCAA school's graduation rate?
- » Where do you stand from a recruiting standpoint?
  - #1 vs #5 vs standby.
  - NLI.
  - Redshirt expectations.
- » What is the coaching philosophy and style?



# PROACTIVE STUDENT ACTIONS

If you want to play sports in college, you must:

- » Share your NCAA ID with NCAA schools recruiting you.
- » Apply to schools of your choosing to be accepted.
- » **Request your final amateurism certification** before enrolling full time in college.
  - Starting April 1 (fall).
  - Starting Oct. 1 (winter/spring).
- » Ask your high school counselor to submit your final transcript with proof of graduation.
- » Understand considerations for documented **education impacting disabilities**.





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A large, stylized NCAA logo is centered on a blue basketball court floor. The logo is white with a blue outline. The court floor is dark blue with white lines. The entire scene is surrounded by a shower of colorful confetti in shades of blue, orange, and yellow. The background is a dark blue gradient with white lines, suggesting a basketball court. There are also some abstract geometric shapes in the corners, including a white grid pattern in the bottom right and orange and red diagonal stripes in the top left and bottom right.

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**RESOURCES**



## RESOURCES

» Visit [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org).

» Download our resources:

- [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.](#)
- [Initial-Eligibility flyer.](#)
- [DI Academic Requirements.](#)
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- [DIII Amateurism.](#)



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# QUESTIONS

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# HOW DID WE DO?

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**Take a Short Survey**



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# THANK YOU FOR JOINING!

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