

# DIVISION I ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

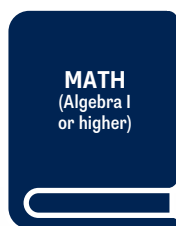
To study and compete at a **Division I school**, you must earn 16 NCAA-approved **core-course credits**, earn a corresponding test score\* that matches your **core-course GPA** and submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

## CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:



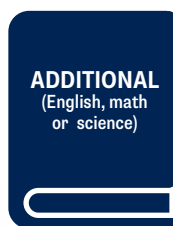
**4 years**



**3 years**



**2 years**



**1 year**



**2 years**



**4 years**

For Division I, 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits must be completed before the start of your seventh semester, including seven in English, math or science.

## QUALIFIER

As a Division I qualifier, you may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.

- » Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the right areas.
  - o Complete 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits, including seven in English, math or science, before the start of the seventh semester.
  - o Complete your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in eight academic semesters or four consecutive academic years from the start of ninth grade.
- » Earn a corresponding test score that matches your **core-course GPA** (minimum 2.3) on the **Division I Sliding Scale**.\*
- » Submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

## ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

As a Division I academic redshirt, you may practice during your first regular academic term and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment but may NOT compete during your first year of enrollment. You must pass either eight quarter or nine semester hours to practice in the next term.

- » Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the right areas.
- » Earn a corresponding test score that matches your core-course GPA (minimum 2.0) on the Division I sliding scale.\*
- » Submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

\* More information regarding the impact of COVID-19 and test scores can be found at [on.ncaa.com/COVID19\\_Spring2023](https://on.ncaa.com/COVID19_Spring2023).



## TEST SCORES

Every time you register for the **SAT** or **ACT**, use code **9999** to send your scores directly to the Eligibility Center from the testing agency. You may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before you enroll full time in college. If you take either test more than once, the best subscore from each test is used to give you the best possible score.

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## CORE-COURSE LIST

Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at [eligibilitycenter.org/counselist](https://eligibilitycenter.org/counselist). No core-course list means courses taken from that high school will not count for NCAA eligibility. If your high school does not have a list, you risk being ineligible to play in college.

## NONTRADITIONAL AND ONLINE COURSES

Nontraditional courses are taught online or through distance learning, hybrid/blended, independent study, individualized instruction, correspondence or similar means.

These types of courses may be acceptable for use in the NCAA initial-eligibility certification process; however, it is important to make sure the nontraditional program has been approved and appears on [your school/program's list](#) of NCAA-approved core courses.

## BE AHEAD OF THE GAME

- » Plan to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org) before your freshman year of high school. Visit [on.ncaa.com/RegChecklist](https://on.ncaa.com/RegChecklist) to help guide you through the registration process.
- » After six semesters of high school, ask your high school counselor from each school you have attended to upload an official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- » [DII Academic Requirements flyer](#).
- » [DIII Amateurism flyer](#).
- » [International Initial-Eligibility flyer](#).

## DIVISION I QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE

Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*	Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*
3.550	400	37	2.750	810	59
3.525	410	38	2.725	820	60
3.500	430	39	2.700	830	61
3.475	440	40	2.675	840	61
3.450	460	41	2.650	850	62
3.425	470	41	2.625	860	63
3.400	490	42	2.600	860	64
3.375	500	42	2.575	870	65
3.350	520	43	2.550	880	66
3.325	530	44	2.525	890	67
3.300	550	44	2.500	900	68
3.275	560	45	2.475	910	69
3.250	580	46	2.450	920	70
3.225	590	46	2.425	930	70
3.200	600	47	2.400	940	71
3.175	620	47	2.375	950	72
3.150	630	48	2.350	960	73
3.125	650	49	2.325	970	74
3.100	660	49	2.300	980	75
3.075	680	50	2.299	990	76
3.050	690	50	2.275	990	76
3.025	710	51	2.250	1000	77
3.000	720	52	2.225	1010	78
2.975	730	52	2.200	1020	79
2.950	740	53	2.175	1030	80
2.925	750	53	2.150	1040	81
2.900	750	54	2.125	1050	82
2.875	760	55	2.100	1060	83
2.850	770	56	2.075	1070	84
2.825	780	56	2.050	1080	85
2.800	790	57	2.025	1090	86
2.775	800	58	2.000	1100	86

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

Want more information? Visit [ncaa.org/playcollegesports](https://ncaa.org/playcollegesports).

### CONTACT THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

U.S. and Canada (except Quebec): 877-262-1492  
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time

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