





Eligibility Center



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- ▶ What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?
- ▶ High school timeline.
  - Registration.
- ▶ Initial-eligibility requirements.
  - Division I.
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- ▶ Sports participation.
- ▶ How can you help?
- ▶ Resources.

# NCAA FAST FACTS

- ▶ 1,123 colleges and universities.
- ▶ 98 voting athletics conferences.
- ▶ 39 affiliated organizations.
- ▶ Almost half a million student-athletes.
- ▶ 19,500 teams.
- ▶ 90 championships.
- ▶ 24 sports.
- ▶ Three divisions.



# WHAT IS THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER?

- ▶ The NCAA Eligibility Center evaluates and certifies prospective student-athletes for collegiate competition at Divisions I and II schools.
  - ▶ We focus on:
    - ▶ Academic preparedness.
    - ▶ Sports participation.
    - ▶ High school courses.
    - ▶ Customer service.
  - ▶ Students who want to compete at NCAA Division I or Division II schools are required to meet NCAA Eligibility Center:
    - ▶ Academic initial-eligibility requirements.
    - ▶ Amateurism requirements.
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# HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE

Follow these suggestions to prepare for Division I and Division II initial-eligibility requirements.

# GRADE 9: PLAN

- Students should register for a Profile Page or Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at **[eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org)**.
- If they fall behind academically, they should ask a counselor for help finding approved courses they can take.
- The core-course GPA starts in ninth grade.



# GRADE 10: REGISTER

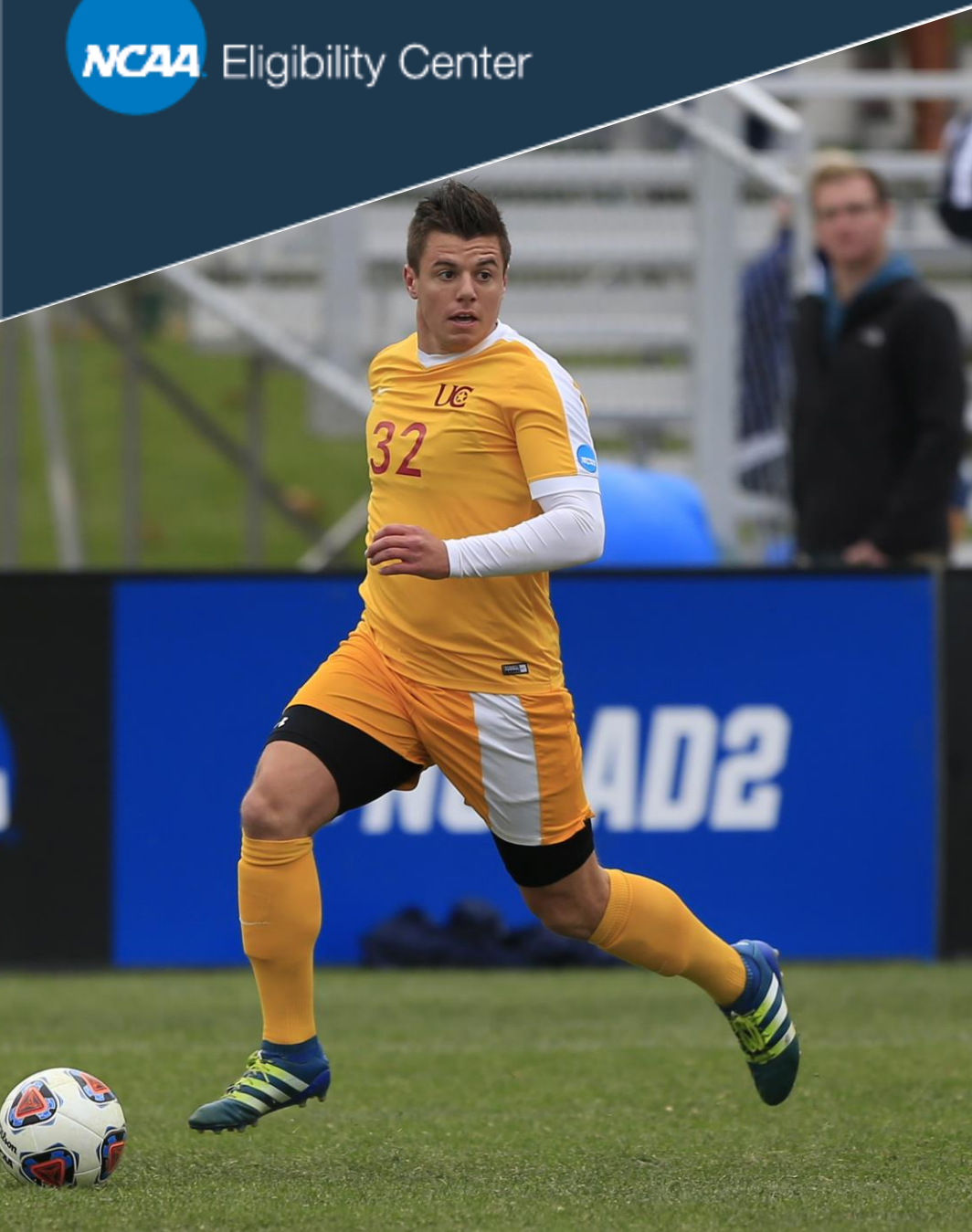
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- ▶ If they fall behind academically, they should ask a counselor for help finding approved courses they can take.



# GRADE 11: REGISTER

- ▶ Students should check with their counselor to make sure they are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved courses.
- ▶ Take the **ACT** or **SAT** and submit scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using **code 9999**.
- ▶ At the end of the year, ask a counselor to upload an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center. If they took classes at more than one high school or program, ask each high school to submit an official transcript.
- ▶ Students should make sure they are on track to graduate on time with their class.





# GRADE 12: GRADUATE

- Complete your final NCAA core courses.
- Take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code **9999**.
- Request your final amateurism certification in your Certification Account at **eligibilitycenter.org**:
  - April 1 (fall enrollees).
  - Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees).

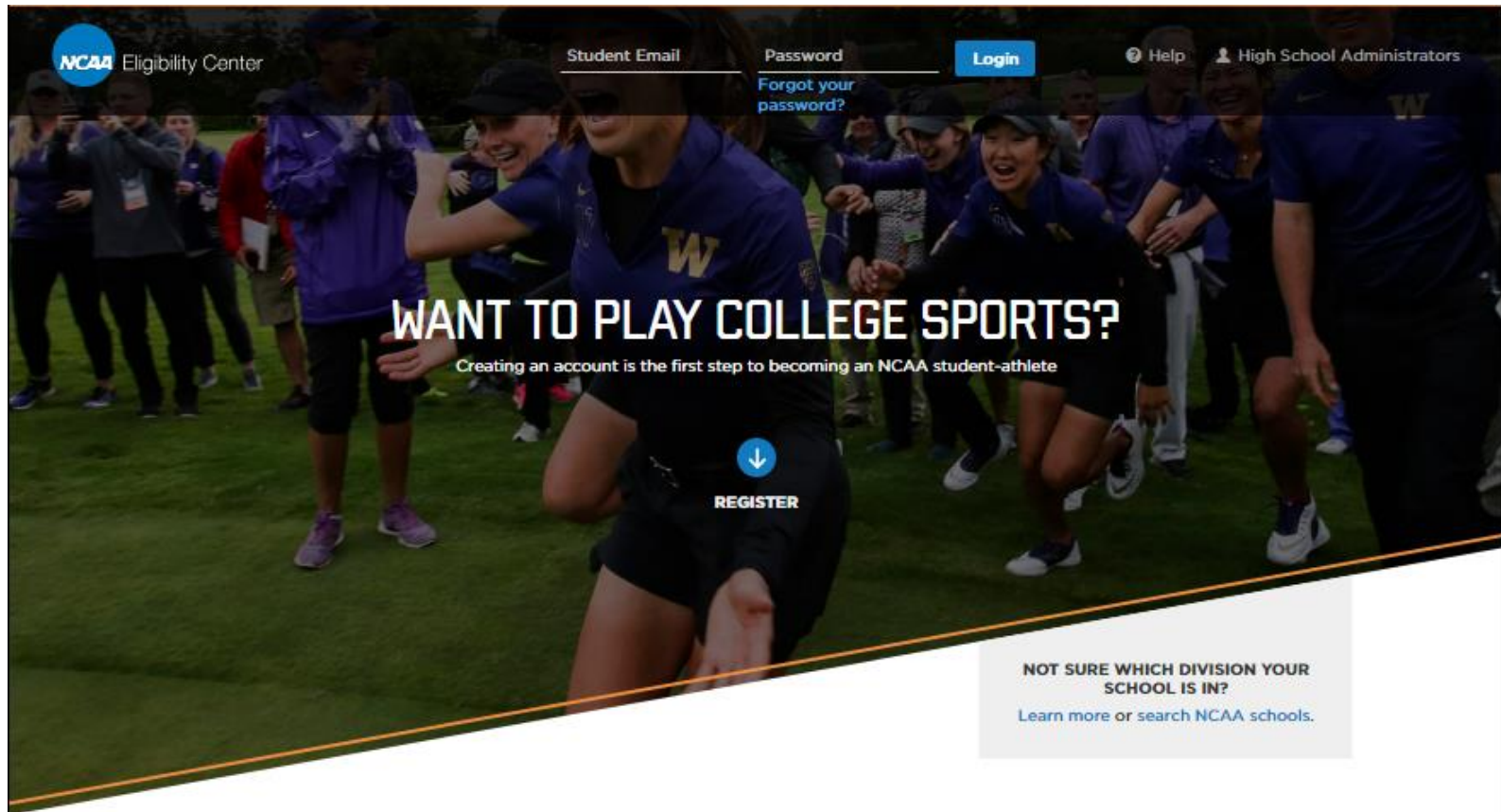
# GRADE 12: GRADUATE

- After you graduate on time, ask your counselor to upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Reminder: Only students on an NCAA Division I or Division II school's institutional request list will receive a certification.



# REGISTRATION

Register for a Certification Account or Profile Page at **eligibilitycenter.org** to begin the journey to becoming an NCAA student-athlete.




# TWO ACCOUNT TYPES

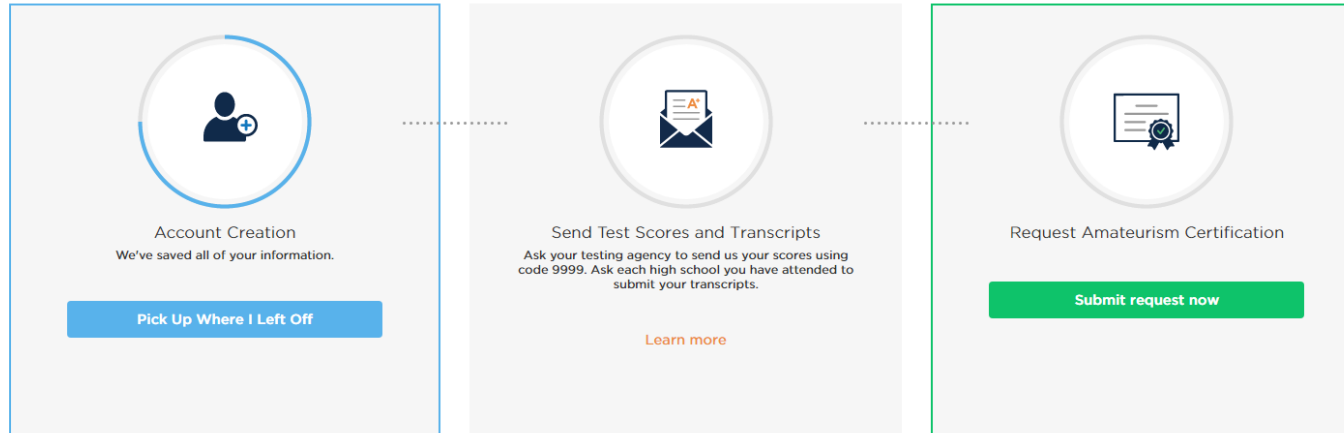
## ► Certification Account

- Division I or Division II students.
- Domestic fee \$90.
- International fee \$150.
- Account information, school and sports history.
- Required for signing a National Letter of Intent (NLI) with a Division I or Division II NCAA school.
- Required to go on an official visit to a Division I or Division II NCAA school.

## ► Profile Page

- Undecided students.
  - Division III students.
  - No fee.
  - Account information and school history.
  - Can transition to a Certification Account at any time.
  - Will not receive an academic or amateurism certification.
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## CERTIFICATION PROCESS



## ELIGIBILITY STATUS

Students can:

- Review the Dashboard for open tasks.
- Update graduation or enrollment dates if needed.
- Review combined SAT or ACT sum test scores.
- View transcripts on file.
- Edit account, schools or sports information.



# INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

The NCAA's commitment to academics ensures students are better equipped to succeed in college and prepare for lifelong success. Students need to meet the following academic requirements to be eligible to compete in college sports.


# WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

- ▶ NCAA core courses include courses that:
  - ▶ Qualify for high school graduation in English, mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher), natural or physical science, social science, foreign language or comparative religion or philosophy.
  - ▶ Are considered four-year college preparatory.
  - ▶ Are taught at or above the high school's regular academic level.
  - ▶ Are taught by a qualified instructor.
- ▶ **Tip:** Students can find their school's list of NCAA-approved core courses by going to [eligibilitycenter.org/courselist](http://eligibilitycenter.org/courselist).


# WHAT ARE NONTRADITIONAL COURSES?

- ▶ NCAA core courses include courses that:
  - ▶ Qualify for high school graduation in English, mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher), natural or physical science, social science, foreign language or comparative religion or philosophy.
  - ▶ Are considered four-year college preparatory.
  - ▶ Are taught at or above the high school's regular academic level.
  - ▶ Are taught by a qualified instructor.
- ▶ **Tip:** Taking online or virtual nontraditional courses does not necessarily mean a student is home-schooled. Review our **Home School Toolkit** for questions about home schooling.

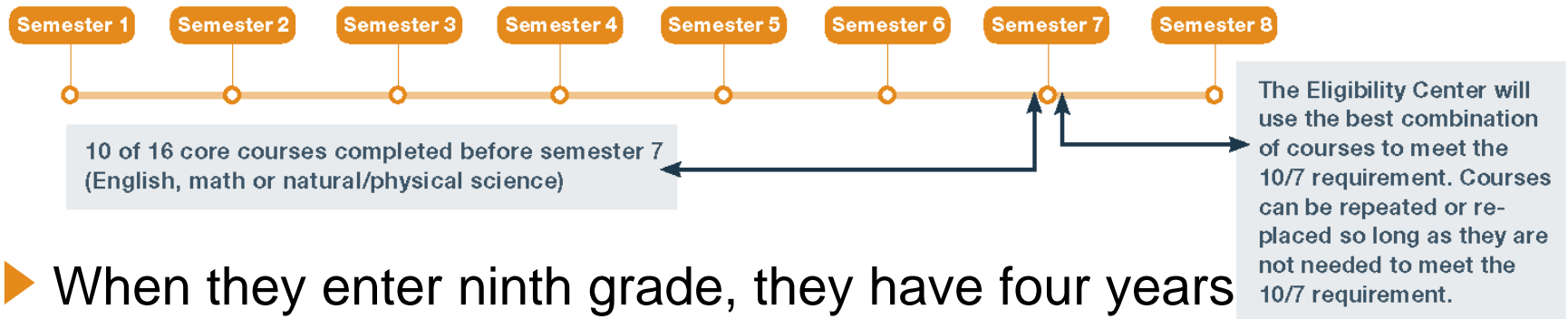
# BEFORE STUDENTS TAKE NONTRADITIONAL COURSES

- ▶ Consider these requirements. A nontraditional course:
    - ▶ Must meet NCAA core-course requirements.
    - ▶ Must include regular ongoing access between the instructor and student.
    - ▶ Must have a defined time period for completion (for example, eight weeks).
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# DIVISION I INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

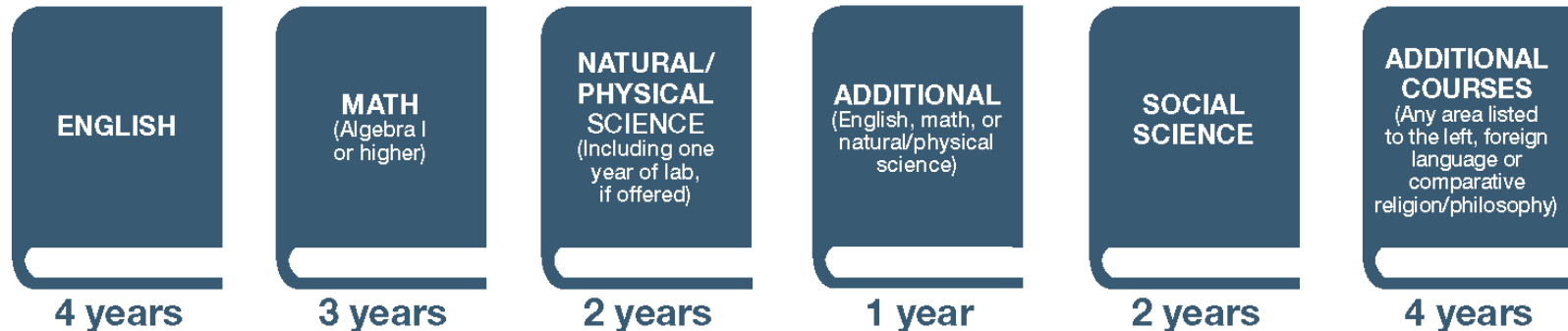
- ▶ To play Division I sports your students need to meet the following academic requirements:
    - ▶ Graduate high school on time.
    - ▶ Complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses in the correct subjects.
    - ▶ Earn a minimum core-course GPA of 2.300.
    - ▶ Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale.
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# DIVISION I CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION



- ▶ When they enter ninth grade, they have four years (eight semesters) to complete your core-course requirement.
- ▶ If they do not complete high school on time, core courses taken after high school will not count toward NCAA requirements.
- ▶ **On time:** If your high school graduation takes place June 1, students must graduate June 1. If they do not graduate June 1, they have not completed their requirements on time.

# DIVISION I CORE-COURSES



- ▶ Complete 10 NCAA core courses before your seventh semester.
- ▶ Core-course requirements must be met in the time limitation.
- ▶ The following must be completed by the start of the student's seventh semester in high school:
  - ▶ Ten NCAA-approved core courses from your school's list in the appropriate subjects.
  - ▶ Seven of the 10 courses must be in English, math or science.

# DIVISION I TEST SCORES

- ▶ Take the SAT or ACT as many times as needed.
- ▶ Use code **9999** when registering to send scores directly to us.
- ▶ We will use the best scores to certify your students:
  - ▶ SAT combined score.
  - ▶ ACT sum score.
- ▶ The test score and GPA will be matched on our Division I sliding scale.

DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			
Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
3.550	400	400	37
3.525	410	410	38
3.500	430	420	39
3.475	440	430	40
3.450	460	440	41
3.425	470	450	41
3.400	490	460	42
3.375	500	470	42
3.350	520	480	43
3.325	530	490	44
3.300	550	500	44
3.275	560	510	45
3.250	580	520	46

DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			
Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
2.750	810	720	59
2.725	820	730	60
2.700	830	740	61
2.675	840	750	61
2.650	850	760	62
2.625	860	770	63
2.600	860	780	64
2.575	870	790	65
2.550	880	800	66
2.525	890	810	67
2.500	900	820	68
2.475	910	830	69
2.450	920	840	70

# ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION DECISIONS: DIVISION I


- ▶ Early Academic Qualifier
- ▶ Qualifier
- ▶ Redshirt
- ▶ Non-Qualifier



# DIVISION I EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

- ▶ If students meet specific criteria after six semesters of high school, they may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division I and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of enrollment.
- ▶ To be an early academic qualifier, students will need:
  - ▶ Minimum SAT combined score (math and critical reading) of 900 on SAT tests taken before March 2016 or
  - ▶ 980 if SAT taken March 2016 or later *or* minimum ACT sum score of 75
  - ▶ A core-course GPA of 3.000 or higher in a minimum of 14 core courses:
    - Three years of English.
    - Two years of math.
    - Two years of science.
    - Two additional years of English, math or natural/physical science.
    - Five additional core courses in any area.

# DIVISION I QUALIFIER

- ▶ Students are eligible to practice, compete and receive athletics aid their first year of college enrollment.
  - ▶ Qualifiers meet the standards of:
    - ▶ 16 core courses in the correct subjects.
    - ▶ 10/7 core-course progression.
    - ▶ Minimum core-course GPA of 2.300.
    - ▶ Combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches their core-course GPA on the sliding scale.
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# DIVISION I REDSHIRT

- ▶ Students may receive athletics aid and practice their first academic term but not compete.
- ▶ They must pass nine semester hours (eight quarter hours) in their first academic term to continue practicing the rest of the year.
- ▶ Redshirts meet the standards of:
  - ▶ 16 core courses.
  - ▶ Minimum core-course GPA of 2.000 to 2.299.
  - ▶ Combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches their core-course GPA on the sliding scale.
- ▶ ▪ They may retake core courses if you fail to meet the required 10 courses before your senior year..

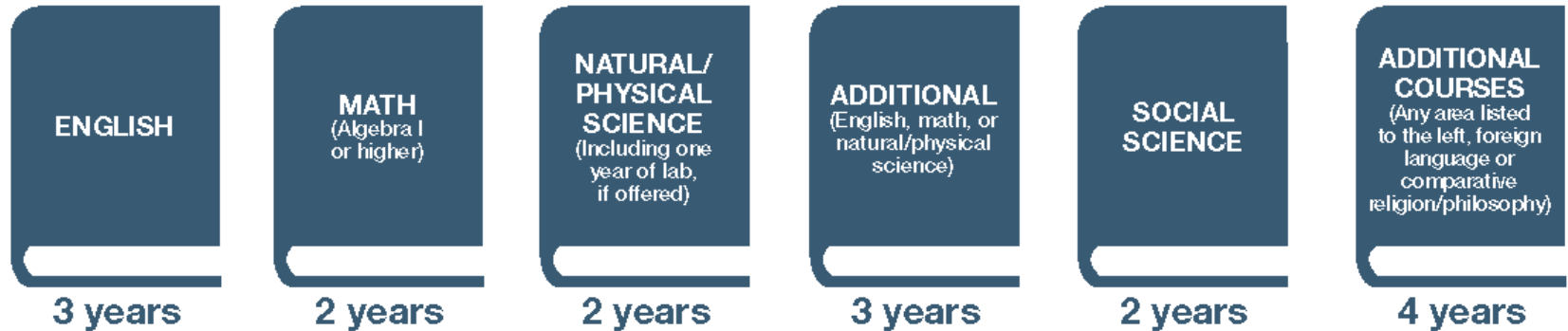
# DIVISION I NONQUALIFIER

- ▶ Students are not eligible to practice, compete or receive athletics aid thier first year.

# DIVISION II INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ To play Division II sports students need to meet the following academic requirements:
    - ▶ Graduate high school on time.
    - ▶ Complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses in the correct subjects.
    - ▶ Earn a minimum core-course GPA of 2.200.
    - ▶ Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches their core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale.
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# DIVISION II CORE-COURSES



## ► Core-course time limitation

- Students may use all core courses completed starting their ninth-grade year until they enroll full time at a Division II college or university.

# DIVISION II TEST SCORES

- ▶ Take the SAT or ACT as many times as needed.
- ▶ Use code **9999** when registering to send scores directly to us.
- ▶ We will use your best scores to certify you:
  - ▶ SAT combined score.
  - ▶ ACT sum score.
- ▶ Their test score and GPA will be matched on our Division II sliding scale.

DIVISION II FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			
USE FOR DIVISION II BEGINNING AUGUST 2018			
Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
3.300 & above	400	400	37
3.275	410	410	38
3.250	430	420	39
3.225	440	430	40
3.200	460	440	41
3.175	470	450	41
3.150	490	460	42
3.125	500	470	42
3.100	520	480	43
3.075	530	490	44
3.050	550	500	44
3.025	560	510	45
3.000	580	520	46
2.975	590	530	46

DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			
USE FOR DIVISION II BEGINNING AUGUST 2018			
Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
3.050 & above	400	400	37
3.025	410	410	38
3.000	430	420	39
2.975	440	430	40
2.950	460	440	41
2.925	470	450	41
2.900	490	460	42
2.875	500	470	42
2.850	520	480	43
2.825	530	490	44
2.800	550	500	44
2.775	560	510	45
2.750	580	520	46
2.725	590	530	46

# ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION DECISIONS: DIVISION II

- ▶ Early Academic Qualifier
- ▶ Qualifier
- ▶ Partial Qualifier
- ▶ Non-Qualifier



# DIVISION II EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

- ▶ If they meet specific criteria listed below after six semesters, they may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division II and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship.
- ▶ To be an early academic qualifier, students will need:
  - ▶ Minimum sum score of 68 on the ACT *or* a minimum SAT combined score (math and critical reading) of 820 on SAT tests taken before March 2016 or
  - ▶ 900 if SAT taken March 2016 or
  - ▶ A core-course GPA of 2.5 or higher in a minimum of 14 core courses in the following areas:
    - 3 years of English.
    - 3 years of math.
    - 2 years of natural or physical science.
    - 6 additional core courses in any area.

# DIVISION II QUALIFIER

- ▶ Students are eligible to practice, compete and receive athletics aid their first year of college enrollment.
- ▶ Qualifiers meet the standards of:
  - ▶ 16 core courses in the correct subjects.
  - ▶ Minimum core-course GPA of 2.200.
  - ▶ Combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches their core-course GPA on the full-qualifier sliding scale.

DIVISION II FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			
USE FOR DIVISION II BEGINNING AUGUST 2018			
Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2018)	ACT Sum
3.300 & above	400	400	37
3.275	410	410	38
3.250	430	420	39
3.225	440	430	40
3.200	460	440	41
3.175	470	450	41
3.150	490	460	42
3.125	500	470	42
3.100	520	480	43
3.075	530	490	44
3.050	550	500	44
3.025	560	510	45
3.000	580	520	46
2.975	590	530	46
2.950	600	540	47

# DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER


- ▶ Students are eligible to practice and receive athletics aid their first year of college enrollment but cannot compete.
- ▶ Partial qualifiers meet the standards of:
  - ▶ 16 core courses in the correct subjects.
  - ▶ Minimum core-course GPA of 2.000.
  - ▶ Combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches their core-course GPA on the full-qualifier sliding scale.

DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			
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Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
3.050 & above	400	400	37
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2.975	440	430	40
2.950	460	440	41
2.925	470	450	41
2.900	490	460	42
2.875	500	470	42
2.850	520	480	43
2.825	530	490	44
2.800	550	500	44
2.775	560	510	45
2.750	580	520	46
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2.700	600	540	47

# DIVISION II NONQUALIFIER

- ▶ Students are not eligible to practice, compete or receive athletics aid their first year.

# DIVISION III INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Each Division III college or university determines its own eligibility for:
    - ▶ Admission.
    - ▶ Financial aid.
    - ▶ Practice and competition.
  - ▶ The NCAA Eligibility Center does not perform certifications for Division III college-bound student-athletes.
  - ▶ Division III student-athletes may register for a free Profile Page, but it is not required.
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A group of female college athletes in red tank tops and white visors are huddled together, celebrating. One athlete in the foreground is shouting with her mouth wide open. The background is slightly blurred, showing more athletes and a dark fence.

# SPORTS PARTICIPATION

The NCAA Eligibility Center also evaluates amateurism. Follow these tips to stay eligible to compete in college sports before full-time enrollment.

# AMATEURISM

- ▶ In general, amateurism requirements do not allow:
  - ▶ Contracts with professional teams.
  - ▶ Salary for participating in athletics.
  - ▶ Prize money above actual and necessary expenses.
  - ▶ Play with professionals.
  - ▶ Tryouts, practice or competition with a professional team.
  - ▶ Benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
  - ▶ Agreement to be represented by an agent.
  - ▶ Delayed initial full-time collegiate enrollment to participate in organized sports competition.
- ▶ **Tip:** If you have questions about actions that could impact your amateurism, contact the NCAA Eligibility Center to ensure your decision will not impact your future eligibility.

# SPORTS PARTICIPATION

- ▶ When students register with the NCAA Eligibility Center for a Certification Account, select the sport(s) they would like to play in college.
- ▶ Complete questions about sports participation.
- ▶ Update their information frequently if they play for multiple teams or attend events outside the traditional high school setting.





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# SPORTS PARTICIPATION

- ▶ Request final amateurism certification before they enroll full time at a Division I or Division II school.
- ▶ **Over 94 percent of students** don't require additional amateurism questions from the NCAA Eligibility Center after they request final amateurism.



# PROACTIVE REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS

- ▶ Share the NCAA ID number with schools recruiting them.
- ▶ Don't forget to apply to the school of their choosing and confirm they've been accepted.
- ▶ Learn about the NLI.
- ▶ Request final amateurism certification before they enroll full time in college.
- ▶ Students should ask their counselor to send final transcript(s) with proof of graduation.





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**HOW CAN YOU HELP IN THIS  
PROCESS?**



## HOW CAN YOU HELP? YEAR-ROUND

- ▶ Maintain your school's list of NCAA-approved core courses to ensure it is accurate and up-to-date. Be mindful of approved and non-approved courses when helping students develop their schedules.
- ▶ Validate student registration fee waivers via the NCAA High School Portal when applicable.
- ▶ Respond to requests for more information from the NCAA Eligibility Center as needed.

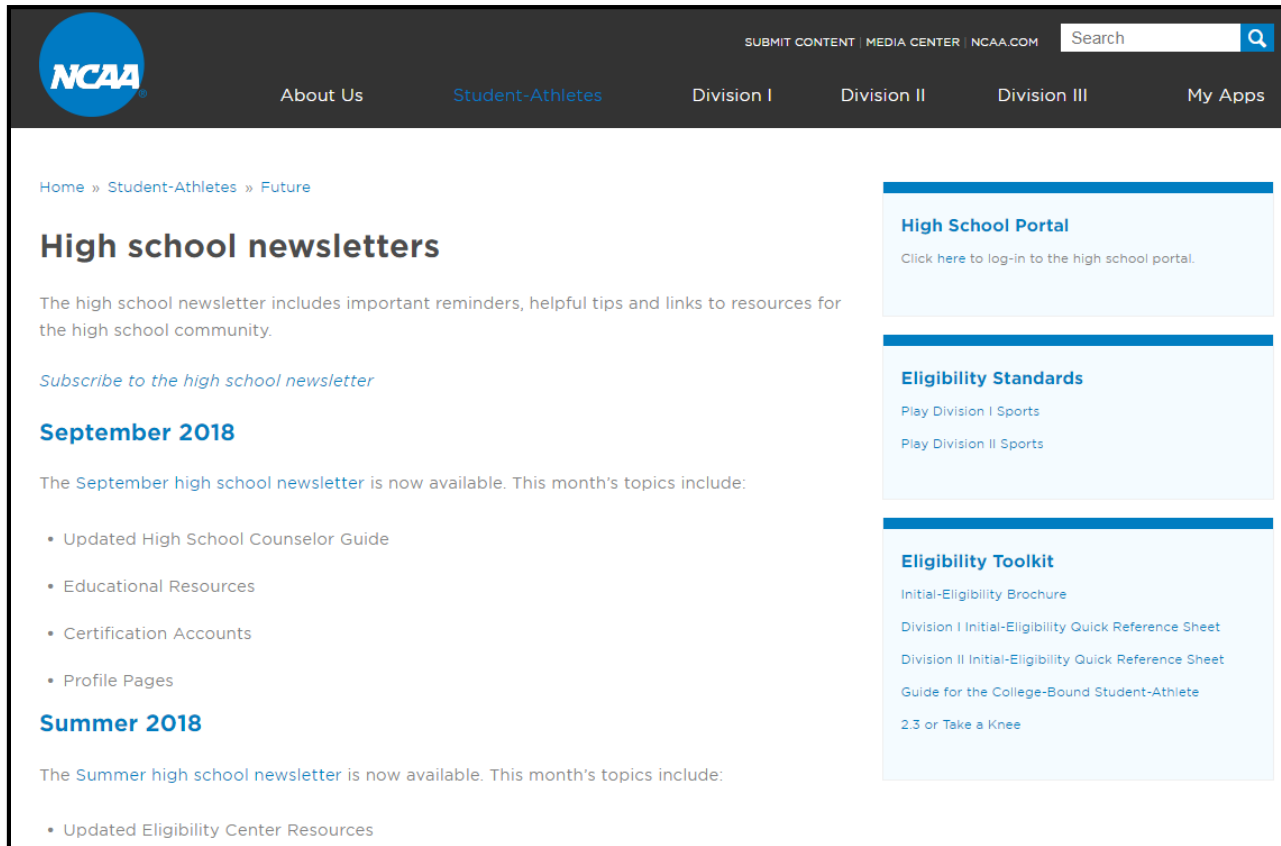


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# HOW CAN YOU HELP?



The screenshot shows the NCAA Eligibility Center website. The header includes the NCAA logo, navigation links (About Us, Student-Athletes, Division I, Division II, Division III, My Apps), and a search bar. The main content area is titled 'High school newsletters' and includes a breadcrumb trail (Home » Student-Athletes » Future). It describes the high school newsletter and provides a link to subscribe. The 'September 2018' section lists topics like the High School Counselor Guide, Educational Resources, Certification Accounts, and Profile Pages. The 'Summer 2018' section lists the Updated Eligibility Center Resources. A right sidebar contains links to the High School Portal, Eligibility Standards, and Eligibility Toolkit.

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## High school newsletters

The high school newsletter includes important reminders, helpful tips and links to resources for the high school community.

*Subscribe to the high school newsletter*

### September 2018

The [September high school newsletter](#) is now available. This month's topics include:

- Updated High School Counselor Guide
- Educational Resources
- Certification Accounts
- Profile Pages

### Summer 2018

The [Summer high school newsletter](#) is now available. This month's topics include:

- Updated Eligibility Center Resources

#### High School Portal

Click [here](#) to log-in to the high school portal.

#### Eligibility Standards

[Play Division I Sports](#)

[Play Division II Sports](#)

#### Eligibility Toolkit

[Initial-Eligibility Brochure](#)

[Division I Initial-Eligibility Quick Reference Sheet](#)

[Division II Initial-Eligibility Quick Reference Sheet](#)

[Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#)

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## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

### Annually—Fall

- ▶ Ensure any nontraditional programs (credit recovery, virtual or online courses, etc.) offered at your school have been reviewed. Contact the NCAA Eligibility Center to discuss your programs and initiate a review.

### Annually—Spring

- ▶ Upload official transcripts at the end of the students' sixth semester (junior year) and when they graduate from high school.



# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

## Resources

- ▶ Know that special considerations are given to students with documented [education-impacting disabilities](#).
- ▶ Emphasize the importance of academic performance at every step of the student's high school career – ***grade nine counts!!!***
- ▶ *Call the Eligibility Center with any questions!*

**877-622-2321**



# RESOURCES

For more information about initial eligibility, amateurism requirements and other valuable insight, visit the following resources.

# RESOURCES

- ▶ Visit our websites:
  - ▶ [ncaa.org/playcollegesports](https://ncaa.org/playcollegesports).
  - ▶ [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org).
- ▶ Get updates—follow us
  - ▶ Twitter [@NCAAEC](https://twitter.com/NCAAEC)
  - ▶ Instagram [@playcollegesports](https://www.instagram.com/playcollegesports).
- ▶ Visit [nationalletter.org](https://nationalletter.org) to learn about the NLI.
- ▶ Download our resources:
  - ▶ [Initial-Eligibility Brochure](#).
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  - ▶ [DI Initial-Eligibility Quick Reference Sheet](#).
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# Thank you!

- ▶ Contact the NCAA Eligibility Center
  - ▶ 317-917-6222
  - ▶ 877-262-1492 (toll free)
  - ▶ 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time,  
Monday through Friday

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