

# 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.

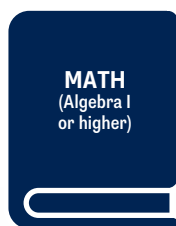
## CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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



ENGLISH

4 years



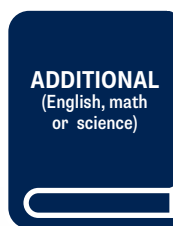
MATH  
(Algebra I  
or higher)

3 years



SCIENCE  
(Including one  
year of lab,  
if offered)

2 years



ADDITIONAL  
(English, math  
or science)

1 year



SOCIAL  
SCIENCE

2 years



ADDITIONAL  
COURSES  
(Any area listed  
to the left,  
world language  
or non-doctrinal  
religion/philosophy)

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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