

NCAA Eligibility Overview

If you want to play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school, start by registering for a Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org. If you want to play Division III sports or you aren't sure where you want to compete, start by creating a Profile Page at eligibilitycenter.org

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To play sports at a Division I or II school, you must graduate from high school, complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses, earn a minimum GPA and earn an ACT or SAT score that matches your core-course GPA.

CORE COURSES

Only courses that appear on your high school's list of NCAA core courses will count toward the 16 core-course requirement; visit eligibilitycenter.org/courselist for a full list of your high school's approved core courses. See page 37 for Division I 16 core courses and page 39 for Division II 16 core courses.

GRADE-POINT AVERAGE

The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates your grade-point average based only on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core courses.

- DI requires a minimum 2.3 GPA.
- DII requires a minimum 2.2 GPA.

SLIDING SCALE

Divisions I and II use sliding scales to match test scores and GPAs to determine eligibility. The sliding scale balances your test score with your GPA. If you have a low test score, you need a higher GPA to be eligible. Find more information about test scores at ncaa.org/test-scores.

TEST SCORES

You may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before you enroll full time in college. Every time you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code 9999 to send your scores directly to us from the testing agency. We accept official scores only from the ACT or SAT, and won't use scores shown on your high school transcript. If you take either test more than once, the best subscore from different tests are used to give you the best possible score.



NCAA High School Timeline

GRADE 9 | Plan

- Start planning now! Take the right courses and earn the best grades possible.
- Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at eligibilitycenter.org/courselist.
- Sign up for a free Profile Page at eligibilitycenter.org for information on NCAA requirements.

GRADE 10 | Register

- If you fall behind academically, ask your counselor for help finding approved courses you can take.
- Register for a Profile Page or Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.
- Monitor your Eligibility Center account for next steps.
- At the end of the year, ask your counselor at each high school or program you attended to upload your official transcript to your NCAA Eligibility Center account.

GRADE 11 | Study

- Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved courses and graduate on time with your class.
- Take the ACT or SAT and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- Ensure your sports participation information is correct in your Eligibility Center account.
- At the end of the year, ask your counselor at each high school or program you attended to upload your official transcript to your NCAA Eligibility Center account.

GRADE 12 | Graduate

- Complete your final NCAA-approved core courses as you prepare for graduation.
- 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 beginning April 1 (fall enrollees) or Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees) in your NCAA Eligibility Center account at eligibilitycenter.org.
- After you graduate, ask your counselor to upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation to your NCAA Eligibility Center account.
- Reminder: Only students on an NCAA Division I or II school's institutional request list will receive a certification.

Core Courses:

This simple formula will help you meet Divisions I and II core-course requirements.

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

+ 4 English courses (one per year)

+ 4 math courses (one per year)

+ 4 science courses (one per year)

+ 4 social science courses (one per year)

= 16 NCAA CORE COURSES

For more information:

ncaa.org/playcollegesports
eligibilitycenter.org

Search Frequently Asked Questions

ncaa.org/studentfaq



NCAA Division I Academic Requirements

CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENT

Complete 16 NCAA core courses, including seven in English, math, or natural/physical science, before your seventh semester.

English	Math (Algebra I or higher)	Natural/ Physical Science (1 year of lab if offered)	Additional (English, math or natural/physical science)	Social Science	Additional Courses (any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
4 Years	3 Years	2 Years	1 Year	2 Years	4 Years

FULL QUALIFIER

- Complete 16 core courses.
 - Ten of the 16 core courses must be completed before the seventh semester (senior year) of high school.
 - Seven of the 10 core courses must be in English, math or natural/physical science.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.300.
- Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching the core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale (see next page).
- Graduate high school.

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

- Complete 16 core courses.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000.
- Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching the core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale (see next page).
- Graduate high school.

Full Qualifier: College-bound student-athletes may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.

Academic Redshirt: College-bound student-athletes may receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of full-time enrollment and may practice during their first

regular academic term, but may NOT compete during their first year of enrollment.

Nonqualifier: College-bound student-athletes will not be able to practice, compete or receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.

International Students: Please review the international initial-eligibility flyer for information and academic requirements specific to international student-athletes.

TEST SCORES

If a student plans to attend an NCAA Division I college or university in the 2019-20 or 2020-21 academic years, use the following charts to understand the core-course GPA he or she will need to meet NCAA Division I requirements.

A combined SAT score is calculated by adding critical reading and math subscores. An ACT sum score is calculated by adding English, math, reading and science subscores. A student may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before he or she enrolls full time in college. If a student takes either test more than once, the best subscores from each test are used for the academic certification process.

When a student registers for the SAT or ACT, he or she can use the NCAA Eligibility Center code of 9999 to send their scores directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center from the testing agency. Test scores on transcripts CANNOT be used in an academic certification.

NCAA Division I Academic Requirements

DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE		
Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*
3.550	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	430	39
3.475	440	40
3.450	460	41
3.425	470	41
3.400	490	42
3.375	500	42
3.350	520	43
3.325	530	44
3.300	550	44
3.275	560	45
3.250	580	46
3.225	590	46
3.200	600	47
3.175	620	47
3.150	630	48
3.125	650	49
3.100	660	49
3.075	680	50
3.050	690	50
3.025	710	51
3.000	720	52
2.975	730	52
2.950	740	53
2.925	750	53
2.900	750	54
2.875	760	55
2.850	770	56
2.825	780	56
2.800	790	57
2.775	800	58

DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE		
Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*
2.750	810	59
2.725	820	60
2.700	830	61
2.675	840	61
2.650	850	62
2.625	860	63
2.600	860	64
2.575	870	65
2.550	880	66
2.525	890	67
2.500	900	68
2.475	910	69
2.450	920	70
2.425	930	70
2.400	940	71
2.375	950	72
2.350	960	73
2.325	970	74
2.300	980	75
2.299	990	76
2.275	990	76
2.250	1000	77
2.225	1010	78
2.200	1020	79
2.175	1030	80
2.150	1040	81
2.125	1050	82
2.100	1060	83
2.075	1070	84
2.050	1080	85
2.025	1090	86
2.000	1100	86

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

*Final concordance research between the new SAT and ACT is ongoing.

NCAA Division II Academic Requirements

CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENT

English	Math (Algebra I or higher)	Natural/ Physical Science (1 year of lab if offered)	Additional (English, math or natural/physical science)	Social Science	Additional Courses (any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
3 Years	2 Years	2 Years	3 Year	2 Years	4 Years

FULL QUALIFIER

- Complete 16 core courses.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.200.
- Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching the core-course GPA on the Division II full qualifier sliding scale (see next page).
- Graduate high school.

PARTIAL QUALIFIER

- Complete 16 core courses.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000.
- Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching the core-course GPA on the Division II partial qualifier sliding scale (see next page).
- Graduate high school.

Full Qualifier: College-bound student-athletes may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division II school.

Partial Qualifier: College-bound student-athletes may receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of enrollment and may practice during their first year of full-time enrollment at a Division II school, but may NOT compete.

Nonqualifier: College-bound student-athletes will not be able to practice, compete or receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division II school.

International Students: Please review the international initial-eligibility flyer for information and academic requirements specific to international student-athletes.

TEST SCORES

If a student plans to attend an NCAA Division II college or university in the 2019-20 or 2020-21 academic years, use the following charts to understand the core-course GPA he or she will need to meet NCAA Division II requirements.

A combined SAT score is calculated by adding critical reading and math subscores. An ACT sum score is calculated by adding English, math, reading and science subscores. A student may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before he or she enrolls full time in college. If a student takes either test more than once, the best subscores from each test are used for the academic certification process.

NCAA Division II Academic Requirements

DIVISION II FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE		
Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*
3.300 & above	400	37
3.275	410	38
3.250	430	39
3.225	440	40
3.200	460	41
3.175	470	41
3.150	490	42
3.125	500	42
3.100	520	43
3.075	530	44
3.050	550	44
3.025	560	45
3.000	580	46
2.975	590	46
2.950	600	47
2.925	620	47
2.900	630	48
2.875	650	49
2.850	660	49
2.825	680	50
2.800	690	50
2.775	710	51
2.750	720	52
2.725	730	52
2.700	740	53
2.675	750	53
2.650	750	54
2.625	760	55
2.600	770	56
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Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*
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2.375	860	63
2.350	860	64
2.325	870	65
2.300	880	66
2.275	890	67
2.250	900	68
2.525	910	69
2.500	920	70 & above

DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE		
Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*
3.050 & above	400	37
3.025	410	38
3.000	430	39
2.975	440	40
2.950	460	41
2.925	470	41
2.900	490	42
2.875	500	42
2.850	520	43
2.825	530	44
2.800	550	44
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2.275	800	58
2.250	810	59
2.225	820	60
2.200	830	61
2.175	840	61
2.150	850	62
2.125	860	63
2.100	860	64
2.075	870	65
2.050	880	66
2.025	890	67
2.000	900	68 & above

NCAA Quick Reference Guide

ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS — NCAA APPROVED CORE COURSES

ENGLISH

- AP English 11 Lang & Comp
- AP English 12 Lit & Comp
- Creative Writing
- English 9
- English 10
- English 11
- English 12
- English 12 Capstone
- Honors English 9
- Honors English 10
- Mystery
- Poetry
- Spanish Language Arts*
- Speech I
- Speech II
- Speech Communication
- Gifted Academy Advanced Creative Writing
- Gifted Academy AP English 10 Lit & Comp
- Gifted Academy AP English 11 Lang & Comp
- Gifted Academy English 9
- Gifted Academy English 12

MATHEMATICS

- Algebra 3/Trigonometry
- Algebra 1
- Algebra 1/H
- Algebra 2
- Algebra 3
- AP Calc AB
- AP Calc BC
- AP Statistics
- Arabic Bilingual Algebra
- Arabic Bilingual Geometry
- Calculus 3-4
- College Algebra 1-2
- Geometry 1
- Integrated Math I
- Integrated Math 2
- Integrated Math 2 Accelerated
- Integrated Math 3
- Integrated Math 3 Accelerated*
- Intro to Stats
- Pre-Calculus 1-2
- Trigonometry
- Gifted Academy Algebra
- Gifted Academy College Algebra
- Gifted Academy Geometry
- Gifted Academy Trigonometry

SOCIAL SCIENCE

- AP Comparative Government and Politics
- AP European History
- AP Human Geography
- AP Macro Economics
- AP Micro Economics
- AP Psychology
- AP US Government and Politics
- AP US History
- AP World History
- Criminal Law
- Economics
- Global Studies
- Honors World History 1-2
- Latin American History
- Newcomer Social Studies
- Psychology 1-2
- Sociology
- United States History
- US Government and Politics
- World Affair
- World Geography
- World History
- Gifted Academy AP US History
- Gifted Academy World History

* Pending NCAA Approval

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NATURAL/PHYSICAL SCIENCE

- Aerospace 1-2
- Anatomy/Physiology 1-2
- AP Biology 1-2
- AP Chemistry 1-2
- AP Comp Science A
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics 1-2
- AP Physics 2
- Arabic Bilingual Biology
- Arabic Bilingual Chemistry
- Arabic Bilingual Physical Science
- Biology 1-2
- Chemistry 1-2
- Conceptual Chemistry 1-2
- Conceptual Physics 1-2
- Environmental Science
- ESCI1-Geology & Oceanography
- ESCI2-Astronomy & Meteorology
- Honors Biology 1-2
- Honors Chemistry 1-2
- Integrated Science 1
- Integrated Science 2
- Microbiology
- Organic Chemistry
- Physical Science 1-2
- Physics 1-2
- Zoology 1-2
- Gifted Academy Advanced Biology
- Gifted Academy Chemistry
- Gifted Academy Physics

ADDITIONAL CORE COURSES

- American Sign Language 1
- American Sign Language 2
- American Sign Language 3
- American Sign Language 4
- AP French
- AP Spanish Language
- French 1
- French 2
- French 3
- French 4
- French 5
- Spanish 1
- Spanish 2
- Spanish 3
- Spanish 4
- Spanish for Heritage Speakers 1
- Spanish for Heritage Speakers 2