



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

NAVIGATING INITIAL ELIGIBILITY DURING COVID-19

High School Athletic Directors



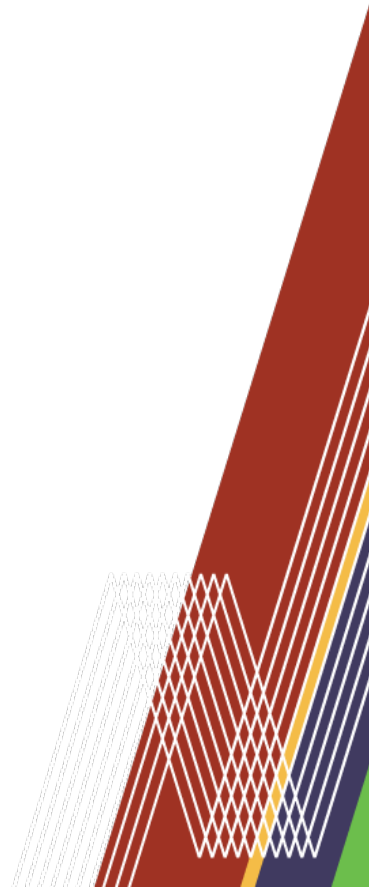
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NCAA Eligibility Center



AGENDA

- » COVID-19 FAQ.
- » What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?
- » Registration.
- » Core Course.
- » Alternative Standards.
 - Division I.
 - Division II.
- » Distance or E-Learning.
- » Sports Participation.
- » Resources.





COVID-19 AUTOMATIC WAIVER FAQ



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NCAA Eligibility Center COVID-19 Response FAQs

For Students Initially Enrolling Full Time in the 2021-22 or 2022-23 Academic Year

Given the continuing impact of COVID-19 on the educational environment, the NCAA Eligibility Center has partnered with the NCAA membership to identify the following changes to the initial-eligibility certification process for students **who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during the 2021-22 or 2022-23 academic year**. The Eligibility Center will continue to monitor the environment and make necessary adjustments to prioritize health, safety and fairness for all prospective student-athletes.

FAQ Topics—Quick Links

[Automatic Waiver
Criteria—2021-22 or
2022-23 Enrollment](#)

[Academic Evaluations
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[Submission of
Academic
Documents](#)

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COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Criteria for 2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment

Q1: Given the unique circumstances due to COVID-19, will there be any flexibility in the initial-eligibility standard for students who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during the 2021-22 or 2022-23 academic year?



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WHAT IS THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER?



WHAT IS THE ELIGIBILITY CENTER?

- » A unit within the NCAA responsible for evaluating and certifying college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition at Division I and II schools.
- » We focus on:
 - Academic preparedness.
 - Sports participation.
 - High school courses.
 - Customer service.
- » If you want to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school, you must meet NCAA Eligibility Center:
 - Academic initial-eligibility requirements.
 - Amateurism requirements.



NCAA FAST FACTS

- » 1,100+ colleges and universities.
- » 98 voting athletics conferences.
- » 39 affiliated organizations.
- » > 500,000 student-athletes.
- » 19,500 teams.
- » 90 championships.
- » 24 sports.
- » Three divisions.



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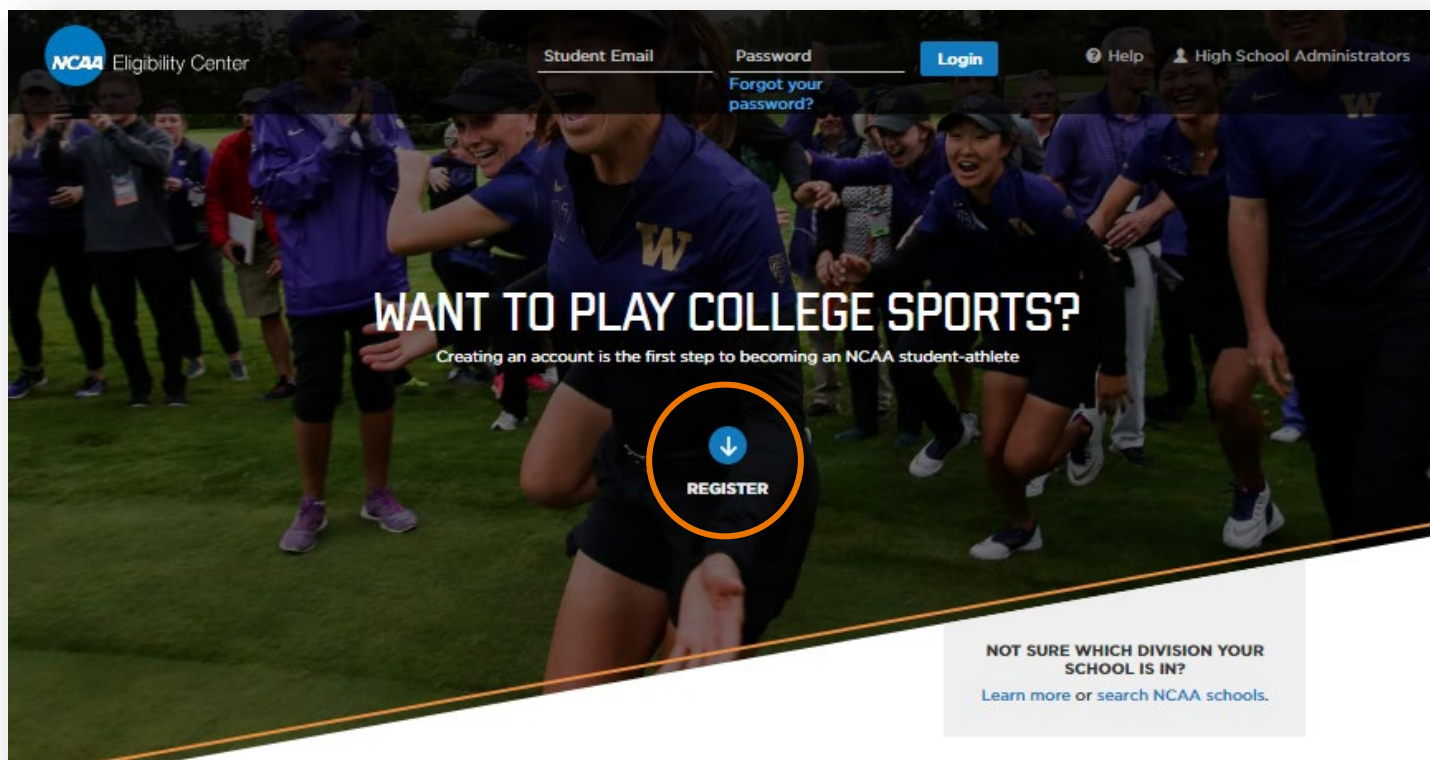
REGISTRATION



TWO ACCOUNT TYPES

Profile Page Account and Certification Account

» Register for either account at eligibilitycenter.org.



NCAA Eligibility Center

Student Email Password Login Help High School Administrators

Forgot your password?

WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete

REGISTER

NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR SCHOOL IS IN?
[Learn more or search NCAA schools.](#)



FREE PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT



Students interested in a Division III school or currently are not sure in which division they want to compete.



No registration fee to create a Profile Page account.



Transition to a paid Certification account at any time your student opts to pursue a Division I or II path.



CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT



Students must be certified by NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at a Division I or II school.



Registration fee:

» Domestic students: \$90.

» International students \$150.



Before students take official visits or sign an NLI, they must have a complete (paid) Certification account.



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

- » Student-athletes must apply and be accepted to their NCAA Division I or II school before they can compete on campus.
 - NCAA Certification does NOT include acceptance to the recruiting NCAA Division I or II school.
- » Student-athletes should ask their NCAA school for more information about cost of attendance and financial aid.



WHAT IS AN IRL?

- » An institutional request list is a list of college-bound student-athletes an NCAA Division I or II school is interested in recruiting.
- » Your student-athlete **must** be on a Division I or II school's IRL to get an Eligibility Center certification and play sports in college.



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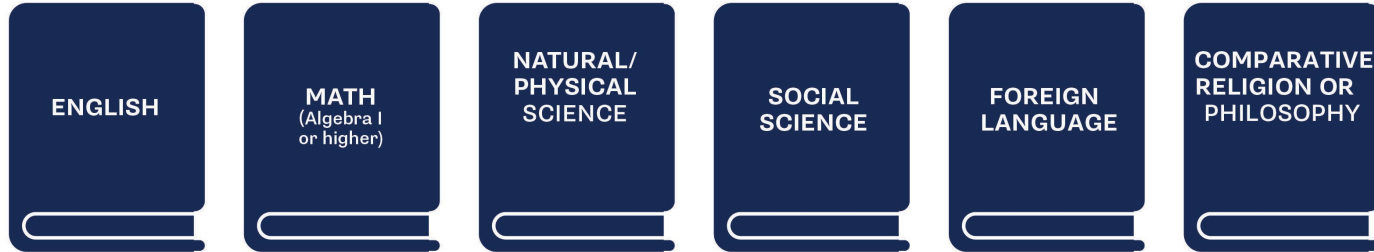


**WHAT IS A
CORE COURSE?**





WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?



» NCAA core courses are:

- On your school's list of NCAA-approved core courses.
- Taught at or above the high school's regular academic level.
- Taught by a qualified instructor.
- Considered four-year college preparatory.



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CORE COURSE LIST

Scan the QR Code Below



Find Your School's List
of NCAA-Approved
Core Courses.



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An aerial photograph of a basketball player in a blue jersey performing a layup on a court. The player is in the center of a large white circle on the court. The background shows the court's surface with white lines and a shadow cast by the player. The text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

**COVID-19
ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS**
2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment



DIVISION I: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS

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





DIVISION I: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment

Note: 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 ≥ 3.0 in the required subject areas.

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



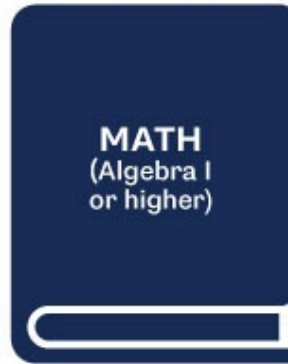
DIVISION I: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment



ENGLISH

3 Years



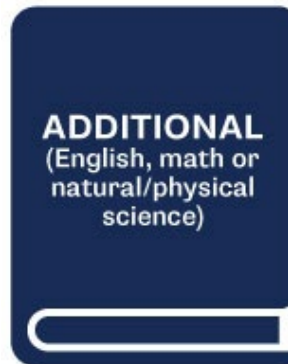
MATH
(Algebra I
or higher)

2 Years



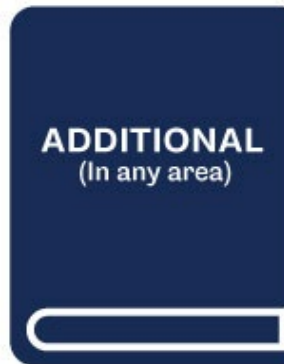
NATURAL/
PHYSICAL
SCIENCE
(Including one
year of lab,
if offered)

2 Years



ADDITIONAL
(English, math or
natural/physical
science)

2 Years



ADDITIONAL
(In any area)

5 Years



DIVISION I: QUALIFIER

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment



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 ≥ 2.3 in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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



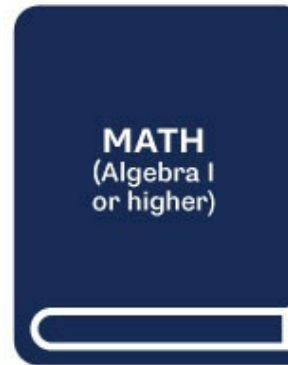
DIVISION I: QUALIFIER

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment



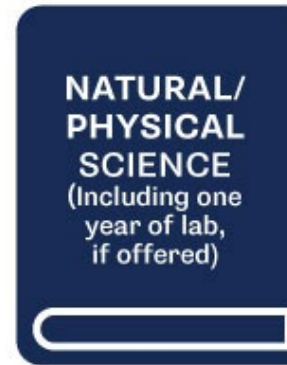
ENGLISH

4 Years



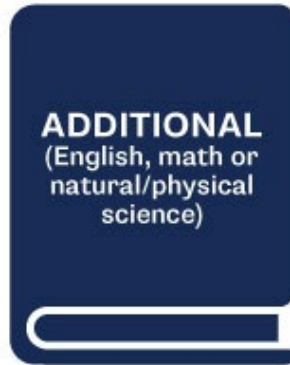
MATH
(Algebra I
or higher)

3 Years



**NATURAL/
PHYSICAL
SCIENCE**
(Including one
year of lab,
if offered)

2 Years



ADDITIONAL
(English, math or
natural/physical
science)

1 Year



**SOCIAL
SCIENCE**

2 Years



**ADDITIONAL
COURSES**
(Any area listed,
foreign language or
comparative
religion/philosophy)

4 Years



DIVISION I: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment



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.



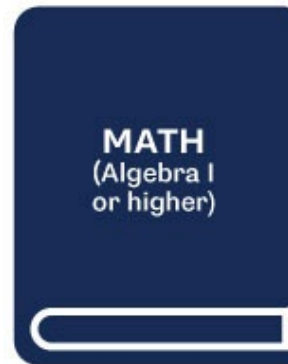
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2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment



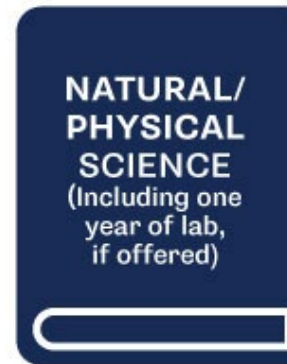
ENGLISH

4 Years



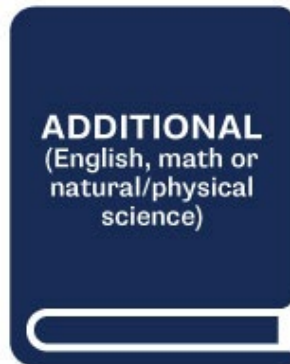
MATH
(Algebra I
or higher)

3 Years



**NATURAL/
PHYSICAL
SCIENCE**
(Including one
year of lab,
if offered)

2 Years



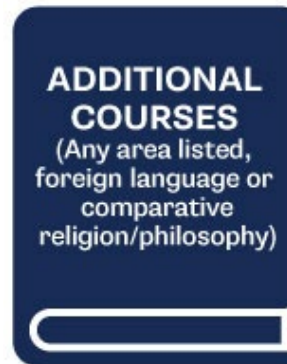
ADDITIONAL
(English, math or
natural/physical
science)

1 Year



**SOCIAL
SCIENCE**

2 Years



**ADDITIONAL
COURSES**
(Any area listed,
foreign language or
comparative
religion/philosophy)

4 Years



DIVISION I: NONQUALIFIER

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment



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

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



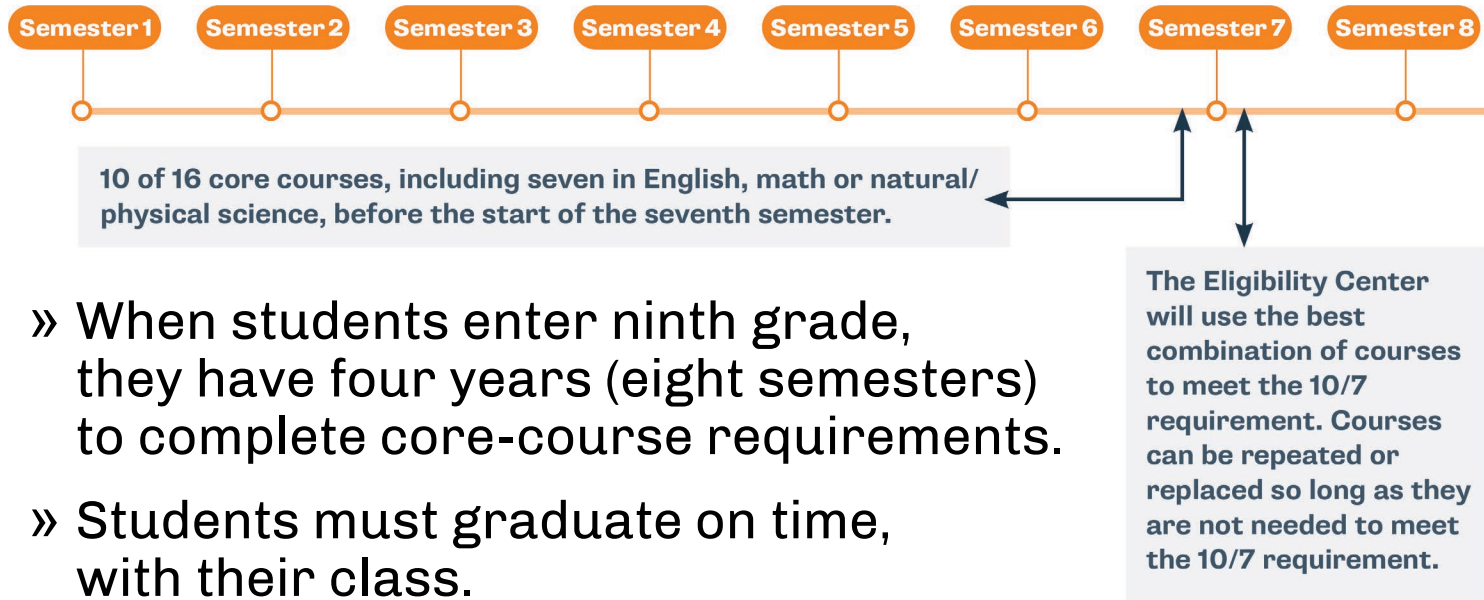
STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES



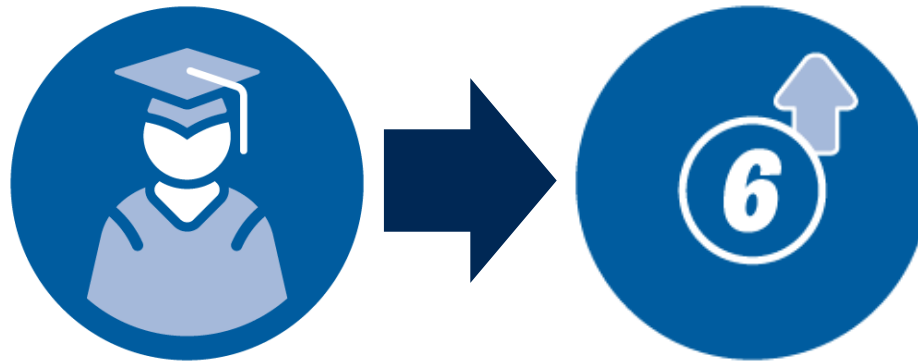
Test Score Task Force

- » Standardized test scores are excluded from NCAA initial-eligibility criteria for students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years.
- » However, colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores.

DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION



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**2021-22 or 2022-23
Full-Time Enrollee**

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

» **Note:** 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

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment

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



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



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.5 in the required subject areas.

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



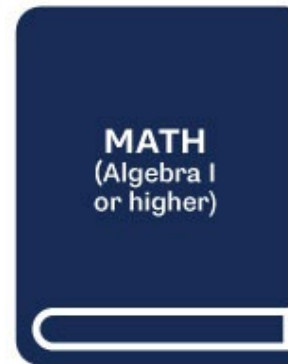
DIVISION II: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment



ENGLISH

3 Years



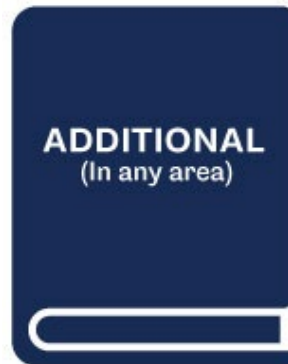
MATH
(Algebra I
or higher)

3 Years



**NATURAL/
PHYSICAL
SCIENCE**
(Including one
year of lab,
if offered)

2 Years



ADDITIONAL
(In any area)

6 Years



DIVISION II: QUALIFIER

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment



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



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.2 in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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



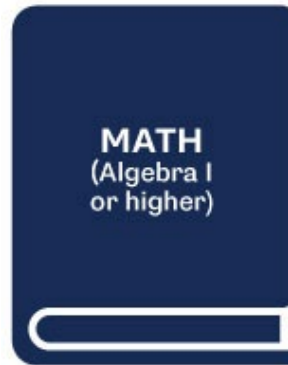
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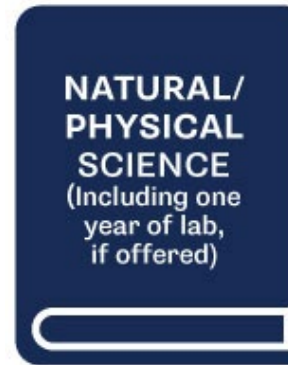
ENGLISH

3 Years



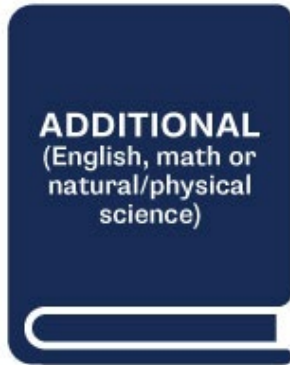
MATH
(Algebra I
or higher)

2 Years



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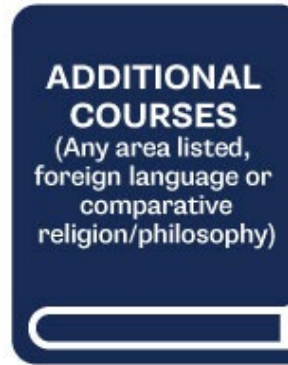
ADDITIONAL
(English, math or
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science)

3 Years



**SOCIAL
SCIENCE**

2 Years



**ADDITIONAL
COURSES**
(Any area listed,
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comparative
religion/philosophy)

4 Years



DIVISION II: PARTIAL QUALIFIER

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment

Note: 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



Test Score Task Force

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FLEXIBILITY IN INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY



**2021-22 or 2022-23
Full-Time Enrollee**



**COVID-19
Automatic Waiver**



**Athletics Scholarship,
Practice and Compete**

- » Students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during 2022-23 must meet specific criteria to be eligible.



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INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL OTHER CLASSES

Scan the QR Codes Below



**Division I Academic
Requirements**



**Division II Academic
Requirements**



EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

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

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

9TH GRADE

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

4 CORE COURSES

10TH GRADE

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

4 CORE COURSES

11TH GRADE

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

4 CORE COURSES

12TH GRADE

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

4 CORE COURSES



DIVISION III

- » Each Division III school determines its own eligibility for:
 - Admission.
 - Financial aid.
 - Practice and competition.
- » The NCAA Eligibility Center does not perform certifications for Division III student-athletes.
- » Division III college-bound student-athletes may register for a free Profile Page, but it is not required.



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**DISTANCE
OR E-LEARNING**



DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING

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



**Students of
All Grade Levels**

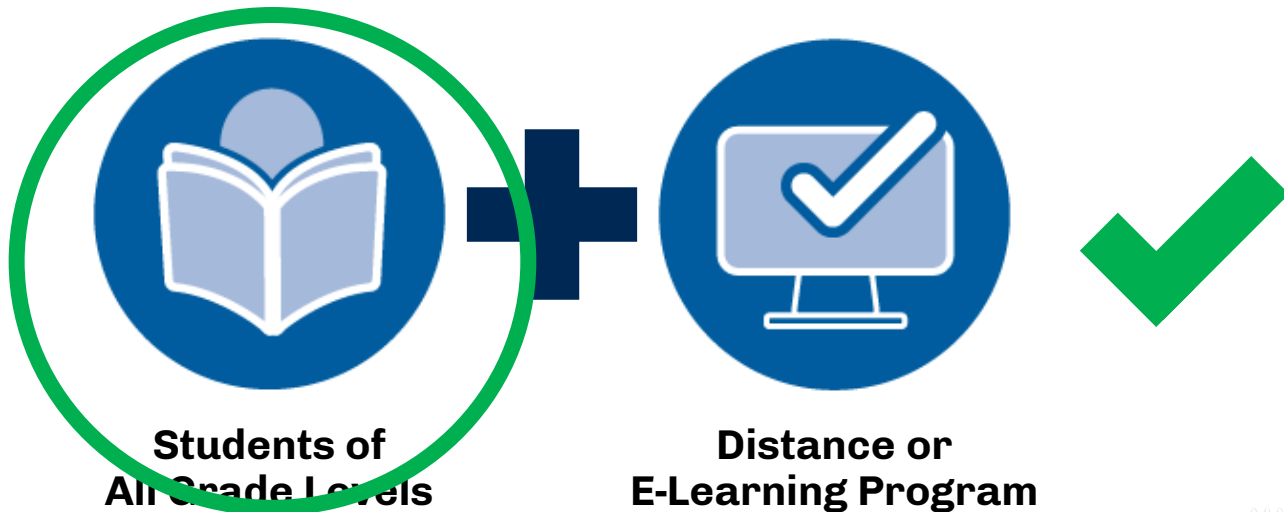


**Distance or
E-Learning Program**



DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING

» **Note:** 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 and 2021-22 academic calendars.





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SPORTS PARTICIPATION





SPORTS PARTICIPATION

When students register for a Certification account, they must:

- » Select the sport(s) they would like to play in college.
- » Update their information frequently if they play for multiple teams or attend events outside the traditional high school setting.
- » Request final amateurism certification before they enroll full time at a Division I or II school.

Note: Over 94% of students do not require additional questions from the EC after they request final amateurism.



NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS

TAKING ACTION NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS

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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.

The NCAA is best positioned to provide a uniform and fair name, image and likeness approach for all student-athletes on a national scale.

[Learn How We Support College Athletes](#)

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.
 - 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 before acting. 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.



PROACTIVE STUDENT ACTIONS

If students want to play sports in college, they must:

- » Share their NCAA ID with Division I and II schools recruiting them.
- » Apply to schools of their choosing to be accepted.
- » Request final amateurism certification before enrolling full time in college.
 - Starting April 1 (fall).
 - Starting Oct. 1 (winter/spring).
- » Ask their counselor to submit their final transcript with proof of graduation.
- » Understand considerations for documented [education impacting disabilities](#).



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RESOURCES



**Guide for
High School Counselors**

RESOURCES

- » Review the [COVID-19 FAQ](#).
- » Visit the [High School Portal](#).
- » Subscribe to the [High School newsletter](#).
- » Visit eligibilitycenter.org.
- » Download our resources:
 - [Guide for High School Counselors](#).
 - [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#).
 - [Initial-Eligibility flyer](#).



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