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WHAT IS THE NCAA?

- NCAA members and the national office are dedicated to the lifelong success of college athletes. They are committed to providing a pathway to opportunity by prioritizing academics, well-being and fairness for student-athletes.

NCAA FAST FACTS

- 1,117 colleges and universities.
- 100 athletics conferences.
- 40 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.

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GRADE 9: PLAN

- Register for a Profile Page or Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at **eligibilitycenter.org**.
- If you fall behind academically, ask your counselor for help finding approved courses you can take.
- Your core-course GPA starts *in ninth grade*.

GRADE 10: REGISTER

- Register for a Profile Page or Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at **eligibilitycenter.org**.
- If you fall behind academically, ask your counselor for help finding approved courses you can take.

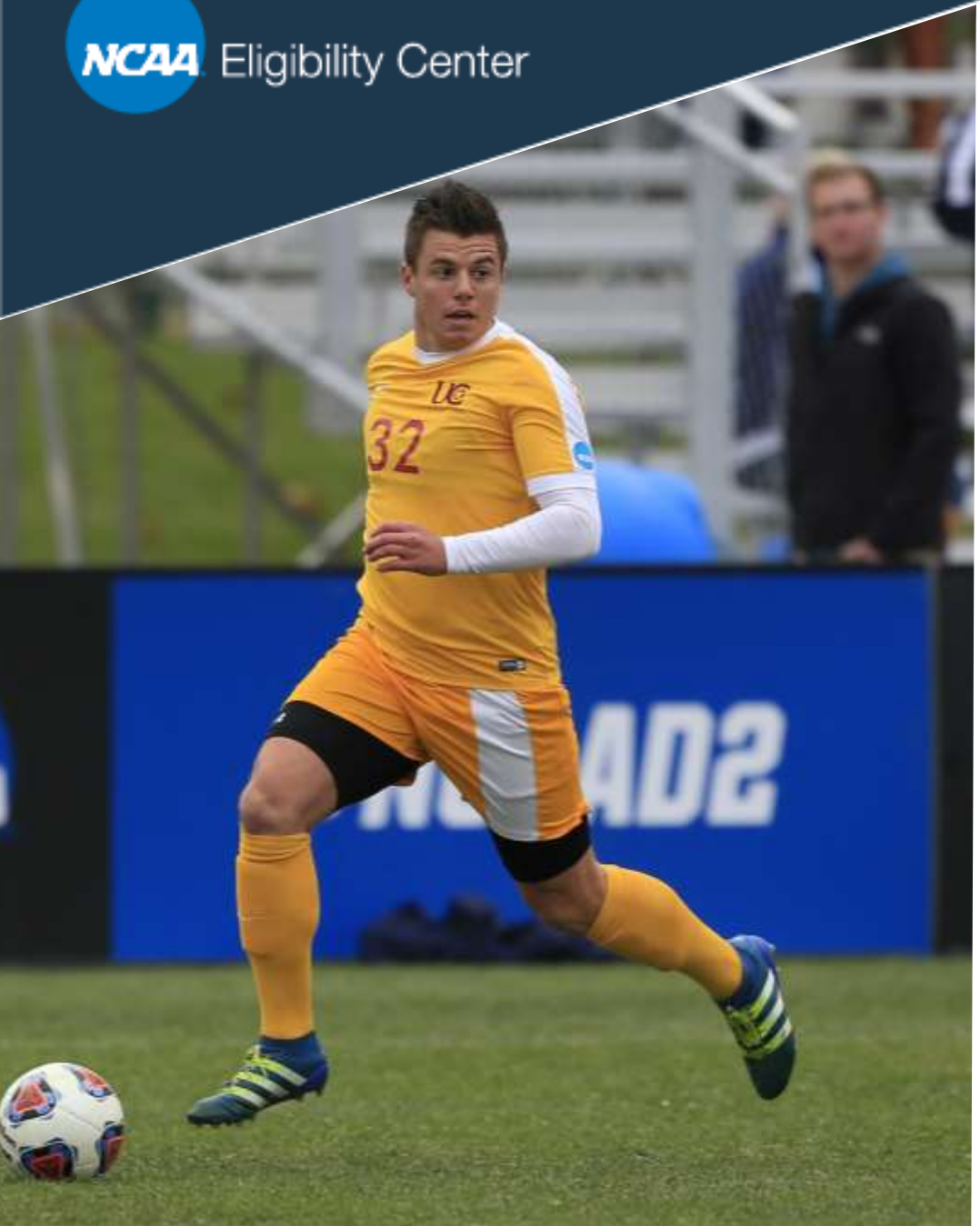


GRADE 11: REGISTER

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



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GRADE 12: GRADUATE

- Complete your final NCAA core courses.
- Take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and submit your scores directly 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).

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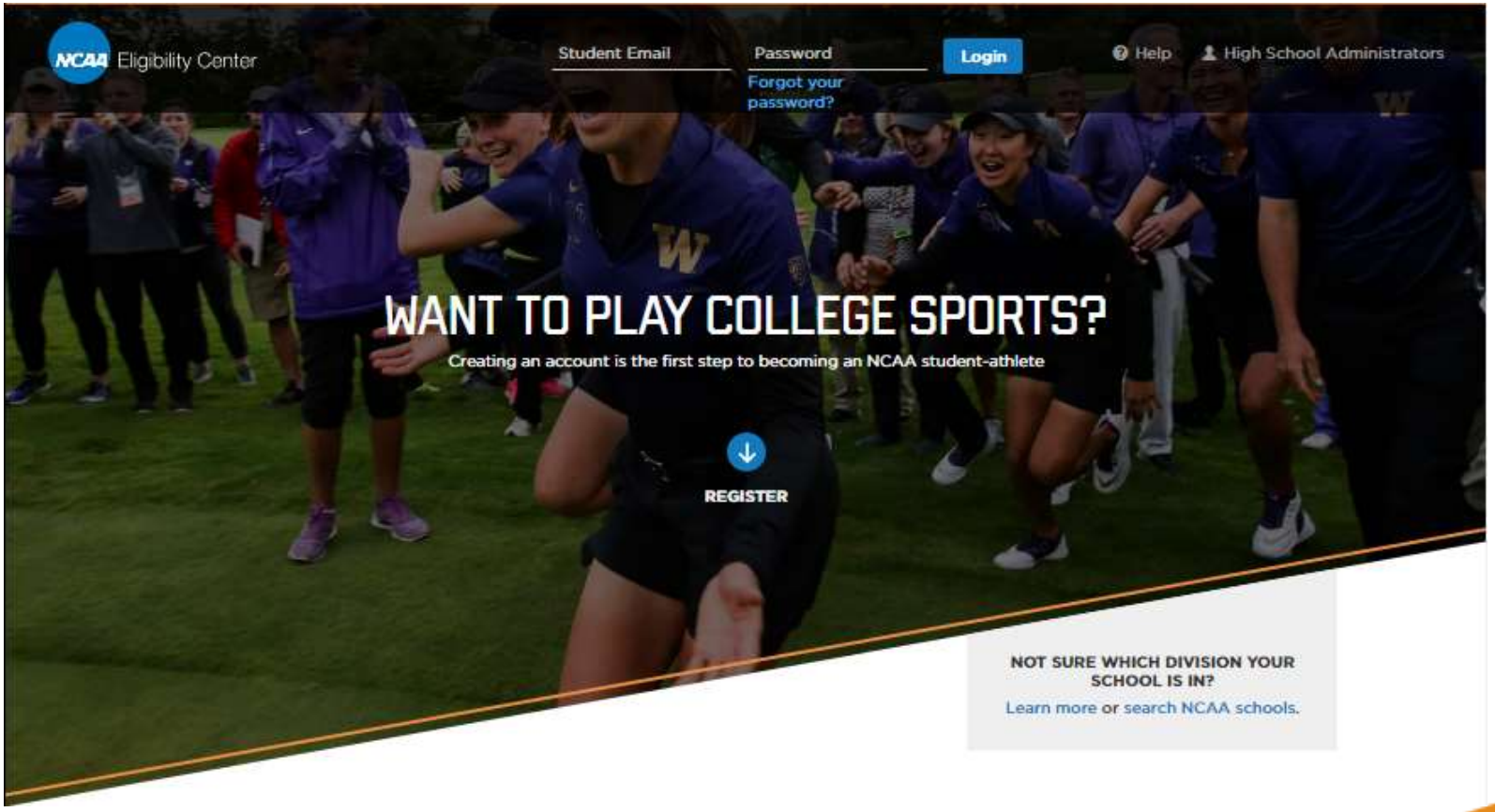


GRADE 12: GRADUATE

- 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 receive a certification.

REGISTRATION

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



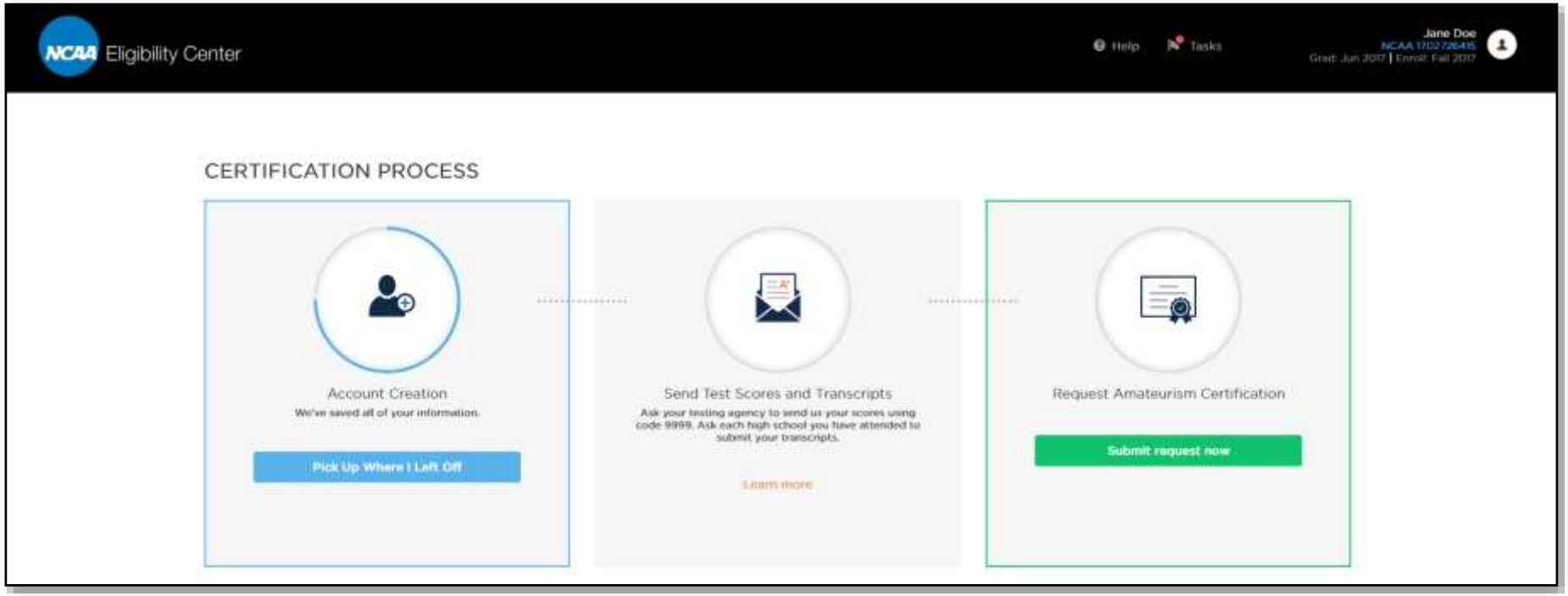
TWO ACCOUNT TYPES

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 an NCAA Division I or Division II 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.



- Review your Dashboard for open tasks and additional information.
- Update your graduation or enrollment dates if needed.
- Review your combined SAT or ACT sum test scores.
- View your transcripts on file.
- Edit your account, schools or sports information.
- **Tip:** Register with an email you will have access to after graduating from high school.

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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:** You can find your school's list of NCAA-approved core courses by going to **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.

BEFORE YOU TAKE NONTRADITIONAL COURSES

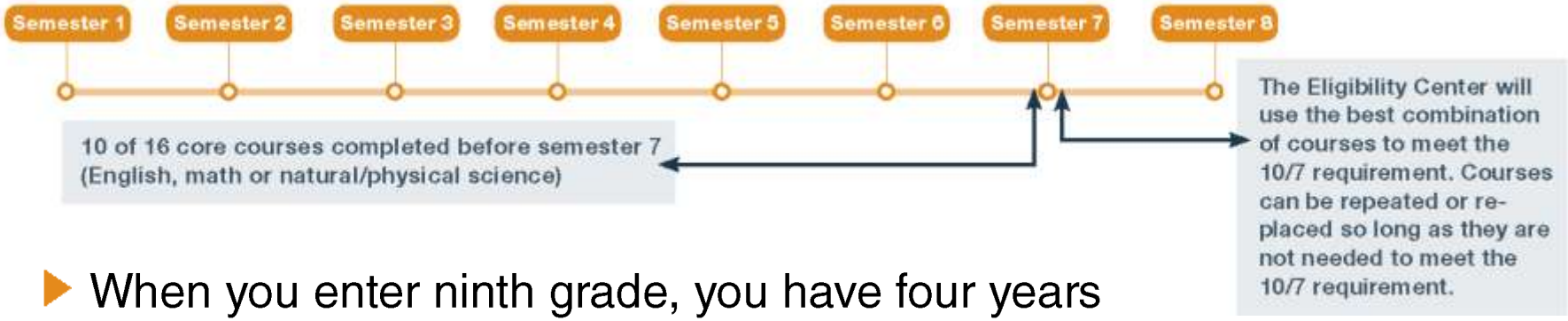
- Consider these requirements. A nontraditional course:
  - Must meet NCAA core-course requirements.
  - Must include regular ongoing access between the instructor and student.
  - Must have a defined time period for completion (for example, eight weeks).

- **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.

DIVISION I INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- To play Division I sports you 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.

DIVISION I CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION



- When you enter ninth grade, you have four years (eight semesters) to complete your core-course requirement.
- If you do not complete high school on time, your core courses taken after high school will not count toward NCAA requirements.
- **On time:** If your high school graduation takes place June 1, you must graduate June 1. If you do not graduate June 1, you have not completed your 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 you wish.
- Use code **9999** when registering to send scores directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- We will use your best scores to certify you:
  - SAT combined score.
  - ACT sum score.
- Your 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 you meet specific criteria after six semesters of high school, you may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division I and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of enrollment.
- To be an early academic qualifier, you will need:
  - Minimum ACT sum score of 75 *or*
  - Minimum SAT combined score (math and critical reading) of 900 on SAT tests taken before March 2016 *or*
  - Minimum SAT combined score (math and critical reading) of 980 on SAT tests taken March 2016 or later.
  - 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

- You are eligible to practice, compete and receive athletics aid your 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.

DIVISION I REDSHIRT

- You may receive athletics aid and practice your first academic term but not compete.
- 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.
- You may retake core courses if you fail to meet the required 10 courses before your senior year.
- You must pass nine semester hours (eight quarter hours) your first academic term to continue practicing the rest of the year.

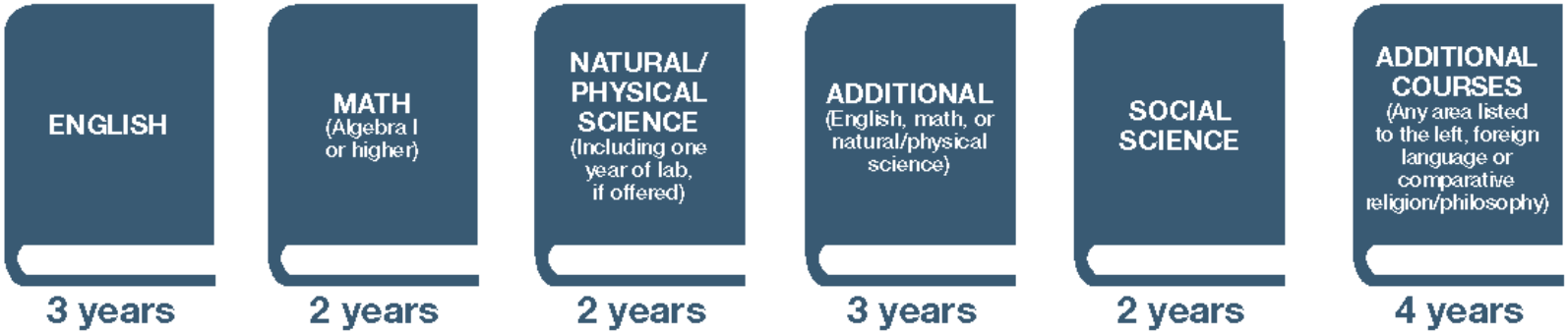
DIVISION I NONQUALIFIER

- You are not eligible to practice, compete or receive athletics aid your first year.

DIVISION II INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- To play Division II sports you 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 your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale.

DIVISION II CORE-COURSES



- Core-course time limitation
  - You can use all core courses completed starting your ninth-grade year until you enroll full time at a Division II college or university.

DIVISION II TEST SCORES

- Take the SAT or ACT as many times as you wish.
- Use code **9999** when registering to send scores directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- We will use your best scores to certify you:
  - SAT combined score.
  - ACT sum score.
- Your 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	590	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 you meet specific criteria listed below after six semesters, you 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, you will need:
  - Minimum sum score of 68 on the ACT *or*
  - Minimum SAT combined score (math and critical reading) of 820 on SAT tests taken before March 2016 *or*
  - Minimum SAT combined score (math and critical reading) of 900 on SAT tests taken March 2016 or later.
  - 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

- You are eligible to practice, compete and receive athletics aid your 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 3/2016)	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	590	520	46
2.975	590	530	46
2.950	600	540	47

DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER

- You are eligible to practice and receive athletics aid your 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

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
2.700	600	540	47

DIVISION II NONQUALIFIER

- You are not eligible to practice, compete or receive athletics aid your 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 and receive information, but it is not required.

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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.

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SPORTS PARTICIPATION

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

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SPORTS PARTICIPATION

- Request final amateurism certification before you 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!

- Share your NCAA ID number with schools recruiting you.
- Don’t forget to apply to the school of your choosing and confirm you’ve been accepted.
- Learn about the NLI.
- Request final amateurism certification before you enroll full time in college.
- Ask your counselor to send your final transcript(s) with proof of graduation.



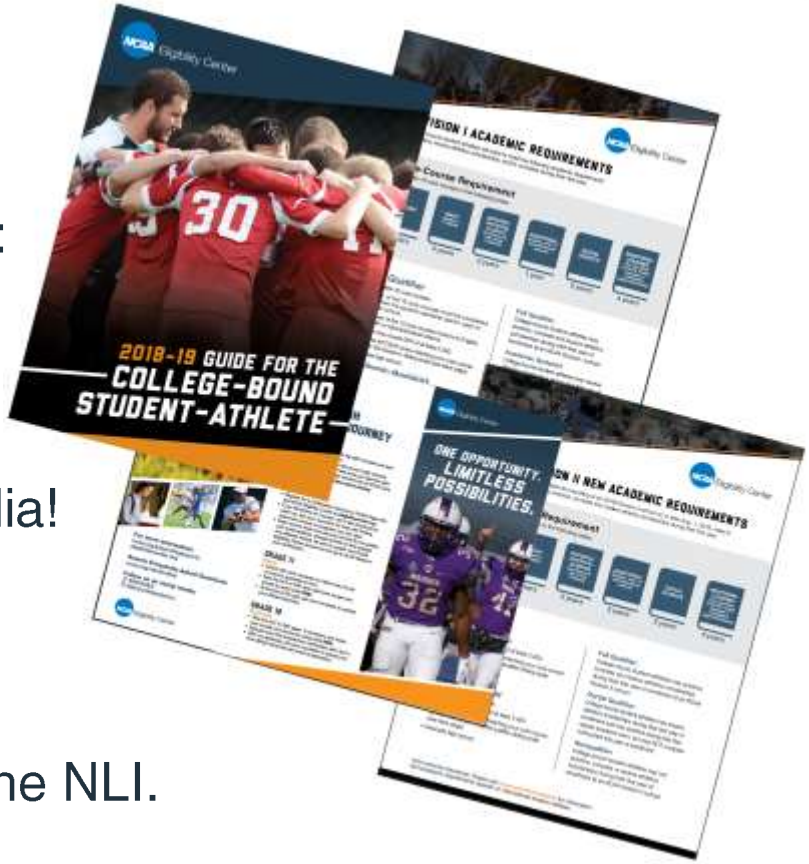
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RESOURCES

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

RESOURCES



- Visit NCAA Eligibility Center websites:
  - ncaa.org/playcollegesports.
  - eligibilitycenter.org.
- Get updates—follow us on social media!
  - @NCAAEC
  - @playcollegesports
- Visit nationalletter.org to learn about the NLI.
- Download NCAA Eligibility Center resources:
  - Initial-Eligibility Brochure.
  - Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.
  - DI Initial-Eligibility Quick Reference Sheet.
  - DII 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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