



## INITIAL ELIGIBILITY FAQ 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR AND BEYOND

In January 2023, NCAA Divisions I and II adopted legislation to remove standardized test scores from initial-eligibility requirements for students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA member school on or after August 1, 2023.

The questions and answers below have been developed to assist in understanding this new legislation and ensuring awareness regarding COVID-19 policies that may apply to students who initially enroll full time in the 2023-24 academic year and beyond.

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### Initial-Eligibility Standards – 2023-24 Academic Year and Beyond

**Q1:** What initial-eligibility standards apply to students who initially enroll full time in the 2023-24 academic year and beyond?

**A1:** The following initial-eligibility standards apply to students who **initially enroll full time in the 2023-24 academic year and beyond:**

INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS — 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR AND BEYOND*		
Standard	Division I	Division II
<b>Qualifier</b> Athletics aid, practice and competition.	<b>Complete Academic Record:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Core-course progression (10/7) before starting 7th semester;* </li> <li>» <b>16 core-course units</b> in the required subject areas; </li> <li>» ≥ 2.300 core-course GPA; and </li> <li>» Proof of graduation. </li> </ul>	<b>Complete Academic Record:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>16 core-course units</b> in the required subject areas; </li> <li>» ≥ 2.200 core-course GPA; and </li> <li>» Proof of graduation. </li> </ul>
<b>Early Academic Qualifier**</b> Athletics aid, practice and competition.	<b>Pre-7th Semester:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>14 core-course units</b> in the required subject areas; and </li> <li>» ≥ 3.000 core-course GPA. </li> </ul>	<b>Pre-7th Semester:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>14 core-course units</b> in the required subject areas; and </li> <li>» ≥ 2.500 core-course GPA. </li> </ul>
<b>Academic Redshirt</b> Athletics aid (1st year) and practice (1st term).	<b>Complete Academic Record:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>16 core-course units</b> in the required subject areas; </li> <li>» ≥ 2.000 core-course GPA; and </li> <li>» Proof of graduation. </li> </ul>	N/A***

\*Students certified based solely on international credentials are exempt from the 10/7 core-course progression requirement. \*\*Final high school transcripts are required. \*\*\*Please see linked resources for additional information regarding [Division I](#) and [Division II](#) standards.

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## Submission of Academic Documents

- Q2:** Will official academic documents be required for students who initially enroll full time in the 2023-24 academic year?
- A2:** Official academic records are required for initial-eligibility certifications. If only unofficial records are available for students who initially enroll full time in the 2023-24 academic year, they may be submitted to [ec-processing@ncaa.org](mailto:ec-processing@ncaa.org) directly from the email address associated with the student's Eligibility Center account and should include the student's NCAA ID in the subject line.

Starting May 1, 2024, official academic records will be required and must be submitted via an approved channel for [domestic](#) or [international](#) students.

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## Academic Evaluations

- Q3:** Will there be any flexibility in the Division I core-course time limitation for students who initially enroll full time in the 2023-24 academic year?

- A3:** Yes. For students who initially enroll full time during the 2023-24 academic year, up to six **core-course** units completed after starting the seventh semester (and before full-time enrollment) will be used in the student's initial-eligibility certification, regardless of whether the student graduated on time or when the courses are completed (i.e., during the academic year or summer term). Also, all core courses completed before initial full-time enrollment may be used in the Division I academic-redshirt certification.

However, students who initially enroll full time in the 2024-25 academic year and beyond must complete initial-eligibility requirements within the Division I core-course time limitation (four years after initially starting year nine). Students who graduate on time may complete one additional core-course unit within one year after graduation and before initial full-time enrollment. Students who graduate on time and have an **education-impacting disability** may complete three additional core-course units after graduation and before initial full-time enrollment.

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- Q4:** How will courses completed via distance, e-learning or hybrid options be evaluated for students who initially enroll full time in the 2023-24 academic year and beyond?

- A4:** The Eligibility Center will require a program review for all courses completed via distance, e-learning or hybrid programs on or after September 1, 2023.

However, a program review will not be required for distance, e-learning or hybrid programs that were offered by schools with NCAA-approved core courses in spring/summer 2020 or during the 2020-21, 2021-22 or 2022-23 academic years.

For parents administering home school curriculum, please review the information included in the Eligibility Center home school [resources](#).

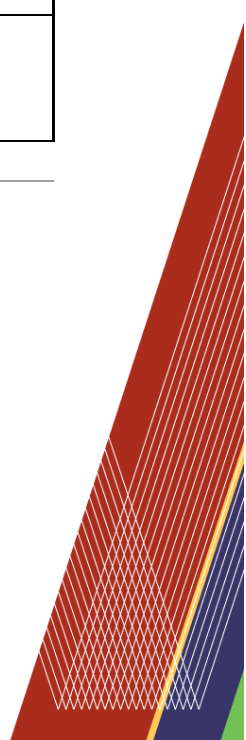
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**Q5: How will pass/fail grades be evaluated for students who initially enroll full time in the 2023-24 academic year and beyond?**

**A5:** NCAA-approved core courses that receive a grade of Pass and are completed on or after September 1, 2023, may be used to meet core-course requirements and will receive the high school’s lowest passing grade.

For core courses completed in spring/summer 2020 or during the 2020-21, 2021-22 or 2022-23 academic years that have been issued a grade of Pass, the Eligibility Center will apply the credit earned in these courses toward the core-course requirement. If the student's core-course GPA would increase by assigning a value of 2.300, this value will be assigned to the passed courses. However, if the student's core-course GPA would decrease by including the 2.300 value for passed courses, the student’s core-course GPA will be calculated based only on courses with assigned letter grades from previous terms. (Credit from these courses will still be applied toward the student's core-course requirements.)

COVID-19 POLICIES — QUICK-REFERENCE CHART		
COVID-19 Policy	Applies to Initial Full-Time Enrollees in 2023-24 Academic Year	Applies to Initial Full-Time Enrollees in 2024-25 Academic Year and Beyond
Alternative Initial-Eligibility Standards	<b>No</b> ; new legislated <b>initial-eligibility standards</b> apply (no standardized test scores).	<b>No</b> ; new legislated <b>initial-eligibility standards</b> apply (no standardized test scores).
Unofficial Documents (Q2)	Yes.	<b>No</b> ; official documents required (starting May 1, 2024).
DI core-course time limitation (Q3)	Yes.	<b>No</b> ; legislated Division I core-curriculum time limitation applies.
Nontraditional Course Reviews (Q4)	Applies to courses completed in spring/summer 2020 through 8/31/23.	Applies to courses completed in spring/summer 2020 through 8/31/23.
Pass/Fail Grades (Q5)	Applies to courses completed in spring/summer 2020 through 8/31/23.	Applies to courses completed in spring/summer 2020 through 8/31/23.



**Q6: What if students who initially enroll full time in the 2023-24 academic year and beyond do not meet initial-eligibility standards?**

**A6:** Students should contact the athletics compliance office at their NCAA college/university to discuss potential next steps.

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## Prior Classes

**Q7: What academic standards apply to students who initially enrolled full time in the 2020-21, 2021-22 or 2022-23 academic years?**

**A7:** [Click here](#) for information on the application of COVID-19 alternative standards based on initial full-time enrollment in the 2020-21, 2021-22 or 2022-23 academic years.

*Note: For information on the Eligibility Center's COVID-19 response related to amateurism certifications, [click here](#).*

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**Q8: What constitutes initial full-time enrollment?**

**A8:** Initial **full-time enrollment** occurs when the individual first attends class at a collegiate institution while registered as a full-time student (after high school graduation).