



What if a student doesn't graduate on time?

In Division I, if students do not graduate on time (eight semesters from their initial start of ninth grade), the Eligibility Center will still use their grades and coursework for the first eight semesters for their certification. They will still need to provide proof of graduation (once they graduate) but may not use any coursework taken after their eighth semester.

What if a student doesn't meet Division I standards?

If students have not met all the Division I academic standards, they may not compete in their first year of **full-time enrollment** at a Division I school. However, if they qualify as an **academic redshirt**, they may practice during their first regular academic term and receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of full-time enrollment.

Division I Worksheet

Use the **Division I Worksheet** to assist you in monitoring a student's progress in meeting NCAA initial-eligibility standards. The Eligibility Center will determine their academic status after they graduate. Remember to check **your high school's list** of NCAA-approved core courses for the courses they have taken or plan to take.



ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION DECISIONS

Academic certifications are required for all college-bound student-athletes planning to compete at an NCAA Division I school. If students are being recruited by Division I schools, below are the most common decisions they may receive once a certification has been completed.

EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

If they meet **specific criteria** after six semesters of high school, they may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division I and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of full-time enrollment.

QUALIFIER

They may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of full-time enrollment.

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

They may practice during their first regular academic term and receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of full-time enrollment but may **NOT** compete during their first year of full-time enrollment. They must pass either eight quarter or nine semester hours to practice in the next term.

NONQUALIFIER

They will not be able to practice, compete or receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of full-time enrollment.