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NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

For College-Bound Student-Athletes



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WHAT IS THE NCAA?



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NCAA THREE DIVISIONS

DIVISION	 DIVISION I	 DIVISION II <i>MAKE IT YOURS</i>	 DIVISION III DISCOVER DEVELOP DEDICATE
ACTIVE SCHOOLS*	361 (33%)	293 (27%)	422 (39%)
MEDIAN UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT	8,800	2,100	1,700
STUDENTS WHO ARE ATHLETES	1 in 22 	1 in 7 	1 in 5 
AVERAGE NUMBER OF TEAMS PER SCHOOL	19	17	19
PERCENTAGE OF NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETES IN EACH DIVISION	 37%	 24%	 38%
ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS	Multiyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available. 57% of athletes receive athletics aid.	Partial athletics scholarship model. 62% of athletes receive athletics aid.	No athletics scholarships. 80% of athletes receive nonathletics aid.
DID YOU KNOW?	 Division I student-athletes graduate at a higher rate than the general student body.	 Division II is the only division with schools in Alaska, Puerto Rico and Canada.	 Division III's largest school has 28,974 undergraduates. The smallest? 339.



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CHOOSING AN NCAA SCHOOL



School Size



School Location



**Majors
and Minors**



**Cost of
Attendance**



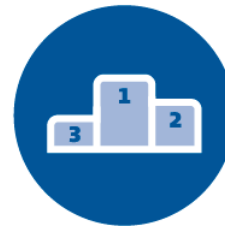
**Admission
Requirements**



**Culture
and Affiliations**



**Student-to-
Faculty Ratio**



Playing Time

» Visit on.ncaa.com/choosing for suggestions of questions to ask NCAA schools recruiting you.



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- » **Who are we?** A unit within the NCAA.
- » **What do we provide?** Certification of college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition.
- » **What do we review?**
 - Your transcripts.
 - Your athletics participation.
- » **Why do we review?** To create fair and equitable competition across NCAA schools and divisions.



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THREE REQUIREMENTS TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS



**High School
Graduation**



**NCAA
Initial Eligibility**



**College
Admission**



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COLLEGE ADMISSION

- » Apply and be accepted to the NCAA school before you can compete.
 - NCAA certification does **NOT** include acceptance to the NCAA school.
- » Ask college admission about:
 - Cost of attendance.
 - > Financial aid and scholarships.
 - > [FAFSA](#).
 - Standardized test scores.
 - > May be required for college admission or scholarships.
 - > **NOT** required for NCAA certification.
 - For more questions to ask, visit on.ncaa.com/choosingcollege.

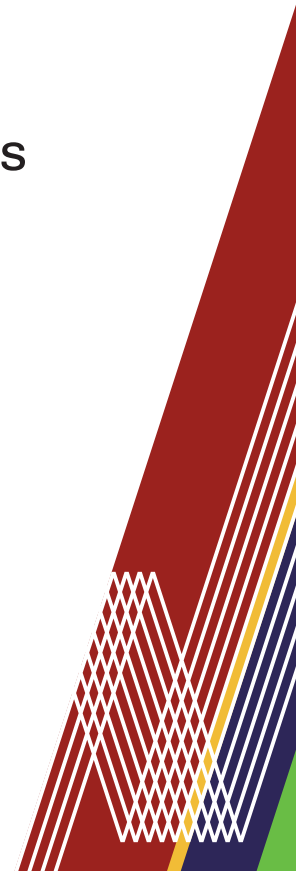




SCHOLARSHIPS

Understand what is covered by the NCAA school, and the costs you would be responsible for outside of that aid.

- » Academic scholarships.
- » Athletics scholarships.
- » Expectations and requirements to maintain each type.
 - Annual scholarships.
 - Full scholarships.
 - Partial scholarships.
 - Scholarship renewals.



WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

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



[REGISTER](#)

NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR SCHOOL IS IN?

[Learn more](#) or [search NCAA schools](#).

NCAA REGISTRATION



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NCAA REGISTRATION

Three Account Types



**Academic
and Athletics
Certification Account**



**Athletics Certification
Account**



Profile Page Account



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ACADEMIC AND ATHLETICS CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #1



Required to compete at a Division I or II school:

- » Go on Division I [official visits](#).
- » Sign for athletics aid.
- » Receive an athletics scholarship.



Registration fee:

- » [Domestic students](#): \$110.
- » [International students](#): \$170.
- » Check to see if you meet [fee waiver criteria](#).



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ATHLETICS CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #2



Recommended for all [international student-athletes](#) planning to compete at a Division III school.



Registration fee:

» \$75.

» Check to see if you meet [fee waiver criteria](#).



Student-athletes transferring from a two-year school to an NCAA Division I or II school who did not require an Eligibility Center academic certification.



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PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT

Account Type #3

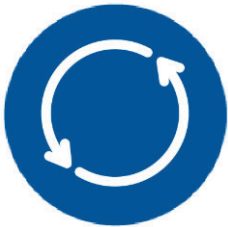


The right place to start for most students!

- » Not sure in which division you plan to compete.
- » [Domestic students](#) planning to compete at a [Division III school](#).
- » Registering in an NCAA-certified nonscholastic basketball event.



[No registration fee.](#)



If you're being [actively recruited](#) by an NCAA Division I or II school, [transition](#) your Profile Page account to a [certification account](#).



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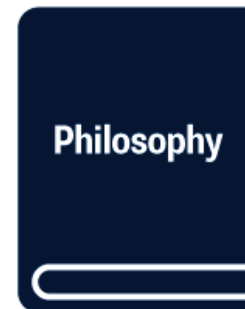
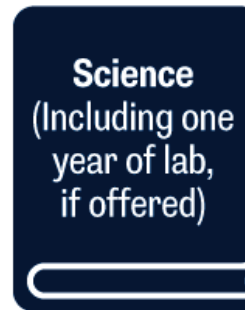
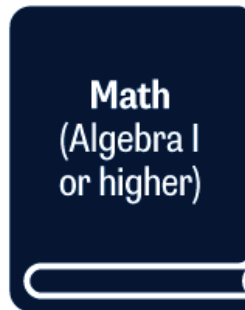
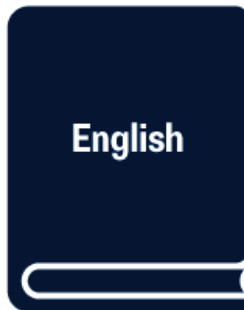
CORE COURSES



WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

A core course must meet the following requirements to be used in your academic certification:

- » Meet high school graduation requirements in one or more of the following subject areas:



- » Be on your high school's list of [NCAA-approved core courses](#).



WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

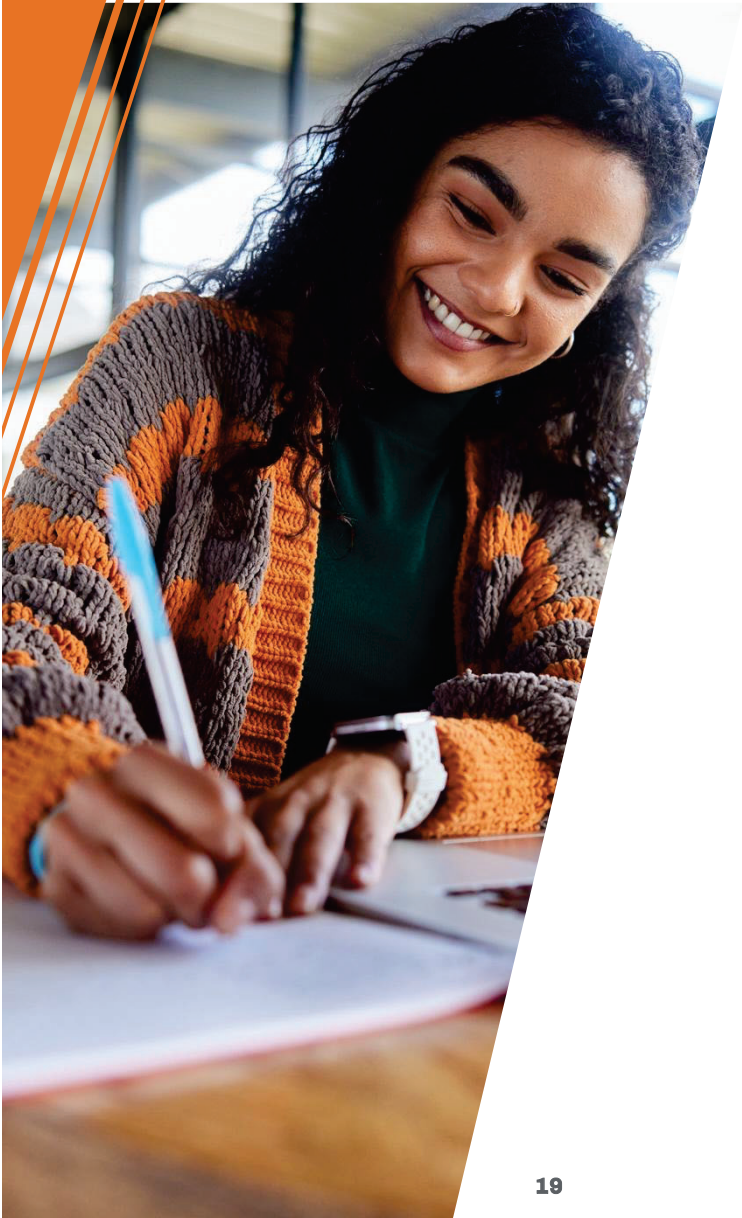
A core course must meet the following requirements to be used in your academic certification:

- » Be completed in alignment with your high school's policies related to instruction, pacing, etc.
- » Be completed at a high school with a "Cleared" or "Extended Evaluation" Eligibility Center [account status](#).



DUAL-ENROLLMENT COURSEWORK

- » May be used to satisfy NCAA core-course requirements if course:
 - Appears on your [official transcript](#) with grade and high school credit.
 - Meets all requirements for an [NCAA-approved core course](#).





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NCAA-APPROVED CORE COURSES

Scan the QR Code Below



Find Your High School's
List of [NCAA-Approved
Core Courses](#)



NCAA-APPROVED CORE COURSES

Approved Courses									
English									
Show 25 entries		Search:							
Course Weight	Title	Notes	Max Credits	OK Through	Submission Date	Decision Date	EID Course	Course Decision History	
	FILM LITERATURE				08/13/2024	08/13/2024	No	Show Course History	
	SPORTS LITERATURE				08/10/2021	08/10/2021	No	Show Course History	
	AMERICAN STUDIES				02/07/2020	02/07/2020	No		
	ETHNIC LITERATURE CULTURES & PERSPECTIVE				11/12/2019	11/12/2019	No		
	LITR 220 - INTRO TO WORLD LIT I				11/12/2019	11/12/2019	No		
	THEMES IN LITERATURE				11/12/2019	11/12/2019	No		
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	AMERICAN LITERATURE						No		
	COMPOSITION: SENIOR						No		
	CREATIVE WRITING						No	Show Course History	



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CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

Divisions I and II



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Division I **CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES**

1. [Early Academic Qualifier.](#)
2. [Qualifier.](#)
3. [Academic Redshirt.](#)
4. [Nonqualifier.](#)





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Division I EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Note: Based on your pre-seventh semester academic record.



Earn 14 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the required subject areas.



Earn a minimum 3.0 [core-course GPA](#).

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

GOLF



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DIVISION I: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Subject Area Breakdown

ENGLISH

3 Years

MATH
(Algebra I
or higher)

2 Years

SCIENCE
(Including one
year of lab,
if offered)

2 Years

**EXTRA
ENGLISH, MATH
OR SCIENCE**

2 Years

ADDITIONAL
Any area listed
or world language,
comparative religion or
philosophy

5 Years



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Division I QUALIFIER



Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the required subject areas.



Complete 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in eight semesters from your initial start of ninth grade.



Meet the [10/7 requirement](#) before the start of your seventh semester.

» Not required for students with solely [international](#) academic credentials.



Earn a minimum 2.3 [core-course GPA](#).

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



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DIVISION I: QUALIFIER

Subject Area Breakdown

ENGLISH

4 Years

MATH
(Algebra I
or higher)

3 Years

SCIENCE
(Including one
year of lab,
if offered)

2 Years

EXTRA
ENGLISH, MATH
OR SCIENCE

1 Year

SOCIAL
SCIENCE

2 Years

ADDITIONAL
Any area listed
or world language,
comparative religion or
philosophy

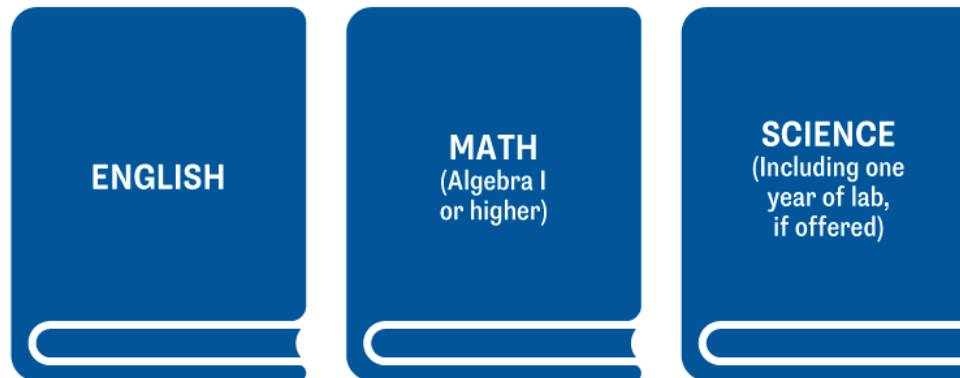
4 Years



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DIVISION I: 10/7 REQUIREMENT

Complete 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits (including seven in English, math or science) before the start of your seventh semester.

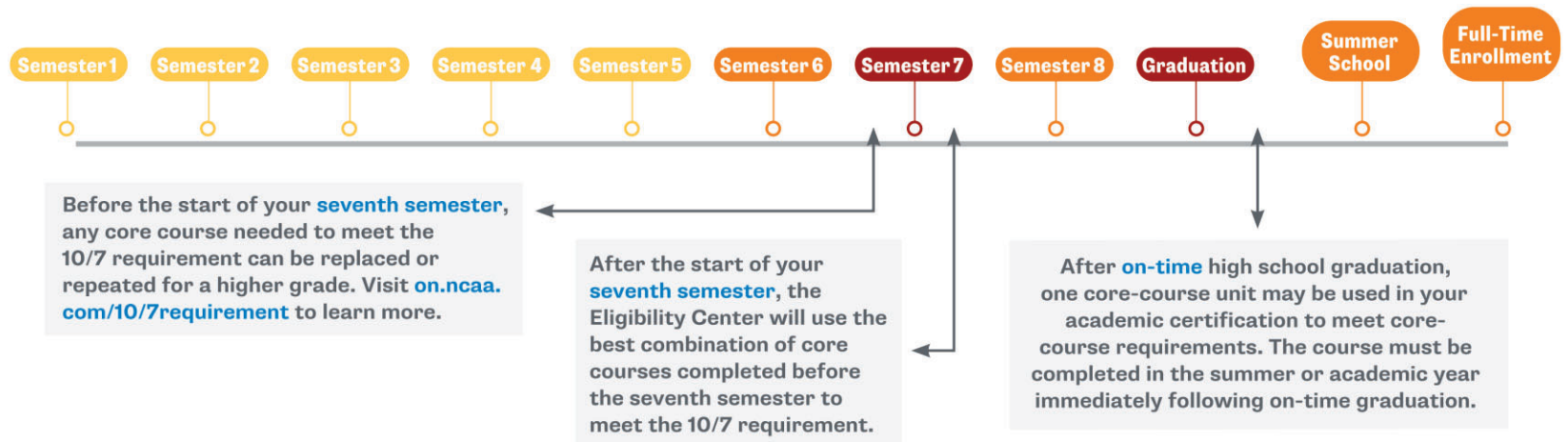


- » Students with solely [international](#) academic credentials (including Canada) are not required to meet the 10/7 requirement.



DIVISION I: COURSES TAKEN AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

For Division I, only core courses completed in the first eight semesters from your initial start of ninth grade will be used in your academic certification.



If you graduate from high school [on time](#), you may use one core-course unit completed in the year after graduation and before enrolling [full time](#) at any college or university.



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Division I

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT



Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the required subject areas.



Earn a minimum 2.0 [core-course GPA](#).

- » First Year Athletics Aid.
- » First Term Practice.
- » ~~Compete.~~



Division I **NONQUALIFIER**



Not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete during your first year of full-time enrollment.



Check with the compliance office at the NCAA school you may attend to discuss your options.

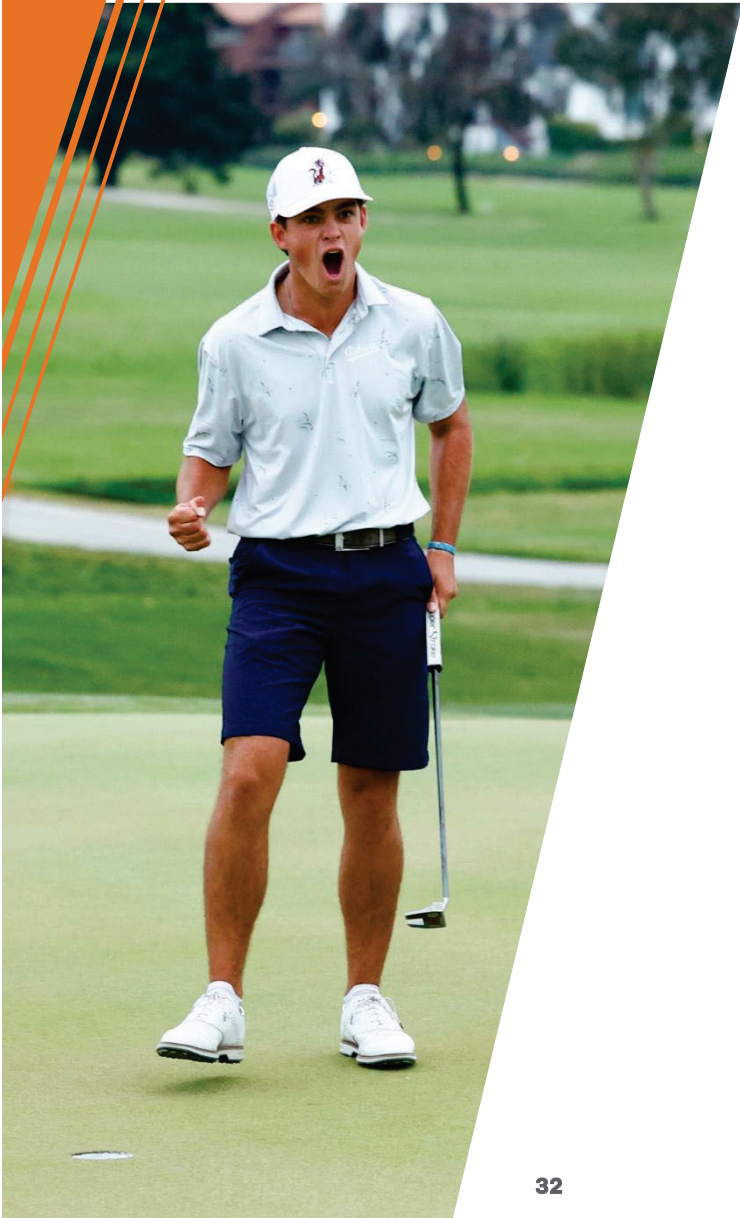
- » ~~Athletics Aid.~~
- » ~~Practice.~~
- » ~~Compete.~~



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Division II **CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES**

1. [Early Academic Qualifier.](#)
2. [Qualifier.](#)
3. [Partial Qualifier.](#)





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Division II EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Note: Based on your pre-seventh semester academic record.



Earn 14 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the required subject areas.



Earn a minimum 2.5 [core-course GPA](#).

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



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DIVISION II: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Subject Area Breakdown

ENGLISH

3 Years

MATH
(Algebra I
or higher)

3 Years

SCIENCE
(Including one
year of lab,
if offered)

2 Years

ADDITIONAL
Any area listed
or world language,
comparative religion or
philosophy

6 Years



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Division II QUALIFIER



Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the required subject areas.



Earn a minimum 2.2 [core-course GPA](#).

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



DIVISION II: QUALIFIER

Subject Area Breakdown

ENGLISH

3 Years

MATH
(Algebra I
or higher)

2 Years

SCIENCE
(Including one
year of lab,
if offered)

2 Years

EXTRA
ENGLISH, MATH
OR SCIENCE

3 Years

SOCIAL
SCIENCE

2 Years

ADDITIONAL
Any area listed
or world language,
comparative religion or
philosophy

4 Years



Division II **PARTIAL QUALIFIER**



May receive athletics aid and practice but may NOT compete during your first year of full-time enrollment.



Check with the compliance office at the NCAA school you may attend to discuss your options.

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



DIVISION III

- » While Division III schools set their own academic standards on campus, the Eligibility Center certifies the amateurism status of Division III international student-athletes.
 - All other Division III student-athletes are certified on campus.
- » [International student-athletes](#) enrolling at a Division III school must register with an Athletics Certification account and receive their final amateurism certification before they can compete.
- » Effective Fall 2026, domestic student-athletes enrolling at a Division III will need to register with a Profile Page account.





EDUCATION-IMPACTING DISABILITIES

- » Current impairment that has a substantial educational impact on a student's academic performance and requires accommodation.
- » Must meet the same initial-eligibility standards as other students but may be provided certain accommodations.
 - Take NCAA-approved courses for students with EIDs.
 - **Division I:** Take up to three additional core courses after graduating high school, before enrolling full time.
 - **Division II:** Take an unlimited number of core courses after starting ninth grade, before enrolling full time.
- » For more information, visit on.ncaa.com/eid.



RECLASSIFYING

- » For Division I, only core courses completed in the first eight semesters from your initial start of ninth grade will be used in your academic certification.
 - If you do not graduate [on time](#), the coursework completed after eight semesters would **not** be used in your certification.
- » To be a Division I qualifier, you must also complete 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits (including seven in English, math or science) before the start of your seventh semester.
 - Students with solely [international](#) academic credentials (including Canada): Not required to meet the 10/7 requirement.
- » Check with the compliance office at the NCAA school you may attend to discuss your options.



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RECRUITING





ARE YOU BEING RECRUITED?

» You're being actively recruited if an NCAA coach:



Calls



Texts



Emails



**Messages via
Social Media**



**Visits Your
High School**



**Pays Expenses
to Visit Campus**



**Issues
Athletics Aid**



**Writes Offer
of Financial Aid**

- » Recruiting can begin as early as ninth grade.
- In most cases, recruiting starts in eleventh grade.



INSTITUTIONAL REQUEST LIST

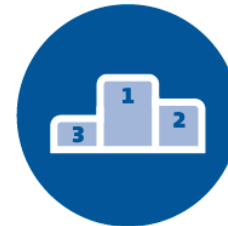
- » An [IRL](#) is a list of college-bound student-athletes an NCAA school is interested in recruiting.
- You **must** be on an NCAA school's IRL to receive an academic and/or athletics certification.



**Receive
Athletics Aid**



Practice



Compete



RECRUITING CALENDARS

[Recruiting calendars](#) promote your well-being and ensure fairness among schools by defining certain periods during the year in which recruiting may or may not occur in a particular sport.

*Division, Sport and Grade Level Determines Recruiting Activities**

	CONTACT PERIOD	EVALUATION PERIOD	QUIET PERIOD	DEAD PERIOD	RECRUITING SHUTDOWN
College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
College coaches may watch you compete.	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
College coaches may visit your high school.	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
College coaches may have face-to-face contact with you and your family.	Yes	Yes, but only on the college's campus.	Yes, but only on the college's campus.	No	No



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RECRUITING CALENDARS

Scan the QR Code Below



Visit on.ncaa.com/recruitcal



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OFFICIAL vs UNOFFICIAL VISITS

OFFICIAL VISITS

» [Official visits](#): Any visit to a college campus paid for by the NCAA school you are visiting. Before a Division I or II official visit, you must:



Register with
the Eligibility Center



Be on the
NCAA School's IRL



Request Upload of Your
High School Transcript

UNOFFICIAL VISITS

» [Unofficial visits](#): Any visit to a college campus paid for by you or your family members.



OFFICIAL vs UNOFFICIAL VISITS

OFFICIAL VISITS

What can an NCAA school pay for during an official visit?

<i>Division I</i>	<i>Division II</i>	<i>Division III</i>
Your transportation to and from the NCAA school you're visiting (plus up to two family members).	Your transportation to and from the NCAA school you're visiting.	Your transportation to and from the NCAA school you're visiting.
Your lodging.	Your lodging.	Your lodging.
Up to three meals per day for you and up to four family members.	Your meals.	Up to three meals per day for you.
Reasonable entertainment expenses (including up to \$60 per recruited student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying you, including five tickets to a home sports event).	Reasonable entertainment expenses (including up to \$50 per recruited student-athlete and any family member accompanying you, including tickets to a home sports event).	Reasonable entertainment expenses (including up to \$40 per recruited student-athlete and any family member accompanying you, including tickets to home sports events).



OFFICIAL vs UNOFFICIAL VISITS

UNOFFICIAL VISITS

What can an NCAA school pay for during an unofficial visit?

<i>Division I</i>	<i>Division II</i>	<i>Division III</i>
No complimentary meals.	One meal for you and your family members.	One meal for you at the on-campus dining facility or one meal for you off campus if the on-campus dining facility is closed and the NCAA school provides meals to all prospective students, including nonathletes.
Complimentary admission (including three tickets for a home athletics contest).	Complimentary admission (including tickets for a home athletics contest).	Complimentary admission (including tickets for you and those accompanying you).



TOPICS TO DISCUSS WITH NCAA COACHES

- » Academic resources.
- » Additional team responsibilities.
- » Athletic training and medical expenses.
- » Coaching philosophy and style.
- » Degree completion support.
- » Injuries and rehabilitation.
- » Mental health resources.
- » [Name, image and likeness.](#)
- » Revenue sharing.
- » Playing time.
- » Scholarship renewals.
- » Team time demands.

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ATHLETICS AID

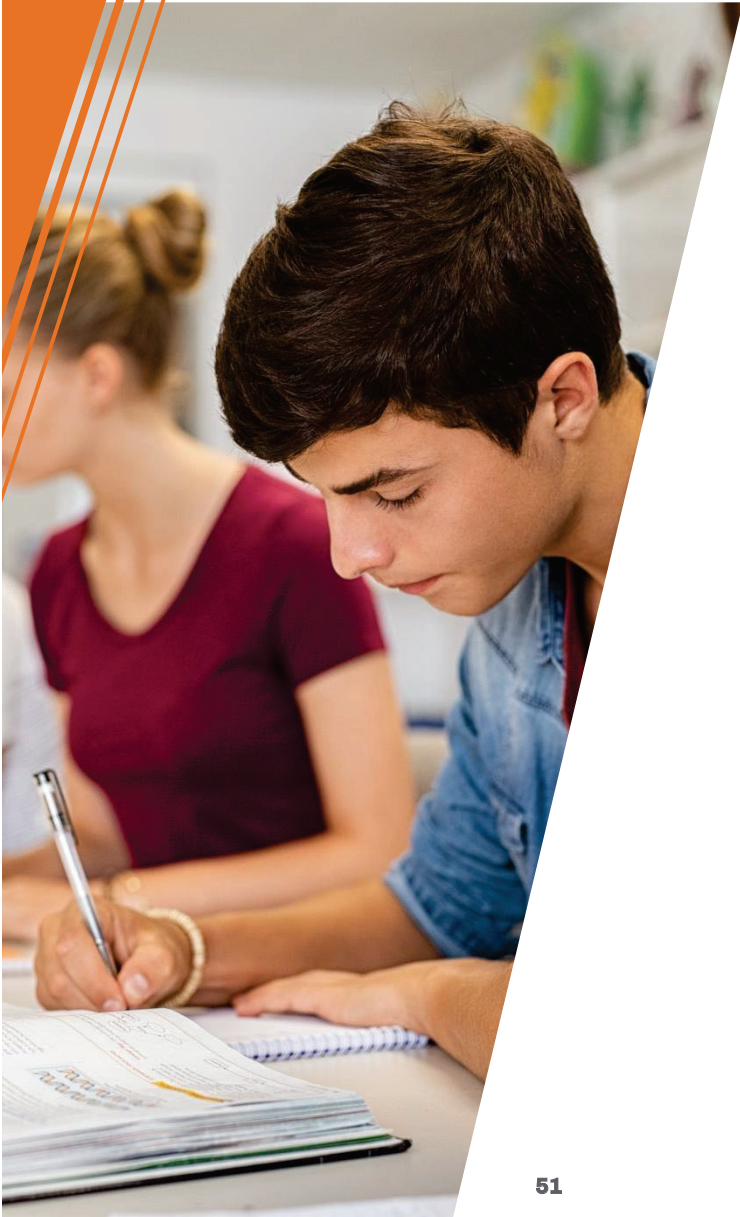
- » By signing for athletics aid, you agree to attend that Division I or II school.
- » Athletics aid is:
 - Voluntary and ends the recruiting process.
 - Provided for a minimum of one academic year.
 - > You must be admitted to the NCAA school.
 - > You must be eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules.





TRANSFER STUDENTS

- » Understand the transfer rules, options and potential consequences before choosing to transfer.
- » Check with the compliance office at the NCAA school you may attend.
 - Depending on your college experience, you may be able to compete as soon as you transfer.
- » Division-specific resources:
 - [Guide for Two-Year Transfers.](#)
 - [Guide for Four-Year Transfers.](#)
- » For more transfer information, visit [on.ncaa.com/transfer.](https://on.ncaa.com/transfer)





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A large, stylized NCAA logo in white on a blue background, surrounded by colorful confetti (blue, orange, yellow, green) and white lines. The logo is the central focus of the page.

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RESOURCES



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**Connect with the
Eligibility Center**

RESOURCES

- [Registration Checklist.](#)
- [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.](#)
- [Initial-Eligibility Flyer.](#)
- [Homeschooled Students.](#)
- [International Students.](#)
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