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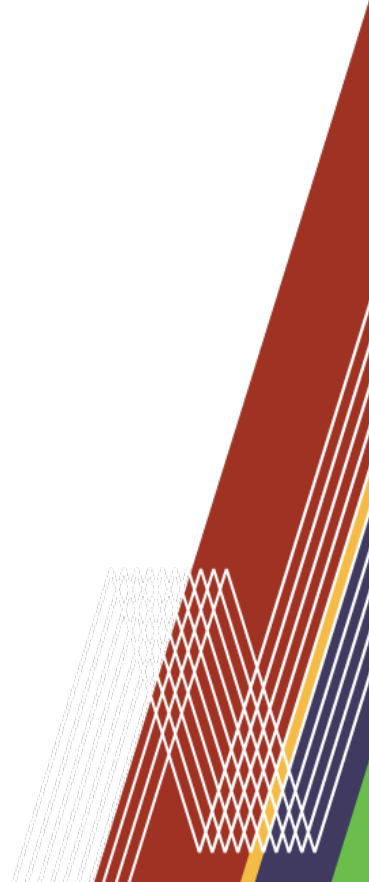
# **NCAA INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY**

## **For College-Bound Student-Athletes**



# AGENDA

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





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# COVID-19 AUTOMATIC WAIVER FAQ

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View the  
COVID-19 FAQ



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A photograph of several athletes in blue uniforms running on a field. The athletes are seen from behind, and their hair is blowing in the wind. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and structures.

# 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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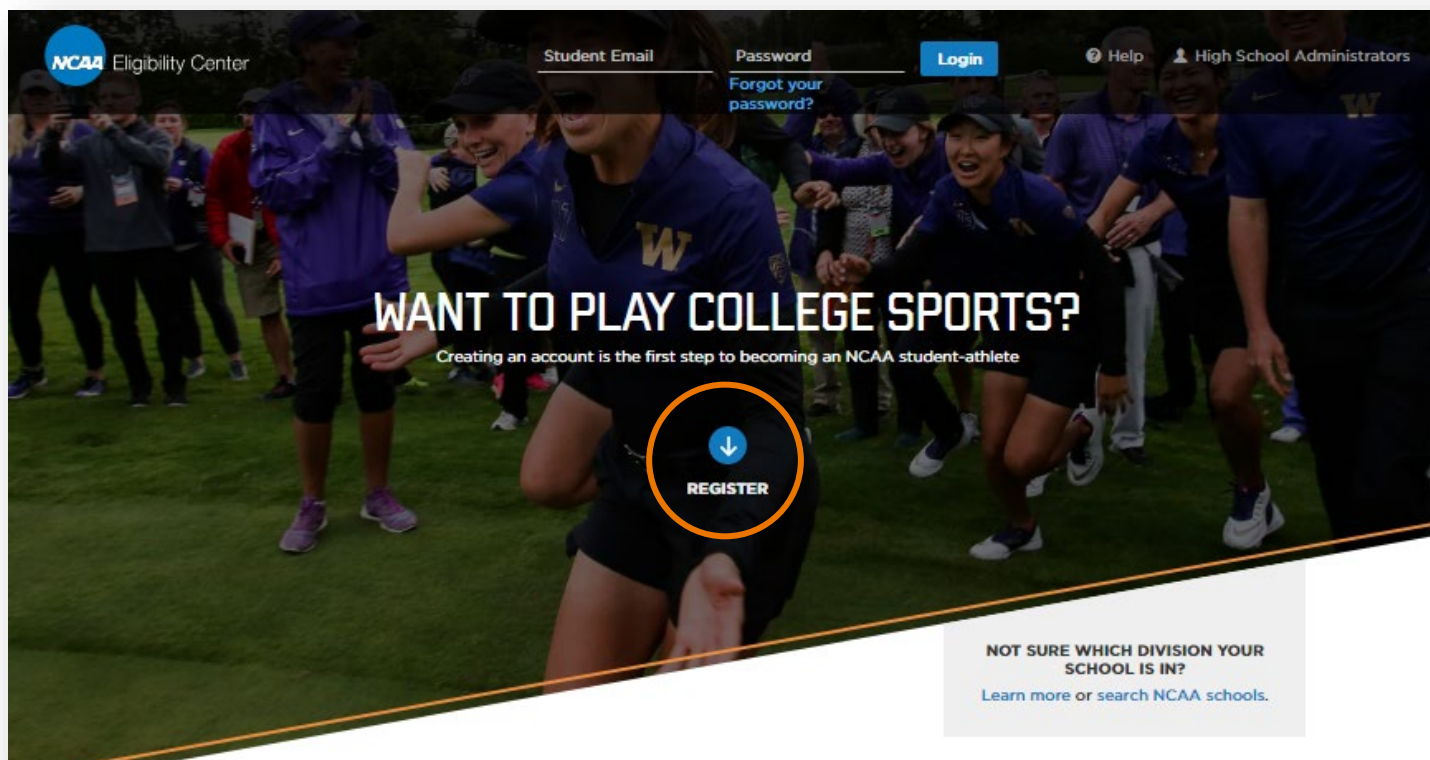
**REGISTRATION**



# TWO ACCOUNT TYPES

## Profile Page Account and Certification Account

» Register for either account at [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org).



The screenshot shows the NCAA Eligibility Center website. At the top left is the NCAA Eligibility Center logo. In the top right, there are links for 'Student Email', 'Password' (with a 'Forgot your password?' link below it), 'Login', 'Help', and 'High School Administrators'. The main content area features a large image of a group of female athletes in purple and black uniforms on a field. Overlaid on this image is the text 'WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?' in large white letters, followed by the subtitle 'Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete'. A prominent orange circular button with a white downward arrow and the word 'REGISTER' is centered on the image. In the bottom right corner, a white box contains the text: 'NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR SCHOOL IS IN?' followed by a link 'Learn more or search NCAA schools.'





# FREE PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT



Interested in a Division III school or currently are not sure in which division you want to compete.



No registration fee to create a Profile Page account.



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



# CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT



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



Registration fee:

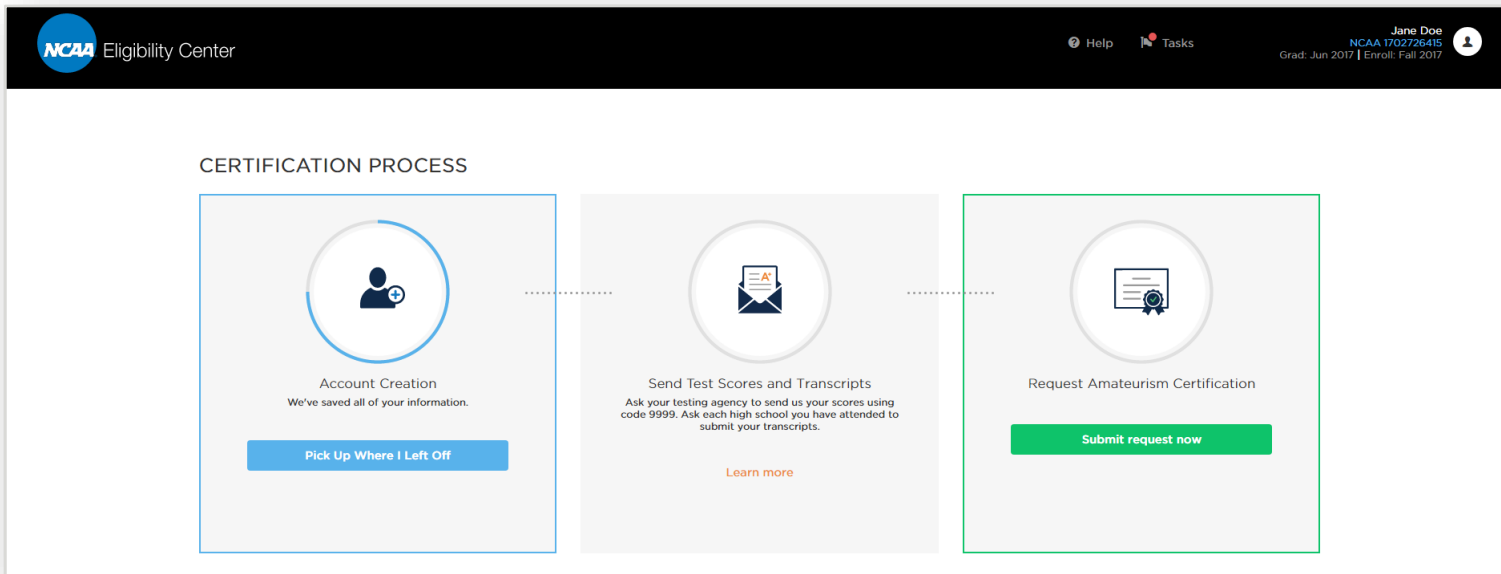
» Domestic students: \$90.

» International students \$150.



Before you take official visits or sign an NLI, you must have a complete Certification account.

# CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT DASHBOARD



**CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

**Account Creation**  
We've saved all of your information.  
[Pick Up Where I Left Off](#)

**Send Test Scores and Transcripts**  
Ask your testing agency to send us your scores using code 9999. Ask each high school you have attended to submit your transcripts.  
[Learn more](#)

**Request Amateurism Certification**  
[Submit request now](#)

Help Tasks  
Jane Doe  
NCAA 1702726415  
Grad: Jun 2017 | Enroll: Fall 2017

- » Review the account dashboard for any open tasks.
- » Update graduation or enrollment dates, if needed.
- » View transcripts on file.
- » Edit account, schools or sports information.



## WHAT IS AN NCAA ID?

- » Used by Division I and II coaches when you are added to their institutional request list during recruiting.
- To locate your NCAA ID: Log in to your Eligibility Center account. Your NCAA ID is in the top-right corner.
- In addition to your password, you need your NCAA ID any time you call the Eligibility Center with questions.



Your Name

**NCAA ID: 1234567890**

Grad: MM/YYYY | Enroll: MM/YYYY



## WHAT IS AN IRL?

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



# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

- » You must apply and be accepted to your NCAA Division I or II school before you can compete on campus.
  - NCAA Certification does NOT include acceptance to the recruiting NCAA Division I or II school.
- » Ask your NCAA school for more information about cost of attendance and financial aid.



# REMEMBER

- » Communicate closely with your high school counselors, coaches, parents/guardians, college compliance office and mentors as you transition to college.



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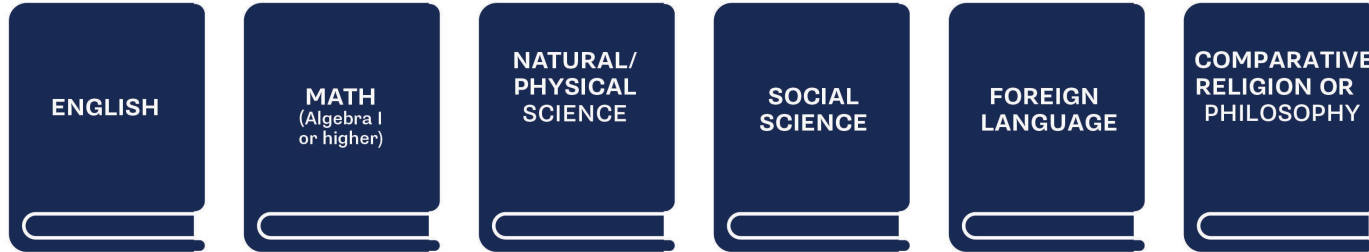
**WHAT IS A  
CORE COURSE?**







# 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.



# EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

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

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

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

**4 CORE COURSES**

## 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

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

**4 CORE COURSES**

## 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

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

**4 CORE COURSES**

## 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

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

**4 CORE COURSES**



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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 circular graphic. The court floor is grey with white lines. A shadow of the player is cast on the floor to the right. The background is a light grey concrete surface.

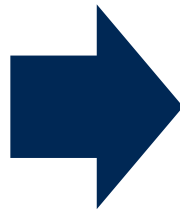
**COVID-19  
ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS**  
2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment



# 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 2021-22 or 2022-23 must meet specific criteria to be eligible.



# DIVISION I: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS

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





# DIVISION I: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

*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.

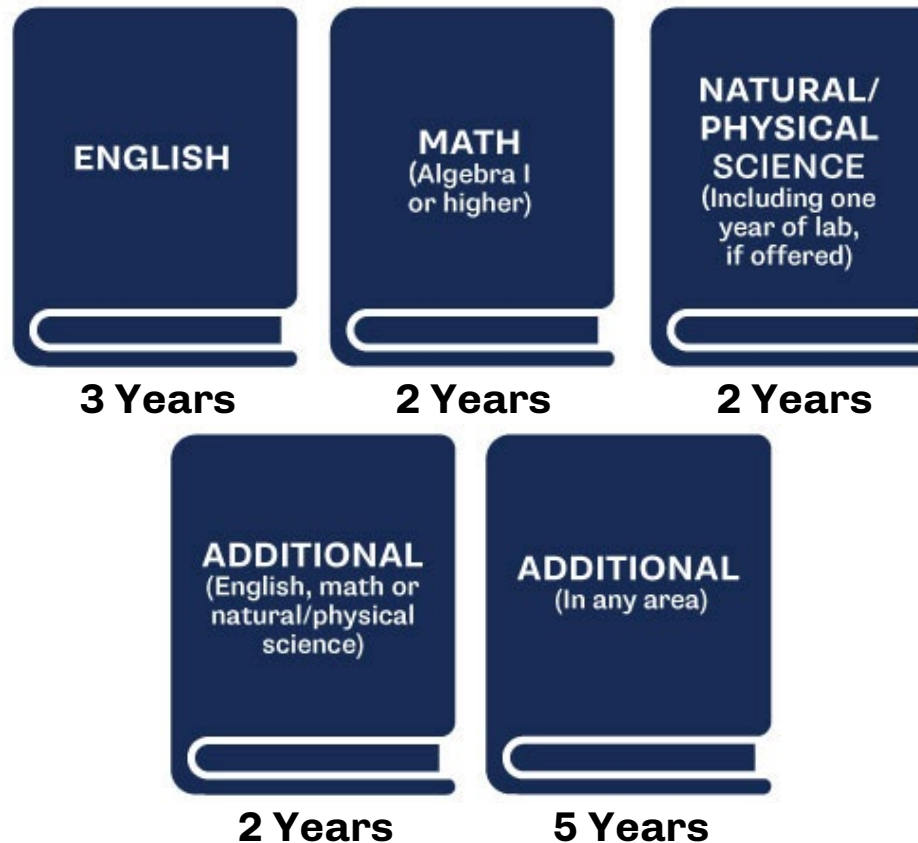


Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 3.0$  in the required subject areas.

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



# DIVISION I: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER







# DIVISION I: QUALIFIER



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  $\geq 2.3$  in the required subject areas.

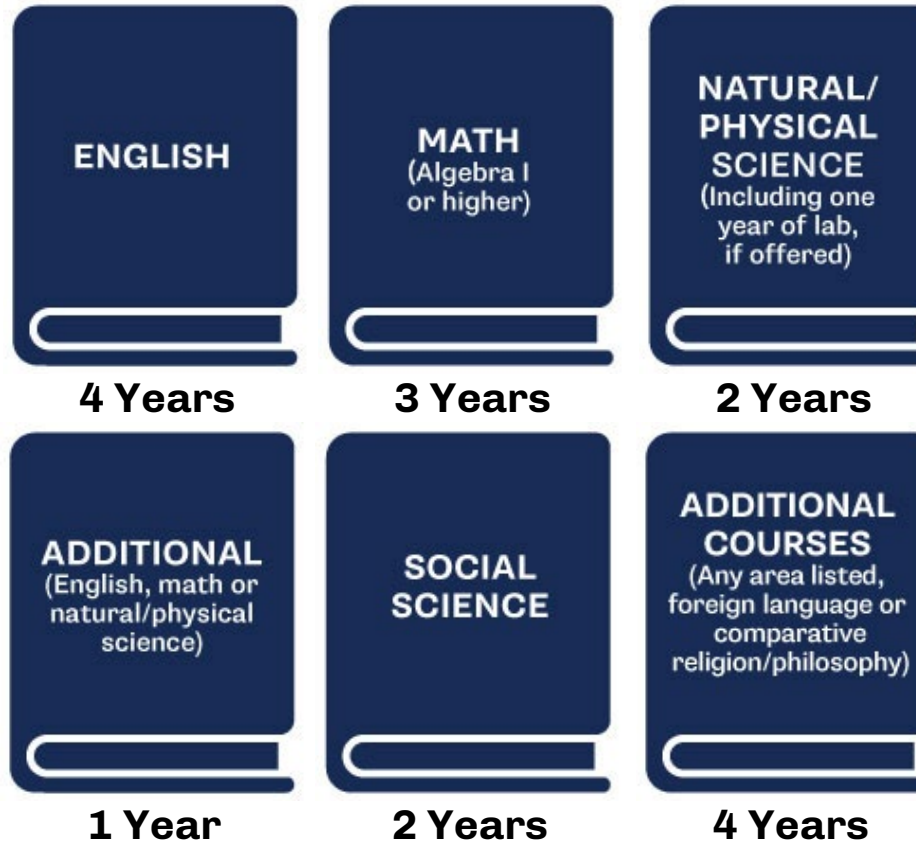


Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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



# DIVISION I: QUALIFIER





# DIVISION I: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT



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



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.0$  in the required subject areas.

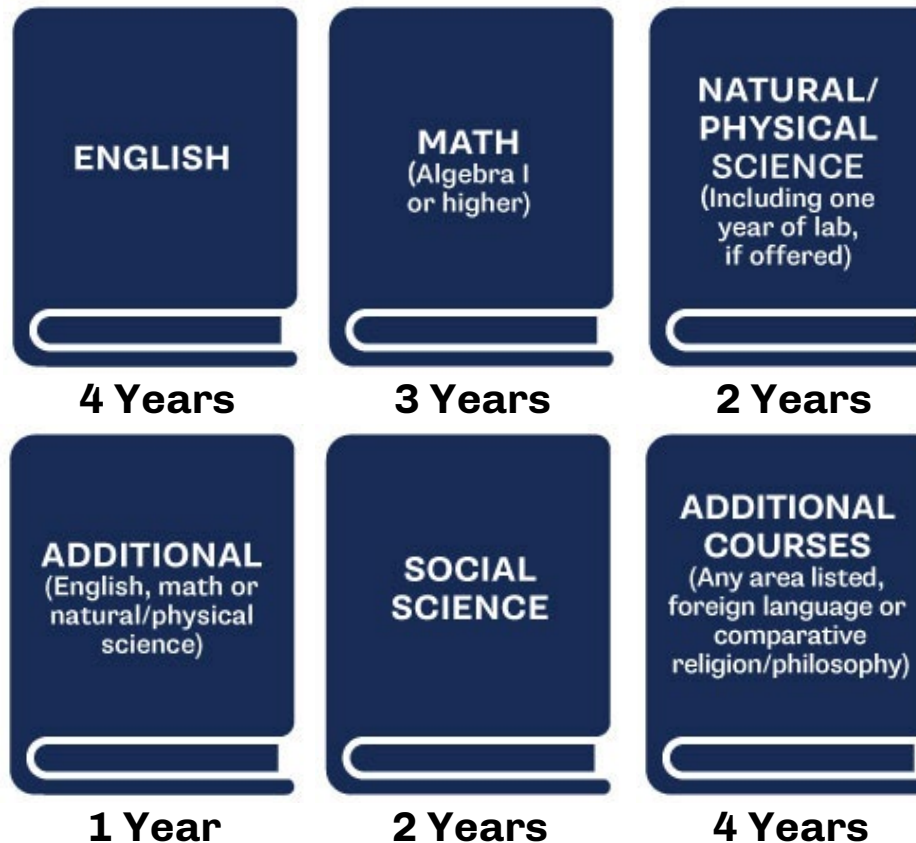


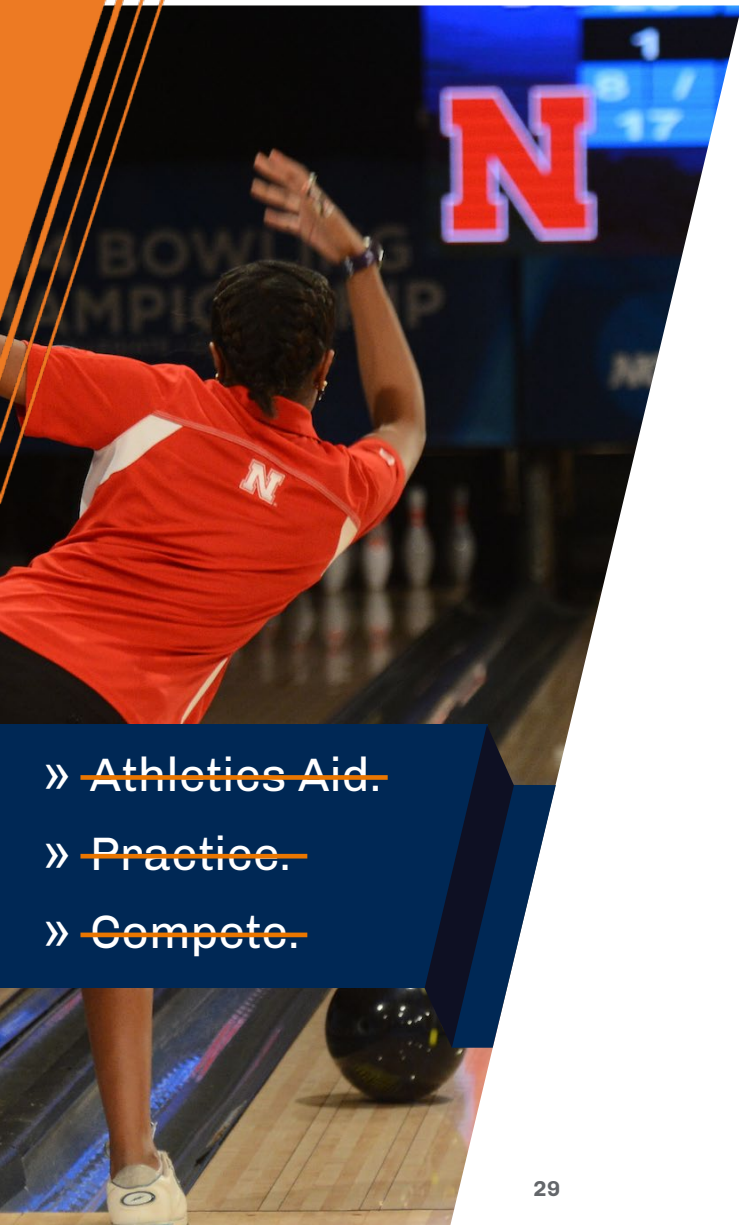
Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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



# DIVISION I: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT





## DIVISION I: NONQUALIFIER



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

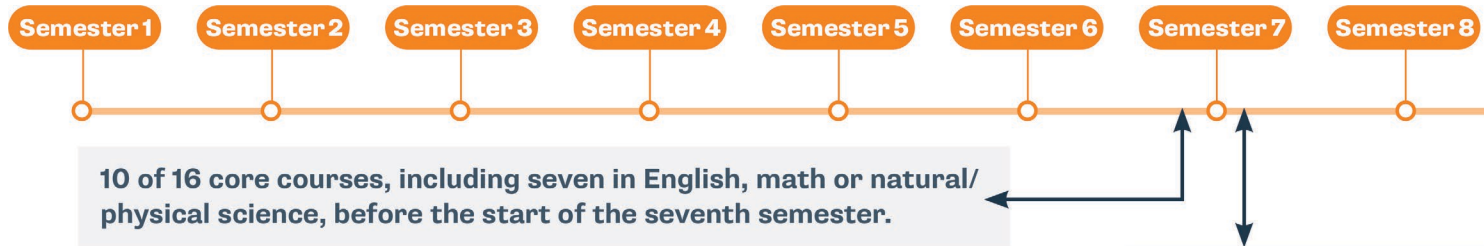
## 2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment



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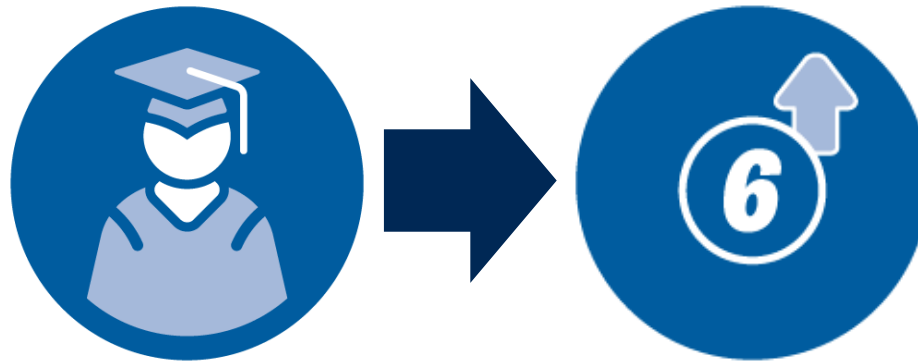
- » Standardized test scores are excluded from NCAA initial-eligibility criteria for students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during the 2021-22 or 2022-23 academic years.
- » However, colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores.

# DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION



- » When you enter ninth grade, you have four years (eight semesters) to complete your core-course requirement.
- » You must graduate on time, with your class.

# DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION



**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

*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  $\geq 2.5$  in the required subject areas.

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

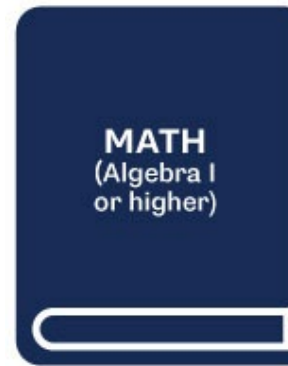


# DIVISION II: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER



**ENGLISH**

**3 Years**



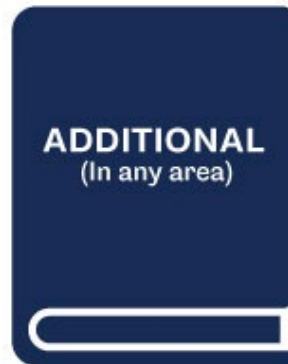
**MATH**  
(Algebra I  
or higher)

**3 Years**



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

**2 Years**



**ADDITIONAL**  
(In any area)

**6 Years**



## DIVISION II: QUALIFIER



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



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.2$  in the required subject areas.

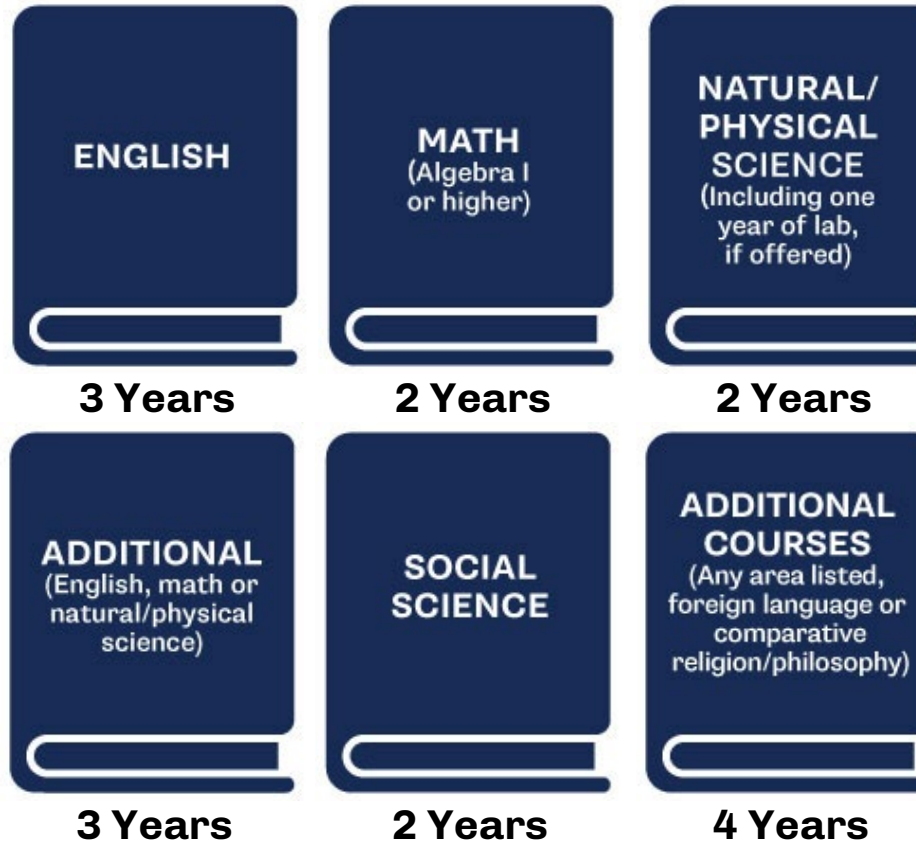


Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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



# DIVISION II: QUALIFIER





## DIVISION II: PARTIAL QUALIFIER

*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

## 2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment



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# INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL OTHER CLASSES

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**Division I Academic  
Requirements**



**Division II Academic  
Requirements**





## **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.



**Students of  
All Grade Levels**



**Distance or  
E-Learning Program**



# REMEMBER

- » Taking online or hybrid courses does not necessarily mean you are home schooled.
- » Home school students can also meet the COVID-19 Automatic Waiver criteria for 2021-22 and 2022-23 enrollment.
- » Review our **Home School Toolkit** for questions about home schooling.



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# SPORTS PARTICIPATION





# SPORTS PARTICIPATION

When you register for a Certification account, you must:

- » Select the sport(s) you would like to play in college.
- » Update your information frequently if you play for multiple teams or attend events outside the traditional high school setting.
- » Request final amateurism certification before you 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

[INTERIM NIL POLICY](#) [TIMELINE](#) [NEWS](#)  
[STATEMENTS](#) [HISTORIC RESOURCES](#)

### 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](https://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.



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**RECRUITING**



# RECRUITING CALENDARS

## Football, Division I

RECRUITING METHOD	
<b>Recruiting Materials and Electronic Correspondence (e.g., recruiting letters, social media messages, text messages)</b>	<p>You may receive brochures for camps, questionnaires, NCAA materials and nonathletics recruiting publications at any time.</p> <p>A coach may begin sending you recruiting materials and electronic correspondence Sept. 1 of your junior year in high school.</p>
<b>Phone Calls to a Coach</b>	<p>You or your family may call a coach at any time.</p>
<b>Phone Calls from a Coach</b>	<p>A coach may call you one time between April 15 and May 31 during your junior year of high school. Beginning Sept. 1 of your senior year of high school, a coach may call you one time per week outside a contact period and make unlimited calls during a contact period.</p>
<b>Off-campus Contact</b>	<p>A college coach may have contact with you or your family off the college’s campus beginning July 1 following the completion of your junior year of high school or opening day of classes of your senior year (whichever comes first).</p>
<b>Unofficial Visit</b>	<p>You and your family may visit a college at your own expense at any time.</p>
<b>Official Visit</b>	<p>A college may pay for you and two family members to visit campus beginning April 1 of your junior year through the Sunday before the last Wednesday in June. After this date, a college may provide you the expense-paid visit after Sept. 1 of your senior year.</p>

» To learn more about recruiting calendars, visit [on.ncaa.com/RecruitCal](https://on.ncaa.com/RecruitCal).



# RECRUITING CALENDARS

NCAA member schools limit recruiting to certain periods during the year.

- » Recruiting calendars promote the well-being of college-bound student-athletes and ensure fairness among schools by defining certain periods during the year in which recruiting may or may not occur in a particular sport.
  - Contact period.
  - Dead period.
  - Quiet period.



# UNOFFICIAL VS OFFICIAL VISITS

## Unofficial Visits

Any visit to a college campus paid by you or your family members.

- » Take as many unofficial visits as you like after the first permissible date in each sport.
- » Be mindful of recruiting shutdowns and dead periods when scheduling unofficial visits.

You may receive:

- » Complimentary admission.
  - This includes three tickets for a home Division I athletics contest or five tickets for a home Division II athletics contest.

**Note:** You cannot talk with a coach during an unofficial visit during your sport's dead period.



# UNOFFICIAL VS OFFICIAL VISITS

## Official Visits

Before a Division I or II official visit you must:

- » Send the NCAA school a high school transcript.
- » Register for a Certification account with the Eligibility Center.

During an official visit, NCAA schools can:

- » Pay for transportation to and from the college.
  - This includes up to two family members in Division I basketball and FBS football.
- » Provide lodging and meals.
  - This includes reasonable entertainment expenses.

**Note:** You cannot take an official visit during your sport's dead period.

# NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

- » By signing a NLI, you are agreeing to attend a Division I or II school for one academic year.
- » NLIs are voluntary and ends the recruiting process.
- » NCAA schools agree to provide athletics financial aid to you for a minimum of one academic year.
  - You must be admitted to the school.
  - You must be eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules.





# SCHOLARSHIPS BY SPORT

Only about **2%** of high school athletes are awarded athletics scholarships to compete in college.

- » Expectations.
  - Annual scholarships.
  - Renewal.
- » Academic scholarships.
- » Athletics scholarships.





## QUESTIONS TO ASK

- » What is the cost of attendance?
  - Financial aid.
    - > Will I receive a full or partial scholarship sport?
    - > If I'm injured and can no longer compete, will my scholarship remain?
  - On-campus housing.
- » What degree programs are offered?
- » What is the NCAA school's graduation rate?
- » Where do you stand from a recruiting standpoint?
  - #1 vs #5 vs standby.
  - NLI.
  - Redshirt expectations.
- » What is the coaching philosophy and style?



# PROACTIVE STUDENT ACTIONS

If you want to play sports in college, you must:

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



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**RESOURCES**



## RESOURCES



**Guide for the  
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Student-Athlete**

- » Review the [COVID-19 FAQ](#).
- » Visit [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org).
- » Download our resources:
  - [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#).
  - [Initial-Eligibility flyer](#).
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# QUESTIONS

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# THANK YOU FOR JOINING!

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