

Initial-Eligibility Standards

Want to compete in NCAA sports? Register with the Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org before the ninth grade. For more information on registration, visit on.ncaa.com/regchecklist.

Academic Standards

Division I and II schools require you to meet academic standards. To be eligible to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in your first year of **full-time enrollment**, you must meet the following requirements:

Division I

1. Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	EXTRA ENGLISH, MATH OR SCIENCE	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL Any area listed to the left or world language, comparative religion or philosophy
4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	2 years	4 years

2. Complete your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in eight semesters from your initial start of ninth grade. If you graduate from high school early, you still must meet core-course requirements.
3. Meet the **10/7 requirement** by completing 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits, including seven in English, math or science, before the start of your seventh semester.
4. Earn a minimum 2.3 **core-course GPA**.
5. Ask your high school counselor to upload your **final official transcript** with **proof of graduation** to your Eligibility Center account.
6. Receive academic and athletics certifications from the Eligibility Center.

Division II

1. Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	EXTRA ENGLISH, MATH OR SCIENCE	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL Any area listed to the left or world language, comparative religion or philosophy
3 years	2 years	2 years	3 years	2 years	4 years

2. Earn a minimum 2.2 **core-course GPA**.
3. Ask your high school counselor to upload your **final official transcript** with **proof of graduation** to your Eligibility Center account.
4. Receive academic and athletics certifications from the Eligibility Center.

Division III

While **Division III schools** set their own academic standards on campus, the Eligibility Center certifies the amateur status of Division III **international student-athletes** (first-year enrollees and transfers). All other Division III student-athletes are certified on campus. Contact the Division III school you plan to attend for information about its academic requirements.

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REGISTER

- » If you haven't yet, **register** for a free Profile Page account at eligibilitycenter.org for information on NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.
- » Use NCAA Research's **interactive map** to help locate NCAA schools you're interested in attending.
- » Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at eligibilitycenter.org/courselist to ensure you're taking the right courses, and earn the best grades possible!

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PLAN

- » If you're being **actively recruited** by an NCAA Division I or II school, **transition** your Profile Page account to the right **certification account**.
- » Monitor the **task list** and **sign up for text alerts** in your **Eligibility Center account** for next steps.
- » Research the admission requirements for NCAA schools you're interested in attending.
- » At the end of the school year, ask your high school counselor from each school you attended to upload your **official transcript** via the High School Portal.
- » If you fall behind academically, ask your high school counselor for help finding **approved courses** you can take.

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STUDY

- » Ensure your **sports participation** information is correct in your Eligibility Center account.
- » Check with your high school counselor to make sure you're on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved **core courses** and graduate on time with your class.
- » Share your **NCAA ID** with NCAA schools recruiting you so each school can place you on its **institutional request list**.
- » Take **unofficial and official visits** to NCAA schools you're interested in attending and start applying early.
- » At the end of the school year, ask your high school counselor from each school you attended to upload your **official transcript** via the High School Portal.

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GRADUATE

- » Be accepted to the NCAA school you plan to attend.
- » Ensure your **sports participation** information is correct and **request your final athletics certification** beginning April 1 (fall enrollees) or Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees) in your Eligibility Center account.
- » Complete your final NCAA-approved **core courses** as you prepare for graduation.
- » After you graduate, ask your high school counselor to upload your **final official transcript** with **proof of graduation** via the High School Portal.

Example Schedule

How to Plan Your High School Courses to Meet the 16 Core-Course Requirement

4 x 4 = 16

9th
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- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

10th
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- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

11th
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- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

12th
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- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES



CONTACT THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

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