

# ONE OPPORTUNITY. LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES.

If you want to play NCAA sports at a Division I or II school, you need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org). If you plan to compete at a Division III school or currently are not sure in which division you want to compete, create a [free Profile Page account](#).

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To play sports at a Division I or II school, you must complete a total of 16 [NCAA-approved core courses](#), earn a corresponding test score\* that matches your core-course GPA and submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

## CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete a total of 16 core courses in the following areas:

### Division I

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	2 years	4 years

To study and compete at a Division I school, you must complete 10 of your 16 core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before the start of your seventh semester.

### Division II

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
3 years	2 years	2 years	3 years	2 years	4 years

## GRADE-POINT AVERAGE

The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates your [core-course grade-point average](#) based only on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core courses.

- » Division I requires a minimum 2.3 GPA.
- » Division II requires a minimum 2.2 GPA.

## SLIDING SCALE

Divisions I and II use sliding scales to match test scores and GPAs to determine eligibility. The sliding scale balances your test score with your GPA. If you have a low test score, you need a higher GPA to be eligible. Find more information about sliding scales at [ncaa.org/test-scores](https://ncaa.org/test-scores).

## TEST SCORES

Every time you register for the SAT or ACT, use code 9999 to send your scores directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center from the testing agency. You may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before you enroll full time in university. If you take either test more than once, the best subscores from each test are used for the academic certification process.

*\*More information regarding the impact of COVID-19 and test scores can be found at [on.ncaa.com/COVID19\\_Spring2023](https://on.ncaa.com/COVID19_Spring2023).*



# HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE

## GRADE

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### Freshman Year: Register

- » *Start planning now!* Take NCAA-approved courses and earn the best grades possible.
- » Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at [eligibilitycenter.org/courselist](https://eligibilitycenter.org/courselist).
- » Register for a free Profile Page account at [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org) for information on NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.

## GRADE

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### Sophomore Year: Plan

- » If you fall behind academically, ask your counselor for help finding approved courses you can take.
- » If you are being actively recruited by an NCAA school and have a Profile Page account, **transition** it to a **Certification account**.
- » Monitor the task list in your Eligibility Center account for next steps.
- » At the end of the school year, ask your counselor from each high school you have attended to upload an official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.

## GRADE

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### Junior Year: Study

- » Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved **core courses** and graduate on time with your class.
- » Take the **SAT/ACT** and submit your scores to the Eligibility Center using code 9999.\*
- » Ensure your sports participation information is correct in your Eligibility Center account.
- » At the end of the school year, ask your counselor from each high school you have attended to upload an official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.

## GRADE

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### Senior Year: Graduate

- » Complete your final NCAA-approved **core courses** as you prepare for graduation.
- » Take the **SAT/ACT** again, if necessary, and submit your scores to the Eligibility Center using code 9999.\*
- » Request your final amateurism certification beginning April 1 (fall enrollees) or Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees) in your Eligibility Center account at [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org).
- » After you graduate, ask your counselor to upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation to your Eligibility Center account.
- » **Reminder:** Only students on an NCAA Division I or II school's **institutional request list** will receive a certification.

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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