

2016 Division I New Academic Requirements



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*The Initial-Eligibility Standards for NCAA Divisions I and II
College-Bound Student-Athletes are Changing*

Division I

College-bound student-athletes first entering an NCAA Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2016, will need to meet new academic rules in order to receive athletics aid (scholarship), practice or compete during their first year.

What are the New Division I Requirements?

| Full Qualifier | Academic Redshirt | Nonqualifier |
|---|---|--|
| Complete 16 Core Courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten of the 16 core courses must be complete before the seventh semester (senior year) of high school. • Seven of the 10 core courses must be in English, Math, or Science. | Complete 16 core courses. | Does not meet requirements for Full Qualifier or Academic Redshirt status. |
| Minimum Core-Course GPA of 2.300. | Minimum Core-Course GPA of 2.000. | |
| Meet the sliding scale requirement of GPA and ACT/SAT score.* | Meet the sliding scale requirement of GPA and ACT/SAT score.* | |
| Graduate from high school. | Graduate from high school. | |

* To view the sliding scales, please click [here](#).

Full Qualifier: A college-bound student-athlete may receive athletics aid (scholarship), practice and compete in the first year of enrollment at the Division I college or university.

Academic Redshirt: A college-bound student-athlete may receive athletics aid (scholarship) in the first year of enrollment and may practice in the first regular academic term (semester or quarter) but may NOT compete in the first year of enrollment. After the first term is complete, the college-bound student-athlete must be academically successful at his/her college or university to continue to practice for the rest of the year.

Nonqualifier: A college-bound student-athlete cannot receive athletics aid (scholarship), cannot practice and cannot compete in the first year of enrollment.

Examples

Q: A college-bound student-athlete completes nine core courses prior to the seventh semester of high school. What is the college-bound student-athlete's initial-eligibility status?

A: The college-bound student-athlete cannot be certified as a qualifier because only nine of the 10 required courses were completed before the seventh semester. He/she would be permitted to practice and receive aid (scholarship), provided he/she presents 16 core courses and meets the necessary core-course GPA and test score requirement at the time of graduation.

Q: A college-bound student-athlete completes 16 core courses in the required framework with a 2.200 core-course GPA and a 79 sum ACT. What is the college-bound student-athlete's initial-eligibility status?

A: The college-bound student-athlete is an academic redshirt under the new sliding scale because the minimum GPA requirement is 2.300. See sliding scale, please click [here](#).

Q: A college-bound student-athlete completes 15 core courses with a 2.500 core-course GPA and an 820 SAT score (critical reading and math). What is the college-bound student-athlete's NCAA initial-eligibility status?

A: The college-bound student-athlete is a nonqualifier because only 15 core courses were completed, not the required 16 core courses.

For additional information on these requirements, please visit www.eligibilitycenter.org.

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NCAA Division I Initial-Eligibility Requirements

Core Courses: (16)

- **Initial full-time collegiate enrollment *before* August 1, 2016:**
 - Sixteen (16) core courses are required (see chart below for subject-area requirements).
- **Initial full-time collegiate enrollment *on or after* August 1, 2016:**
 - Sixteen (16) core courses are required (see chart below for subject-area requirements).
 - Ten (10) core courses completed before the seventh semester; seven (7) of the 10 must be in English, math or natural/physical science.
 - These courses/grades are "locked in" at start of the seventh semester (cannot be repeated for grade-point average [GPA] improvement to meet initial-eligibility requirements for competition).
 - Students who do not meet core-course progression requirements may still be eligible to receive athletics aid and practice in the initial year of enrollment by meeting academic redshirt requirements (see below).

Test Scores: (ACT/SAT)

- Students must present a corresponding test score and core-course GPA on the sliding scale (see Page No. 2).
 - **SAT:** critical reading and math sections.
 - Best subscore from each section is used to determine the SAT combined score for initial eligibility.
 - **ACT:** English, math, reading and science sections.
 - Best subscore from each section is used to determine the ACT sum score for initial eligibility.
- All ACT and SAT attempts *before* initial full-time collegiate enrollment may be used for initial eligibility.
- Enter **9999** during ACT or SAT registration to ensure the testing agency reports your score directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Test scores on transcripts will not be used.

Core Grade-Point Average:

- Only core courses that appear on the high school's List of NCAA Courses on the NCAA Eligibility Center's website (www.eligibilitycenter.org) will be used to calculate your core-course GPA. Use this list as a guide.
- **Initial full-time collegiate enrollment *before* August 1, 2016:**
 - Students must present a corresponding test score (ACT sum score or SAT combined score) and core-course GPA (minimum 2.000) on Sliding Scale A (see Page No. 2).
 - Core-course GPA is calculated using the **best 16 core courses** that meet subject-area requirements.
- **Initial full-time collegiate enrollment *on or after* August 1, 2016:**
 - Students must present a corresponding test score (ACT sum score or SAT combined score) and core-course GPA (minimum 2.300) on Sliding Scale B (see Page No. 2).
 - Core-course GPA is calculated using the **best 16 core courses** that meet both progression (10 before seventh semester; seven in English, math or science; "locked in") and subject-area requirements.

DIVISION I Core-Course Requirement (16)

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of math (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered)
- 1 year of additional English, math or natural/physical science
- 2 years of social science
- 4 years of additional courses (any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)

DIVISION I – 2016 Qualifier Requirements

**Athletics aid, practice, and competition*

- 16 core courses
 - Ten (10) core courses completed before the start of seventh semester. Seven (7) of the 10 must be in English, math or natural/physical science.
 - "Locked in" for core-course GPA calculation.
- Corresponding test score (ACT sum score or SAT combined score) and core-course GPA (minimum 2.300) on Sliding Scale B (see Page No. 2).
- Graduate from high school.

DIVISION I – 2016 Academic Redshirt Requirements

**Athletics aid and practice (no competition)*

- 16 core courses
 - No grades/credits "locked in" (repeated courses after the seventh semester begins may be used for initial eligibility).
- Corresponding test score (ACT sum score or SAT combined score) and core-course GPA (minimum 2.000) on Sliding Scale B (see Page No. 2).
- Graduate from high school.

| Sliding Scale A | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---------|
| Use for Division I prior to August 1, 2016 | | |
| NCAA DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE | | |
| Core GPA | SAT Verbal and Math ONLY | ACT Sum |
| 3.550 & above | 400 | 37 |
| 3.525 | 410 | 38 |
| 3.500 | 420 | 39 |
| 3.475 | 430 | 40 |
| 3.450 | 440 | 41 |
| 3.425 | 450 | 41 |
| 3.400 | 460 | 42 |
| 3.375 | 470 | 42 |
| 3.350 | 480 | 43 |
| 3.325 | 490 | 44 |
| 3.300 | 500 | 44 |
| 3.275 | 510 | 45 |
| 3.250 | 520 | 46 |
| 3.225 | 530 | 46 |
| 3.200 | 540 | 47 |
| 3.175 | 550 | 47 |
| 3.150 | 560 | 48 |
| 3.125 | 570 | 49 |
| 3.100 | 580 | 49 |
| 3.075 | 590 | 50 |
| 3.050 | 600 | 50 |
| 3.025 | 610 | 51 |
| 3.000 | 620 | 52 |
| 2.975 | 630 | 52 |
| 2.950 | 640 | 53 |
| 2.925 | 650 | 53 |
| 2.900 | 660 | 54 |
| 2.875 | 670 | 55 |
| 2.850 | 680 | 56 |
| 2.825 | 690 | 56 |
| 2.800 | 700 | 57 |
| 2.775 | 710 | 58 |
| 2.750 | 720 | 59 |
| 2.725 | 730 | 59 |
| 2.700 | 730 | 60 |
| 2.675 | 740-750 | 61 |
| 2.650 | 760 | 62 |
| 2.625 | 770 | 63 |
| 2.600 | 780 | 64 |
| 2.575 | 790 | 65 |
| 2.550 | 800 | 66 |
| 2.525 | 810 | 67 |
| 2.500 | 820 | 68 |
| 2.475 | 830 | 69 |
| 2.450 | 840-850 | 70 |
| 2.425 | 860 | 70 |
| 2.400 | 860 | 71 |
| 2.375 | 870 | 72 |
| 2.350 | 880 | 73 |
| 2.325 | 890 | 74 |
| 2.300 | 900 | 75 |
| 2.275 | 910 | 76 |
| 2.250 | 920 | 77 |
| 2.225 | 930 | 78 |
| 2.200 | 940 | 79 |
| 2.175 | 950 | 80 |
| 2.150 | 960 | 80 |
| 2.125 | 960 | 81 |
| 2.100 | 970 | 82 |
| 2.075 | 980 | 83 |
| 2.050 | 990 | 84 |
| 2.025 | 1000 | 85 |
| 2.000 | 1010 | 86 |

| Sliding Scale B | | |
|---|-----------------------------|---------|
| Use for Division I beginning August 1, 2016 | | |
| NCAA DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE | | |
| Core GPA | SAT Verbal and Math ONLY | ACT Sum |
| 3.550 | 400 | 37 |
| 3.525 | 410 | 38 |
| 3.500 | 420 | 39 |
| 3.475 | 430 | 40 |
| 3.450 | 440 | 41 |
| 3.425 | 450 | 41 |
| 3.400 | 460 | 42 |
| 3.375 | 470 | 42 |
| 3.350 | 480 | 43 |
| 3.325 | 490 | 44 |
| 3.300 | 500 | 44 |
| 3.275 | 510 | 45 |
| 3.250 | 520 | 46 |
| 3.225 | 530 | 46 |
| 3.200 | 540 | 47 |
| 3.175 | 550 | 47 |
| 3.150 | 560 | 48 |
| 3.125 | 570 | 49 |
| 3.100 | 580 | 49 |
| 3.075 | 590 | 50 |
| 3.050 | 600 | 50 |
| 3.025 | 610 | 51 |
| 3.000 | 620 | 52 |
| 2.975 | 630 | 52 |
| 2.950 | 640 | 53 |
| 2.925 | 650 | 53 |
| 2.900 | 660 | 54 |
| 2.875 | 670 | 55 |
| 2.850 | 680 | 56 |
| 2.825 | 690 | 56 |
| 2.800 | 700 | 57 |
| 2.775 | 710 | 58 |
| 2.750 | 720 | 59 |
| 2.725 | 730 | 60 |
| 2.700 | 740 | 61 |
| 2.675 | 750 | 61 |
| 2.650 | 760 | 62 |
| 2.625 | 770 | 63 |
| 2.600 | 780 | 64 |
| 2.575 | 790 | 65 |
| 2.550 | 800 | 66 |
| 2.525 | 810 | 67 |
| 2.500 | 820 | 68 |
| 2.475 | 830 | 69 |
| 2.450 | 840 | 70 |
| 2.425 | 850 | 70 |
| 2.400 | 860 | 71 |
| 2.375 | 870 | 72 |
| 2.350 | 880 | 73 |
| 2.325 | 890 | 74 |
| 2.300 | 900 | 75 |
| 2.299 | 910 | 76 |
| 2.275 | 910 | 76 |
| 2.250 | 920 | 77 |
| 2.225 | 930 | 78 |
| 2.200 | 940 | 79 |
| 2.175 | 950 | 80 |
| 2.150 | 960 | 81 |
| 2.125 | 970 | 82 |
| 2.100 | 980 | 83 |
| 2.075 | 990 | 84 |
| 2.050 | 1000 | 85 |
| 2.025 | 1010 | 86 |
| 2.000 | 1020 | 86 |

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Division II Initial-Eligibility Requirements

Core Courses

- **Division II currently requires 16 core courses.** See the chart below.
- **Beginning August 1, 2018**, to become a full or partial qualifier for Division II, all college-bound student-athletes must complete the 16 core-course requirement.

Test Scores

- **Division II** currently requires a minimum SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68. **Beginning August 1, 2018**, Division II will use a sliding scale to match test scores and core-course grade-point averages (GPA). The sliding scale for those requirements is shown on Page No. 2 of this sheet.
- The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes **only** the critical reading and math sections. **The writing section of the SAT is not used.**
- The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a **sum** of the following four sections: English, mathematics, reading and science.
- **When you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code of 9999 to ensure all SAT and ACT scores are reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center from the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will not be used.**

Grade-Point Average

- Be sure to look at your high school's List of NCAA Courses on the NCAA Eligibility Center's website (www.eligibilitycenter.org). Only courses that appear on your school's approved List of NCAA Courses will be used in the calculation of the core GPA. Use the list as a guide.
- The current **Division II** core GPA requirement is a minimum of 2.000. **Division II** core GPA required to be eligible for **competition on or after August 1, 2018**, is 2.200 (corresponding test-score requirements are listed on the Sliding Scale on Page No. 2 of this sheet).
- The minimum **Division II** core GPA required to receive **athletics aid and practice as a partial qualifier on or after August 1, 2018**, is 2.000 (corresponding test-score requirements are listed on the Sliding Scale on Page No. 2 of this sheet).
- Remember, the NCAA core GPA is calculated using NCAA core courses only.

DIVISION II 16 Core Courses

- 3 years of English.
- 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 3 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy).

Student Name: _____ Sport: _____ YOG: _____ Counselor: _____

Division I Worksheet

This worksheet is provided to assist you in monitoring your progress in meeting NCAA initial-eligibility standards. The NCAA Eligibility Center will determine your academic status after you graduate. Remember to check your high school's List of NCAA Courses for the classes you have taken. Use the following scale:

A=4 quality points; B=3 quality points; C=2 quality points; D=1 quality point.

English (4 years required)

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|
| Course Title | Credit | X | Grade | = | Quality Points (multiply credit by grade) |
| Example: English 9 | .5 | | A | | (.5 x 4) = 2 |

Total English Units

Total Quality Points

Mathematics (3 years required)

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|
| Course Title | Credit | X | Grade | = | Quality Points (multiply credit by grade) |
| Example: Algebra I | 1.0 | | B | | (1.0 x 3) = 3 |

Total Mathematics Units

Total Quality Points

Natural/Physical Science (2 years required)

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|
| Course Title | Credit | X | Grade | = | Quality Points (multiply credit by grade) |
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Total Natural/Physical Science Units

Total Quality Points

Additional year in English, Mathematics or Natural/Physical Science (1 year required)

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|
| Course Title | Credit | X | Grade | = | Quality Points (multiply credit by grade) |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|

Total Additional Units

Total Quality Points

Social Science (2 years required)

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|
| Course Title | Credit | X | Grade | = | Quality Points (multiply credit by grade) |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|

Total Social Science Units

Total Quality Points

Additional Academic Courses (4 years required)

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|
| Course Title | Credit | X | Grade | = | Quality Points (multiply credit by grade) |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|

Total Additional Academic Units

Total Quality Points

Core-Course GPA (16 required) Beginning August 1, 2016, 10 core courses to be completed prior to the seventh semester and seven of the 10 must be a combination of English, Math, or Natural/Physical Science.

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| Total Quality Points | Total Number of Credits | Core-Course GPA (Total Quality Points/Total Credits) |
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Student Name: _____ Sport: _____ YOG: _____ Counselor: _____

Division II Worksheet

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A=4 quality points; B=3 quality points; C=2 quality points; D=1 quality point.

English (3 years required)

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|
| Course Title | Credit | X | Grade | = | Quality Points (multiply credit by grade) |
| Example: English 9 | .5 | | A | | (.5 x 4) = 2 |

Total English Units

Total Quality Points

Mathematics (2 years required)

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|
| Course Title | Credit | X | Grade | = | Quality Points (multiply credit by grade) |
| Example: Algebra I | 1.0 | | B | | (1.0 x 3) = 3 |

Total Mathematics Units

Total Quality Points

Natural/Physical Science (2 years required)

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|
| Course Title | Credit | X | Grade | = | Quality Points (multiply credit by grade) |
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Total Natural/Physical Science Units

Total Quality Points

Additional year in English, Mathematics or Natural/Physical Science (3 years required)

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|
| Course Title | Credit | X | Grade | = | Quality Points (multiply credit by grade) |
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Total Additional Units

Total Quality Points

Social Science (2 years required)

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|
| Course Title | Credit | X | Grade | = | Quality Points (multiply credit by grade) |
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Total Social Science Units

Total Quality Points

Additional Academic Courses (4 years required)

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|---------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|
| Course Title | Credit | X | Grade | = | Quality Points (multiply credit by grade) |
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Total Additional Academic Units

Total Quality Points

Core-Course GPA (16 required) Beginning August 1, 2016, 10 core courses to be completed prior to the seventh semester and seven of the 10 must be a combination of English, Math, or Natural/Physical Science.

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Total Quality Points | Total Number of Credits | Core-Course GPA (Total Quality Points/Total Credits) |
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