

# **PREPARING TO BE A COLLEGE BOUND STUDENT-ATHLETE**

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# OPPORTUNITIES



APPROXIMATELY 450 INSTITUTIONS

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APPROXIMATELY 250 INSTITUTIONS



# NAIA

## Register with the NAIA Eligibility Center

If a student meets two of the criteria, then the student is eligible upon high school graduation:

- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Class rank in top 50% of graduating class  
(If no class rank is on the transcript, nine college credits can be used in place of this requirement.)
- ACT of 18 or SAT of 970 Critical Reading and Math

# OPPORTUNITIES



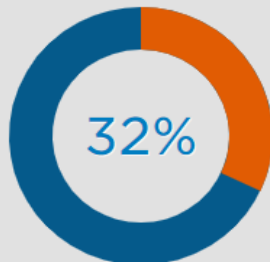
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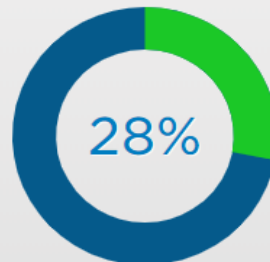
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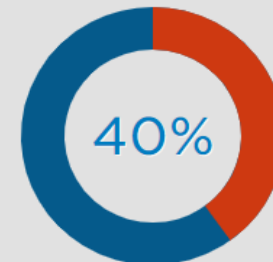
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# NCAA



The student-athlete must be admitted as a regularly enrolled degree seeking student in accordance with the regular published entrance requirements of that institution.

[Login](#)[Help](#)[High School Administrators](#)[Forgot your password?](#)

## DIVISION I OR II

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You need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school. Create a Certification Account and we'll guide you through the process.

*You need to create a Certification Account to make official visits to Divisions I and II schools or to sign a National Letter of Intent.*

[Create an Account](#)

## DIVISION III OR UNDECIDED

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Create a free Profile Page if you plan to compete at a Division III school or are not yet sure where you want to compete.

You'll get an NCAA ID, and we will send you important reminders as you complete high school.

[Create a Profile Page](#)

# NCAA



Eligibility  
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Required for  
Division I  
and II  
institutions.

Register in  
the  
Sophomore  
Year.

Test scores  
must be  
sent directly  
from the  
testing  
agency.

May use  
scores from  
multiple  
tests to  
achieve the  
required  
score.

Must  
submit an  
official  
transcript  
from every  
high school  
you attend.



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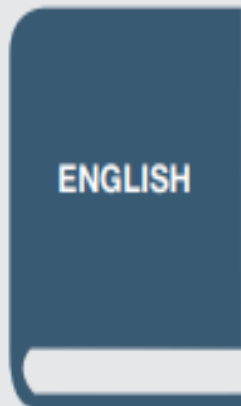
Amateurism  
Certified per Sport  
Must confirm info-May of senior  
year.

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## DIVISION II

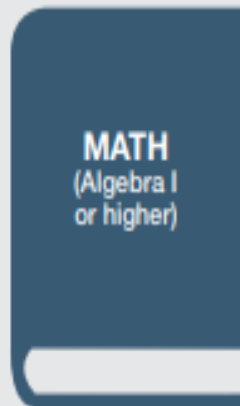
### Core-Course Requirement

Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:



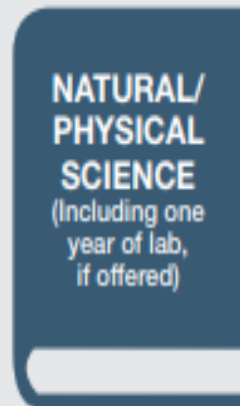
**ENGLISH**

**3 years**



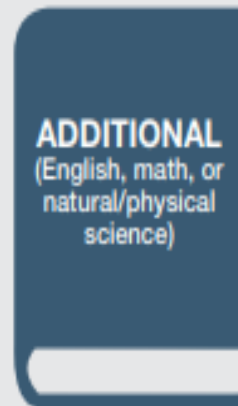
**MATH**  
(Algebra I  
or higher)

**2 years**



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

**2 years**



**ADDITIONAL**  
(English, math, or  
natural/physical  
science)

**3 years**



**SOCIAL  
SCIENCE**

**2 years**



**ADDITIONAL  
COURSES**  
(Any area listed  
to the left, foreign  
language or  
comparative  
religion/philosophy)

**4 years**

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## DIVISION II

### Full Qualifier

- Complete 16 core courses.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.200.
- Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division II full qualifier sliding scale (see back page).
- Graduate high school.

### Partial Qualifier

- Complete 16 core courses.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000.
- Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division II partial qualifier sliding scale (see back page).
- Graduate high school.

### Full Qualifier:

College-bound student-athletes may practice, compete and receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment at an NCAA Division II school.

### Partial Qualifier:

College-bound student-athletes may receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment and may practice during their first regular academic term, but may NOT compete during their first year of enrollment.

### Nonqualifier:

College-bound student-athletes may not practice, compete or receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment at an NCAA Division II school.

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## DIVISION I

### Core-Course Requirement

Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

**ENGLISH**

4 years

**MATH**  
(Algebra I  
or higher)

3 years

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

2 years

**ADDITIONAL**  
(English, math, or  
natural/physical  
science)

1 year

**SOCIAL  
SCIENCE**

2 years

**ADDITIONAL  
COURSES**  
(Any area listed  
to the left, foreign  
language or  
comparative  
religion/philosophy)

4 years

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## DIVISION I

### Full Qualifier

- Complete 16 core courses.
  - Ten of the 16 core courses must be completed before the seventh semester (senior year) of high school.
  - Seven of the 10 core courses must be in English, math or natural/physical science.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.300.
- Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale (see back page).
- Graduate high school.

### Academic Redshirt

- Complete 16 core courses.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000.
- Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale (see back page).
- Graduate high school.

### Full Qualifier:

College-bound student-athletes may practice, compete and receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.

### Academic Redshirt:

College-bound student-athletes may receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment and may practice during their first regular academic term, but may NOT compete during their first year of enrollment.

### Nonqualifier:

College-bound student-athletes cannot practice, receive athletics scholarships or compete during their first year of enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.



## DIVISION I

### FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE

Core GPA	SAT <sup>+</sup>	ACT Sum <sup>+</sup>
3.550	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	430	39
3.475	440	40
3.450	460	41
3.425	470	41
3.400	490	42
3.375	500	42
3.350	520	43
3.325	530	44
3.300	550	44
3.275	560	45
3.250	580	46
3.225	590	46
3.200	600	47
3.175	620	47
3.150	630	48
3.125	650	49
3.100	660	49
3.075	680	50
3.050	690	50
3.025	710	51
3.000	720	52
2.975	730	52
2.950	740	53
2.925	750	53

## DIVISION I

### FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE

Core GPA	SAT <sup>+</sup>	ACT Sum <sup>+</sup>
2.750	810	59
2.725	820	60
2.700	830	61
2.675	840	61
2.650	850	62
2.625	860	63
2.600	860	64
2.575	870	65
2.550	880	66
2.525	890	67
2.500	900	68
2.475	910	69
2.450	920	70
2.425	930	70
2.400	940	71
2.375	950	72
2.350	960	73
2.325	970	74
2.300	980	75
2.299	990	76
2.275	990	76
2.250	1000	77
2.225	1010	78
2.200	1020	79
2.175	1030	80
2.150	1040	81

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## How is the NCAA Core GPA Calculated?

The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates GPAs using the 4.000 scale: A=4; B=3; C=2; D=1.

To determine points earned for each course, multiply the numeric grade value (4, 3, 2 or 1) by the amount of credit earned. A semester is awarded 0.50 unit of credit and a trimester is awarded .34 unit of credit.

The NCAA Eligibility Center does not use plus or minus grades when calculating core-course GPA. For example, grades of B+, B and B- will all be worth 3 quality points each.

If your high school uses a numeric scale, the high school needs to provide a conversion to a letter grade and communicate that to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

If you attended more than one high school you must submit an official transcript from all schools.

# Amateurism Certification Basics

## AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION

Prospective student-athletes must receive a final amateurism certification before being eligible to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school. This includes transfer student-athletes from two-year colleges, NAIA schools, foreign institutions or Division III schools. The Eligibility Center will review your sports participation history to determine your amateurism status.



## THE REVIEW PROCESS

### REGISTER



Register with an Eligibility Center Certification Account before your sophomore/10th year at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org).



Select each sport you plan to play at an NCAA school.



Complete and update the sports participation section annually.

# NLI



[www.national-letter.org](http://www.national-letter.org)

Only high school prospects receiving an athletic scholarship to a NCAA Division I or II school will sign an NLI.

Binding contract between the student and the institution.

# Getting Noticed





# Points to Consider

Demographics

Academic  
Atmosphere

Academic  
Reputation

Top Three  
Major  
Choices

Career  
Goals

# Points to Consider

Family  
Support

Home for  
Holidays

Playing  
Time

Winning

Other  
Costs

# Financial Aid

	Division I	Division III
Cost	\$30,000	\$30,000
Estimated Family Contribution	\$10,000	\$10,000
Athletic Scholarship	\$5,000	Not permissible
Need Based Financial Aid	Can't accept due to NCAA limits	\$20,000

# Financial Aid

	W/Athletic Scholarship	W/O Athletic Scholarship
Cost	\$30,000	\$30,000
Estimated Family Contribution	\$10,000	\$10,000
Athletic Scholarship	\$5,000	
Need Based Financial Aid	Can't accept due to NCAA limits	\$20,000

# Final Thoughts

