

# DIVISION I ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

## CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete a total of 16 core courses in the following areas, including 10 before the start of your seventh semester (seven in English, math or natural/physical science).

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

## QUALIFIER

College-bound student-athletes enrolling at an NCAA Division I school need to meet these academic requirements to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in their first year of full-time enrollment.

- » Complete a total of 16 core courses in the appropriate areas.
  - Ten of your 16 core courses must be completed before the start of your seventh semester (senior year) of high school.
  - Seven of your 10 core courses must be in English, math or natural/physical science.
- » Earn a corresponding test score that matches your core-course GPA (minimum 2.3) on the [Division I Sliding Scale](#).\*
- » Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

## ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

All academic redshirt student-athletes may receive an athletics scholarship during their first year of full-time enrollment and practice during their first regular academic term but may NOT compete during their first year of enrollment.

- » Complete a total of 16 core courses in the appropriate areas.
- » Earn a corresponding test score that matches your core-course GPA (minimum 2.0) on the [Division I Sliding Scale](#).\*
- » Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Please review the [international initial-eligibility flyer](#) for information and academic requirements specific to international student-athletes.

For information on Division II, view the [Division II academic requirements flyer](#).



## TEST SCORES

If you plan to attend an NCAA Division I school, use the sliding scale to review the corresponding test score and core-course GPA (minimum 2.3) you will need to meet Division I qualifier standards.

For both Divisions I and II, a combined SAT score is calculated by adding critical reading and math subscores. An ACT sum score is calculated by adding English, math, reading and science subscores. You may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before you enroll full time in college. 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\\_Fall2022](https://on.ncaa.com/COVID19_Fall2022).*

## CORE-COURSE LIST

You should check to see if your high school has a list of **NCAA-approved core courses**. No core-course list means courses taken from that high school will not count for NCAA eligibility. If your high school does not have a list, you risk being ineligible to play in college.

## ONLINE COURSES/ NONTRADITIONAL

Nontraditional courses are taught online or through distance learning, hybrid/blended, independent study, individualized instruction, correspondence or similar means.

These types of courses may be acceptable for use in the NCAA initial-eligibility certification process; however, it is important to make sure the nontraditional program has been approved and appears on the high school's list of **NCAA-approved core courses**.

## BE AHEAD OF THE GAME

- » If you want to get ahead of the game, you need to register with the **NCAA Eligibility Center** before your freshman/ninth year of high school.
- » After you complete six semesters of high school, it is important for you to ask your counselor from each high school you have attended to upload an official transcript to your Eligibility Center account. A six-semester transcript must be submitted in order to have a preliminary certification completed.

DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE					
Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*	Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*
3.550	400	37	2.750	810	59
3.525	410	38	2.725	820	60
3.500	430	39	2.700	830	61
3.475	440	40	2.675	840	61
3.450	460	41	2.650	850	62
3.425	470	41	2.625	860	63
3.400	490	42	2.600	860	64
3.375	500	42	2.575	870	65
3.350	520	43	2.550	880	66
3.325	530	44	2.525	890	67
3.300	550	44	2.500	900	68
3.275	560	45	2.475	910	69
3.250	580	46	2.450	920	70
3.225	590	46	2.425	930	70
3.200	600	47	2.400	940	71
3.175	620	47	2.375	950	72
3.150	630	48	2.350	960	73
3.125	650	49	2.325	970	74
3.100	660	49	2.300	980	75
3.075	680	50	2.299	990	76
3.050	690	50	2.275	990	76
3.025	710	51	2.250	1000	77
3.000	720	52	2.225	1010	78
2.975	730	52	2.200	1020	79
2.950	740	53	2.175	1030	80
2.925	750	53	2.150	1040	81
2.900	750	54	2.125	1050	82
2.875	760	55	2.100	1060	83
2.850	770	56	2.075	1070	84
2.825	780	56	2.050	1080	85
2.800	790	57	2.025	1090	86
2.775	800	58	2.000	1100	86

\*Full sliding scale research between the new SAT and ACT is ongoing.

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

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### CONTACT THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

U.S. and Canada (except Quebec): 877-262-1492  
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