

NCAA Eligibility Center

If you want to play a sport at any NCAA Division I or II university as a freshman you must register and be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center (formerly the Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse). CoreCourseGPA.com does all of the difficult calculations and course tracking for you, but you should still learn about the NCAA Eligibility Center and how it works.

WHAT IS THE ELIGIBILITY CENTER?

The Eligibility Center sets NCAA minimum eligibility standards for incoming freshmen student-athletes and determines whether or not you have met those standards.

To play as a freshman at any NCAA Division I or II university you MUST register with the Eligibility Center, meet all Eligibility Center requirements and be certified by the Eligibility Center.

WHAT ARE THE STANDARDS I MUST MEET?

The standards issued by the Eligibility Center are slightly different for Division I and Division II but are based on the same four principles:

1. You must **graduate** from high school.
2. You must successfully **complete all core courses**.
3. You must have a **minimum 2.00 GPA in core courses. (2.30 for DI beginning with the class of 2016)**
4. You must have a **minimum qualifying ACT or SAT score**.
5. You must request **final amateurism certification** from the NCAA Eligibility Center.

WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

Core courses are the foundation of the Eligibility Center's standards. A core course is any course at your high school that has been reviewed and approved by the NCAA as a course that meets their academic standards. In other words, core courses are courses "approved" by the NCAA.

The Eligibility Center approves courses in four categories; English, Math, Natural/Physical Science and Social Science.

You must complete a minimum number of core courses in each category as part of the certification process.

WHAT COURSES AT MY HIGH SCHOOL ARE CORE COURSES?

CoreCourseGPA.com provides the list of approved core courses for your high school. To review it, [click here](#).

HOW MANY CORE COURSES DO I NEED TO COMPLETE?

You must complete 16 core courses for both Division I and Division II. However, the subcategory requirements are different for each division. Your CoreCourseGPA.com Status Report automatically tracks your course requirements met and still needed for both Division I and Division II.

Div I Core Course Requirements		Div II Core Course Requirements	
Subject	Requirement	Subject	Requirement
English	4 years	English	3 years

Math	3 years	Math	2 years
Natural/Physical Science	2 years	Natural/Physical Science	2 years
Additional English, Math or Natural/Physical Science	1 year	Additional English, Math or Natural/Physical Science	3 years
Social Science	2 years	Social Science	2 years
Additional Core Courses	4 years	Additional Core Courses	4 years
Total	16 Courses	Total	16 Courses

IS MY CORE COURSE GPA THE SAME AS MY HIGH SCHOOL GPA?

No. Your high school GPA includes all of the courses you have taken whether or not they are NCAA approved core courses and uses your school's grade point system. Your core course GPA is calculated using ONLY the core courses you have completed and uses the NCAA's "quality points" system.

Calculating your core course GPA can be a time consuming and tedious process. **CoreCourseGPA.com does it all for you**, including factoring in your school's weighted grade scale, if applicable, which increases quality point values above the NCAA's standard point scale.

WHAT SAT/ACT TEST SCORES DO I NEED?

The test score requirements vary between division I and division II.

In Division II, the test score requirements are the same for every student, regardless of GPA. To meet Division II requirements you must earn achieve at least an **820** on the **SAT** or a **sum score of 68** on the **ACT**.

In Division I, a **sliding scale** is used based on core course GPA. The higher your GPA, the lower your test scores need to be to qualify. There are two Test Score Indexes for the Division I. One is for students **prior to the class of 2016** and one is for students in the **class of 2016 and beyond**. For the class of 2016 and beyond, there are two minimum test scores provided for each GPA. One set of scores provides the minimum scores needed to play in college as a freshman while the other set provides the minimum scores needed to only receive aid and practice, but not compete as a freshman. Both indexes listed below.

Your CoreCourseGPA.com Status Report automatically determines your correct minimum required SAT and ACT test scores, based on your current core course GPA and graduation year.

Note: Test scores will be calculated using the math and verbal subsections of the SAT and the sum of the math, science, English and reading subsections of the ACT. **The writing component of the ACT or SAT will not be used to determine your qualifier status.**

Div I SAT/ACT Sliding Scale (prior to class of 2016)			Div I SAT/ACT Sliding Scale (prior to class of 2016)		
Core GPA	SAT Score	ACT Score*	Core GPA	SAT Score	ACT Score*
3.550	400	37	2.750	720	59
3.525	410	38	2.725	730	59
3.500	420	39			

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3.475	430	40	2.675	740	61
3.450	440	41	2.650	760	62
3.425	450	41	2.625	770	63
3.400	460	42	2.600	780	64
3.375	470	42	2.575	790	65
3.350	480	43	2.550	800	66
3.325	490	44	2.525	810	67
3.300	500	44	2.500	820	68
3.275	510	45	2.475	830	69
3.250	520	46	2.450	840	70
3.225	530	46	2.425	860	70
3.200	540	47	2.400	860	71
3.175	550	47	2.375	870	72
3.150	560	48	2.350	880	73
3.125	570	49	2.325	890	74
3.100	580	49	2.300	900	75
3.075	590	50	2.275	910	76
3.050	600	50	2.250	920	77
3.025	610	51	2.225	930	78
3.000	620	52	2.200	940	79
2.975	630	52	2.175	950	80
2.950	640	53	2.150	960	80
2.925	650	53	2.125	960	81
2.900	660	54	2.100	970	82
2.875	670	55	2.075	980	83
2.850	680	56	2.050	990	84
2.825	690	56	2.025	1000	85
2.800	700	57	2.000	1010	86
2.775	710	58			

*ACT Score is a **sum** of English, Math, Reading and Science scores.

Div I SAT/ACT Sliding Scale (class of 2016 and later)				
Core GPA	SAT Full Qualifier	ACT Full Qualifier	SAT* Redshirt	ACT* Redshirt
3.550	400	37	-	-
3.525	410	38	-	-
3.500	420	39	-	-
3.475	430	40	-	-
3.450	440	41	-	-
3.425	450	41	-	-

3.425	750	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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WHEN AND HOW DO I REGISTER WITH THE ELIGIBILITY CENTER?

You may first register with the Eligibility Center at the beginning of your junior year in high school. For all official forms and registration materials visit the NCAA Eligibility Center website at <http://www.eligibilitycenter.org/> or contact them at the address and phone listed below.

NCAA Eligibility Center
P.O. Box 7136
Indianapolis, IN 46207
(877) 262-1492
(317) 223-0700

Call Center Hours: 10am-5pm EST Mon-Fri

Important NCAA rule change: As of August 1, 2007 all student-athletes must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center prior to making any official school visits or receiving a written offer of athletically related financial aid.

RELATED MATERIALS

The NCAA's Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete provides extensive details about the NCAA Eligibility Center and other very useful information for college-bound athletes.

[2013-2014 Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#) (PDF)

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