

A GUIDE FOR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT-ATHLETES AND THEIR PARENTS

NCAA FRESHMAN – ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

All students must register with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse

http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.jsp

For students entering any Division I college or university, the student's NCAA initial eligibility will be evaluated under the 16 core-course rule as described below:

DIVISION I 16 Core Courses	DIVISION II 16 Core Courses
4 years of English	3 years of English
3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)	2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school)	2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school)
1 year of additional English, mathematics, or natural/physical science	3 years of additional English, mathematics, or natural/physical science
2 years of social science	2 years of social science
4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language, or comparative religion/philosophy).	4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language, or comparative religion/philosophy).

PLEASE NOTE:

- Computer Science courses may only be used for initial-eligibility purposes if the course receives graduation credit in mathematics or natural/physical science and is listed as such on the high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses. Math Models with Applications is not recognized as a Core Course by the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Student athletes who take online coursework may not meet core course requirements for NCAA eligibility. An audit of the course modules and the amount of time spent on each module may be a subject for review by the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- The [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](http://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/CBSA.pdf) published by the NCAA states that "Courses completed through credit-by-exam may not be used" to meet core-course requirements. Please refer to the NCAA website for further information at <http://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/CBSA.pdf>.
- The NCAA does not include the writing component of the SAT or ACT and the ACT score is a sum score (not average) of the English, math, reading and science sections.
- In Division II, there is no sliding scale. The minimum core grade point average is 2.000. The minimum SAT score is 820 (Critical Reading and Math sections only) and minimum ACT sum score is 68.

- Finally, just because a student-athlete meets the minimum NCAA academic standards, it doesn't mean they will be admitted to play sports at the college of their choice. Many universities have academic standards for incoming freshman athletes that are **much higher than the NCAA minimum requirements**.

NCAA DIVISION I Sliding Scale A					
<i>Use for Division I prior to August 1, 2016</i>					
Core GPA	SAT Critical Reading and Math ONLY	ACT Sum	Core GPA	SAT Critical Reading and Math ONLY	ACT Sum
3.550 & above	400	37	2.750	720	59
3.525	410	38	2.725	730	59
3.500	420	39	2.700	730	60
3.475	430	40	2.675	740-750	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	840-850	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			

Graduating Class of 2016
NCAA Division I Board Rule Changes

Minimum GPA Raised to 2.30: Beginning with the high school graduating class of 2016, the minimum core GPA for incoming college freshmen has been raised from 2.00 to 2.30. Student-athletes who graduate with a core GPA between 2.00 and 2.29 can still receive an athletic scholarship and practice with their teams, but cannot participate in game action as freshmen. This is known as the “Academic Redshirt.” Students with a GPA of 2.30 or above may achieve either “Academic Redshirt” or “Full Qualifier” status, depending on their SAT/ACT test scores. Students with a core course GPA between 2.00 and 2.29 cannot attain “Full Qualifier” status but may achieve “Academic Redshirt” status by meeting minimum sliding scale test score requirements.

Ten (10) Core Courses Before End of Junior Year: Student-athletes will need to complete at least 10 of the 16 core course requirements by the end of their junior year. Seven of those **10** core courses must be from the **English, Math and Science** subsections. Grades earned in the **10** core courses are "**locked in**" for the purpose of calculating the final core course GPA. Any **retakes** of the first 10 core courses **must be completed prior to senior year**.

Multi-Year Scholarships: Division I schools now have the *option* to guarantee athletic scholarships for more than one year. The guarantee would protect student-athletes from the loss of a scholarship due to injury or performance. Colleges could still revoke guaranteed scholarships for poor academic performance or behavioral reasons.

NCAA DIVISION I Sliding Scale B							
<i>Use for Division I beginning August 1, 2016</i>							
GPA for Aid and Practice	GPA for Competition	SAT	ACT Sum	GPA for Aid and Practice	GPA for Competition	SAT	ACT Sum
3.550	4.000	400	37	2.675	3.125	750	61
3.525	3.975	410	38	2.650	3.100	760	62
3.500	3.950	420	39	2.625	3.075	770	63
3.475	3.925	430	40	2.600	3.050	780	64
3.450	3.900	440	41	2.575	3.025	790	65
3.425	3.875	450	41	2.550	3.000	800	66
3.400	3.850	460	42	2.525	2.975	810	67
3.375	3.825	470	42	2.500	2.950	820	68
3.350	3.800	480	43	2.475	2.925	830	69
3.325	3.775	490	44	2.450	2.900	840	70
3.300	3.750	500	44	2.425	2.875	850	70
3.275	3.725	510	45	2.400	2.850	860	71
3.250	3.700	520	46	2.375	2.825	870	72
3.225	3.675	530	46	2.350	2.800	880	73
3.200	3.650	540	47	2.325	2.775	890	74
3.175	3.625	550	47	2.300	2.750	900	75
3.150	3.600	560	48	2.275	2.725	910	76
3.125	3.575	570	49	2.250	2.700	920	77
3.100	3.550	580	49	2.225	2.675	930	78
3.075	3.525	590	50	2.200	2.650	940	79
3.050	3.500	600	50	2.175	2.625	950	80
3.025	3.475	610	51	2.150	2.600	960	81
3.000	3.450	620	52	2.125	2.575	970	82
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2.900	3.350	660	54	2.025	2.475	1010	86
2.875	3.325	670	55	2.000	2.450	1020	86
2.850	3.300	680	56		2.425	1030	87
2.825	3.275	690	56		2.400	1040	88
2.800	3.250	700	57		2.375	1050	89
2.775	3.225	710	58		2.350	1060	90
2.750	3.200	720	59		2.325	1070	91
2.725	3.175	730	60		2.300	1080	93
2.700	3.150	740	61				

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT NCAA ELIGIBILITY, PLEASE VISIT THE NCAA INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY CENTER AT WWW.NCAA.ORG OR CONTACT TOLL-FREE 877-262-1492.