Initial-Eligibility Standards

If you want to compete in NCAA sports, you need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org. Plan to register before year nine of secondary school. For more information on registration, visit on.ncaa.com/RegChecklist.

International Academic Requirements

Division I and II schools require you to meet academic standards. To be eligible to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in your first year of full-time enrollment, you must meet the following requirements:

Division I
1. Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

   ENGLISH/NATIVE LANGUAGE 3 credits
   MATH (Algebra I or higher) 2 credits
   SCIENCE 4 credits
   EXTRA (English/native language, math or science) 2 credits
   SOCIAL SCIENCE 2 credits
   OTHER Any area listed to the left or courses listed in additional discipline (world language, comparative religion or philosophy) 4 credits

2. Complete your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits prior to your expected date of secondary school graduation. If you graduate from secondary school early, you still must meet core-course requirements.

3. Earn a minimum 2.3 core-course grade-point average (GPA). For more information on GPA conversions for your country, visit ncaa.org/countries.

4. Ask your secondary school counselor or appropriate issuing body to submit an official transcript from years nine and up in your native language, and include a certified line-by-line English translation with proof of graduation to your Eligibility Center account. For more information on proof of graduation for your country, visit on.ncaa.com/IntlGuide.

Division II
1. Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

   ENGLISH/NATIVE LANGUAGE 3 credits
   MATH (Algebra I or higher) 2 credits
   SCIENCE 2 credits
   EXTRA (English/native language, math or science) 3 credits
   SOCIAL SCIENCE 2 credits
   OTHER Any area listed to the left or courses listed in additional discipline (world language, comparative religion or philosophy) 4 credits

2. Earn a minimum 2.2 core-course grade-point average (GPA). For more information on GPA conversions for your country, visit ncaa.org/countries.

3. Ask your secondary school counselor or appropriate issuing body to submit an official transcript from years nine and up in your native language, and include a certified line-by-line English translation with proof of graduation to your Eligibility Center account. For more information on proof of graduation for your country, visit on.ncaa.com/IntlGuide.

Division III

While Division III schools set their own admissions and academic requirements, international student-athletes (first-year enrollees and transfers) who are enrolling at a Division III school after Aug. 1, 2023, must be certified as an amateur by the Eligibility Center. Contact the Division III school you plan to attend for more information about its academic requirements.
If you haven’t yet, register for a free Profile Page account at eligibilitycenter.org for information on NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.

Use NCAA Research’s interactive map to help locate NCAA schools you’re interested in attending.

Find your country’s NCAA-approved core courses at on.ncaa.com/IntlGuide to ensure you’re taking the right courses, and earn the best grades possible!

If you’re being actively recruited by an NCAA school and have a Profile Page account, transition it to the required certification account.

Monitor the task list in your NCAA Eligibility Center account for next steps.

At the end of the school year, submit an official transcript from years nine and 10 in your native language, and include a certified line-by-line English translation.

Use the Division I and II Worksheets to plan accordingly and monitor your progress toward meeting NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.

Ensure your sports participation information is correct in your Eligibility Center account.

Check with your school or program to make sure you’re on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved core courses and graduate on time with your class.

Share your NCAA ID with NCAA schools recruiting you so each school can place you on its institutional request list.

At the end of the school year, submit an official transcript from years nine and up in your native language, and include a certified line-by-line English translation.

» Request your final amateurism certification beginning April 1 (fall enrollees) or Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees) in your Eligibility Center account at eligibilitycenter.org.

» Apply and be accepted to the NCAA school you plan to attend.

» Complete your final NCAA-approved core courses as you prepare for graduation.

» After you graduate, submit an official transcript and proof of graduation from years nine and up in your native language, and include a certified line-by-line English translation.

**International Resources**

» Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility.

» Country-Specific International Webpages.

» ncaa.org/international.

» Document Submission Guidelines.

» Course Title Usage For International Education.

» Frequently Asked Questions.

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