Are You Ready to Play Basketball?

In order to compete you must:

• Complete 16 required core courses in the appropriate areas.
• Complete at least 10 of those 16 core courses before the start of your seventh semester. Seven of the 10 core courses must be in English, math or natural/physical science.
• Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.3 with a corresponding test score on the Division I Sliding Scale, as shown on the back of this document.

Freshman Year: Plan

• Start planning now! Take the right courses and earn the best grades possible.
• Find your high school’s list of NCAA-approved core courses at eligibilitycenter.org/courselist.
• Sign up for a free Profile Page account at eligibilitycenter.org for information on NCAA requirements.

Sophomore Year: Register

• If you fall behind academically, ask your counselor for help with finding approved courses you can take.
• Register for a Profile Page or Certification account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.
• Monitor your Eligibility Center account for next steps.
• At the end of the year, ask your counselor at each high school or program you attended to upload your official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.

Junior Year: Study

• Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate on time.
• Take the SAT or ACT and submit your scores to us using code 9999.
• Ensure your sports participation information is correct in your Eligibility Center account.
• At the end of the year, ask your counselor to upload your official transcript.

Senior Year: Graduate

• Complete your final NCAA-approved core courses as you prepare for graduation.
• Take the SAT or ACT again, if necessary, and submit your scores to us using code 9999.
• Request your final amateurism certification on or after April 1 (fall enrollees) or Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees) in your Eligibility Center account at eligibilitycenter.org.
• After you graduate, ask your counselor to upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation to your Eligibility Center account.
**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
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE**: 2 years
- **ADDITIONAL COURSES** (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy): 4 years
- **ADDITIONAL** (English, math or natural/physical science): 1 year

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**CORE-COURSE LIST**

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 classes 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 your high school’s list of NCAA-approved core courses.

**BE AHEAD OF THE GAME**

- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center your freshman/9th year.
- After your sophomore, junior and senior years, ask your counselor at each high school or program you attended to upload your official transcript to your Eligibility Center account. A six-semester transcript must be submitted in order to have a preliminary certification completed.

More information regarding the impact of COVID-19 and test scores can be found at on.ncaa.com/COVID19_Fall_B.

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**DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE**

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