# Division I Academic Requirements

## Core-Course Requirements
Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

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<td><strong>English</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Math</strong> (Algebra I or higher)</td>
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<td><strong>Natural/Physical Science</strong> (Including one year of lab, if offered)</td>
<td>2 years</td>
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<td><strong>Social Science</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Additional Courses</strong> (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)</td>
<td>4 years</td>
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<td><strong>Additional</strong> (English, math or natural/physical science)</td>
<td>1 year</td>
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## Full 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 16 core courses in the appropriate areas.
  - Ten of the 16 core courses must be completed before the seventh semester (senior year) of high school.
  - Seven of the 10 core courses must be in English, math or natural/physical science.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.300.
- Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching the core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale.
- Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

## Academic Redshirt
All Division I academic redshirts may receive an athletics scholarship and practice during their first year of full-time enrollment at a Division I school, but may NOT compete.

- Complete 16 core courses in the appropriate areas.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000.
- Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching the core-course GPA 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 a student-athlete plans to attend an NCAA Division I college or university, they should use the sliding scale to review the core-course GPA and SAT/ACT score they will need to meet Division I full qualifier standards. When registering for the SAT or ACT, students should use code 9999 to ensure their test scores are sent directly to their Eligibility Center account. More information regarding the impact of COVID-19 and test scores can be found at on.ncaa.com/COVID19_Fall2022.

An SAT combined score is calculated by adding critical reading and math subscores. An ACT sum score is calculated by adding English, math, reading and science subscores. Students may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before they enroll full time in college. If a student takes either test more than once, the best subscores from each test are used for their academic certification process.

CORE-COURSE LIST

Student-athletes should check to see if their high school has a list of NCAA-approved core courses. No core-course list means courses taken from that high school will not count toward NCAA eligibility.

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

BE AHEAD OF THE GAME

If student-athletes want to get ahead of the game, they need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center during their freshman/9th year.

After college-bound student-athletes complete their sophomore, junior and senior years, it is important for them to ask their counselor at each high school or program they attended to upload their official transcript to their Eligibility Center account.

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