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**ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**
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**CORE COURSES**
Only courses that appear on your high school’s list of NCAA core courses will count toward the 16 core-course requirement; visit eligibilitycenter.org/courselist for a full list of your high school’s approved core courses. Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

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**GRADE-POINT AVERAGE**
The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates your grade-point average based only on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core courses.

- DI requires a minimum 2.3 GPA.
- DII requires a minimum 2.2 GPA.

**SLIDING SCALE**
Divisions I and II use sliding scales to match test scores and GPAs to determine eligibility. The sliding scale balances your test score with your GPA. If you have a low test score, you need a higher GPA to be eligible. Find more information about sliding scales at ncaa.org/test-scores.

**TEST SCORES**
You may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before you enroll full time in college. Every time you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code 9999 to send your scores directly to us from the testing agency. We accept official scores only from the SAT or ACT, and cannot use scores shown on your high school transcript. If you take either test more than once, the best subscore from different tests are used to give you the best possible score. More information regarding the impact of COVID-19 and test scores can be found at on.ncaa.com/COVID19_Fall_B.
HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE

9TH GRADE
• Plan
• Start planning now! Take the right courses and earn the best grades possible.

10TH GRADE
• Register
• If you fall behind academically, ask your counselor for help finding approved courses you can take.

11TH GRADE
• Study
• Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved courses and graduate on time with your class.

12TH GRADE
• Graduate
• Complete your final NCAA-approved core courses as you prepare for graduation.

How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:

4 X 4 = 16

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