

INFORMATION FOR DETERMINING NCAA FRESHMAN ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY

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The NCAA initial-eligibility rules have changed that impact the class of 2016 and beyond, and whether college-bound student-athletes will be eligible for practice, competition and financial aid in their first year at an NCAA Division I or II college or university.

Division I Changes – Overview – Starting with the class of 2016

- Increase in the minimum required core-course grade-point average (GPA) from 2.000 to 2.300
- Ten of the 16 required core courses must be completed before the beginning of the seventh semester (senior year)
 - Seven of these ten required courses must be English, Math, or Natural/Physical Science.
- Increase in the overall core-course GPA as it relates to the ACT or SAT score, which results in a new sliding scale.

DIVISION I		DIVISION II	
16 CORE COURSES		16 CORE COURSES	
16 Core Courses:		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, math, or natural/physical science	3	years of additional English, math, 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. *****21st Century Communications and Intro to Algebra 2 and Physical Math are NOT NCAA-approved classes.**

Test Scores

- Division I** uses a sliding scale to match test scores and core grade-point averages (GPA).
- Division II** requires a minimum SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.
- The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes only the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.
- The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a sum of the following four sections: English, mathematics, reading, and science.
- When registering for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code of 9999 to ensure all SAT and ACT scores are reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center from the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will not be used.**

Grade-Point Average

- Only courses that appear on the NTHS approved NCAA courses will be used in the calculation of the core GPA.
- Division II** core GPA requirement is a minimum of 2.000.

For more information regarding the new rule, please go to www.ncaa.org. Click on "Student-athletes and Parents" in the "Custom Home Pages" section. You may also visit the clearinghouse Web site at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT NCAA ELIGIBILITY, PLEASE CALL THE NCAA INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY CLEARINGHOUSE TOLL FREE AT 877/262-1492. YOU MAY ALSO CALL THE NCAA AT 317/917-6222.