

ONE OPPORTUNITY. LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES.

If you want to play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school, start by registering for a Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org. If you want to play Division III sports or you aren't sure where you want to compete, start by creating a Profile Page at eligibilitycenter.org.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To play sports at a Division I or II school, you must graduate from high school, complete 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits, earn a minimum GPA and earn an ACT or SAT score that matches your core-course GPA prior to enrolling full time in university.

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DIVISION I

To compete at an NCAA Division I university, complete 16 core-course credits in the following areas:

ENGLISH/ NATIVE LANGUAGE	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL (English or native language, math or natural/ physical science)	ADDITIONAL (English or native language, math, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy)
4 credits	2 credits	3 credits	2 credits	1 credit	4 credits

DIVISION II

ENGLISH/ NATIVE LANGUAGE	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL (English or native language, math or natural/ physical science)	ADDITIONAL (English or native language, math, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy)
3 credits	2 credits	2 credits	2 credits	3 credits	4 credits

GRADE-POINT AVERAGE

The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates your grade-point average (GPA) based on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core-course credits.

- 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/student-athletes/future/test-scores.

TEST SCORES

Take the ACT or SAT as many times as you want before you enroll full time in university, but remember to list the NCAA Eligibility Center (code **9999**) as a score recipient whenever you register to take a test. If you take a test more than once, send us all your scores and we will use the best scores from each test section to create your sum score. We accept official scores only from the ACT or SAT, and won't use scores shown on your high school transcript. TOEFL scores cannot be used toward NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.



HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE

GRADE/YEAR 9

Plan

- Start planning now! Take the right courses and earn the best grades you can.
- Review your country's academic guidelines in the **Guide to International Academic Standards** for course titles approved in your country.

GRADE/YEAR 10

Register

- Register for a Certification Account or Profile Page with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.
- If you fall behind on courses, don't take shortcuts to catch up. Use the **Division I and Division II worksheets** to plan accordingly and monitor your progress toward meeting NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.

Proof of Graduation

For more information on acceptable proof of graduation and grading scales for GPA purposes, please refer to your country's specific academic guidelines in the following resources:

- **Guide to International Academic Standards**
- **Country-specific International Webpage**

GRADE/YEAR 11

Study

- Check with your school to make sure you are on track to graduate **on time**.
- Take the ACT or SAT, and make sure we get your scores by using code **9999**.
- At the end of the year, ask your school to email (best practice) or mail your official transcript.

GRADE 12 OR FINAL YEAR

Graduate

- Take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and make sure we get your scores by using code **9999**.
- Request your final amateurism certification after April 1.
- After you graduate, ask your school to **submit** your final official transcript and proof of graduation.

For more information

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