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**STUDENT-ATHLETE
DEVELOPMENT**

**2016 NCAA Division I
Initial-Eligibility Academic Requirements**



- Status
 - Only 30% of the US population graduates from college (US Census)
- Additional employment and life skill training
- Increased options for employment opportunities
 - B.A. minimum requirements
- \$1,000,000
 - Over \$25,000 annually more
- Lifestyle
- Longer and more lucrative PRO Career



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There are **new** requirements for college-bound student-athletes enrolling full-time at an NCAA Division I college or university on or after **August 1, 2016**.

- Minimum core-course GPA of 2.300 required for competition;
- Ten core courses required before beginning of senior year for competition; and
- Slight changes in GPA/test score index (Sliding Scale).

Division I Sliding Scale Changes (Abbreviated)



Old Scale

Use for enrollments prior to August 1, 2016

***2.75 and above remains same**

Core GPA	SAT (Critical Reading/ Math only)	ACT Sum
2.725	730	59
2.700	730	60
2.675	740-750	61
2.450	840-850	70
2.425	860	70
2.150	960	80
2.125	960	81
2.100	970	82
2.075	980	83
2.050	990	84
2.025	1000	85
2.000	1010	86

New Scale

Use for enrollments beginning August 1, 2016

Core GPA	SAT (Critical Reading/ Math only)	ACT Sum
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Full sliding scales can be found at www.eligibilitycenter.org under "Resources"

For college-bound student-athletes enrolling full-time at an NCAA Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2016, there are three possible academic outcomes:



1. Full qualifier = competition, athletics aid (scholarship), and practice the first year



2. Academic redshirt = athletics aid the first year, practice in first regular academic term (semester or quarter)



3. Nonqualifier = no athletics aid, practice or competition the first year

Students will need to meet the following requirements to receive **athletics aid, practice and compete** their first year (cont. on next slide):

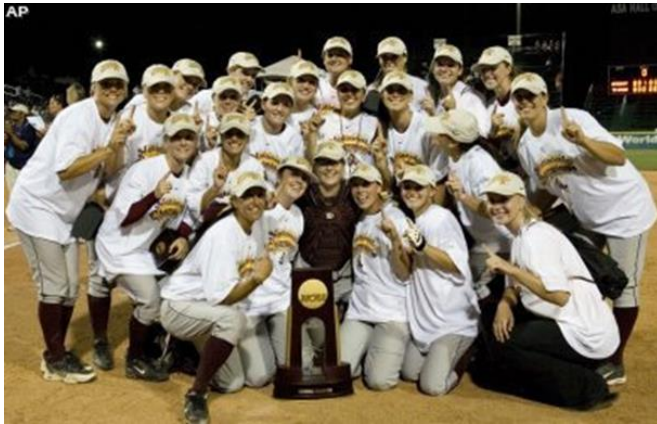
- 16 core courses in the following areas:
 - 4 years English;
 - 3 years math at Algebra I level or higher;
 - 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered at any high school attended);
 - 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science;
 - 2 years social science; and
 - 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy, or comparative religion.
- Minimum required GPA:
 - Minimum GPA of **2.300** required for competition in those 16 core courses
- Graduate from high school on-time

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➤ Core-course progression

- Must complete **10** core courses before seventh semester of high school (e.g., senior year)
- Of the **10** core courses completed, **7** must be in the area of **English, math, or science.**
- These 10 core courses become “locked in” for the purpose of core-course GPA calculation.
 - A repeat of one of the “locked in” courses will not be used if taken after the seventh semester begins.



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➤ 16 core courses in the following areas:

- 4 years English;
- 3 years math at Algebra I level or higher;
- 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered at any high school attended);
- 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science;
- 2 years social science; and
- 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy, or comparative religion.

➤ Minimum required GPA:

- Minimum GPA of **2.000-2.299** in 16 core courses

➤ Sliding scale

- Minimum ACT sum or SAT score (critical reading/math only) that matches the 16 core-course GPA

➤ Graduate from high school on-time

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- ❖ Student-athletes who fail to meet the required 10 core courses prior to the start of the seventh semester (seven of which must be in English, math, or natural or physical science), will be allowed to **retake core courses** in their seventh or eighth semester, which will be used in their academic certification for the purpose of meeting the academic redshirt requirements.
- ❖ If a college-bound student-athlete meets these requirements, he/she can receive an **athletics scholarship** during his/her first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.
- ❖ After the first term is complete, the student-athlete must be **academically successful** (successfully completing nine semester hours or eight quarter hours in each applicable term) at his/her college or university to continue to participate for the remainder of the year.



If a college-bound student-athlete does not meet either set of requirements, he/she is a **nonqualifier**.

A nonqualifier:

- Cannot receive athletics aid during the first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.
- Cannot practice or compete during the first year at a Division I college or university.



- “Resources” tab on the NCAA Eligibility Center website:
www.eligibilitycenter.org
 - Initial-Eligibility Resource Index
 - Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete
 - Quick Reference Guide
 - Initial Eligibility Brochure
- NCAA Eligibility Center Customer Service
 - High School Administrators: 877-622-2321
 - Public: 877-262-1492



- Pay \$70 registration fee
 - There is a waiver for lower-income families
- Make sure that all test scores and high school transcripts are sent
- Register once junior year is completed



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STUDENT-ATHLETES**

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HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

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Click [here](#) to view the technical requirements for the Fall 2010 Web site.

Click here to access the resource page, which has a lot of great information.



High School Portal

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Welcome to the NCAA Eligibility Center High School Portal

Thank you for working with us to help ensure your student-athletes are prepared for the rigors they will face in college. You play an important role in this process, which means the relationship between your high school and the Eligibility Center is very important.

We recognize that your time is valuable, and appreciate your willingness to help. This is important because the initial-eligibility certification process involves your high school, colleges/universities and the Eligibility Center.

Once you have logged in to the system, you will be able to do the following:

- Submit core course changes (new titles, old titles, title changes) for your school;
- Update your school's Eligibility Center contact information;
- Run reports on students from your high school who have registered with the Eligibility Center;
- Submit fee waiver verification for eligible students.

Please [Click here](#) to log in as a High School.

Please [Click here](#) to log in as a District.

- Please [Click here](#) to subscribe to the NCAA Eligibility Center Newsletter.

If you don't receive the newsletter, make sure you subscribe.

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Helpful resources for new rules can be found here.



High School Portal

- Home
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- List of NCAA Courses

Important New Rules

- ▶ Initial-Eligibility Resource Index
- ▶ New Division I Rules -- Power Point
- ▶ Initial Eligibility Quick Reference Guide
- ▶ 2016 Division I New Academic Requirements Guide
- ▶ Baseball Jersey Poster (8.5x11)
- ▶ Baseball Field Poster (8.5x11)
- ▶ Basketball Poster (8.5x11)
- ▶ Football Jersey Poster (8.5x11)
- ▶ Football Field Poster (8.5x11)

How and When to Update Your List

- ▶ Uploading Pending Course Documents Tutorial
- ▶ Changes to the Look and Use of the List of NCAA Courses
- ▶ How to Use High School Portal
- ▶ How to Update Your List
- ▶ When to Update Your List
- ▶ Changing Course Titles
- ▶ Removing Courses No Longer Taught
- ▶ How to Request a New PIN for established accounts

Core-Course Information

- ▶ Definition of a Core Course
- ▶ Common Core-Course Questions
- ▶ Check on the Status of a Course
- ▶ Deadline for Taking Courses
- ▶ When Courses are Audited
- ▶ Fax/Email Cover Sheet

Transcript Information

School Information: New School, Online/Virtual/Nontraditional

- ▶ New School Review Process Tutorial
- ▶ New School Review Document Key
- ▶ School Name Change or Address Change
- ▶ New School Review FAQ
- ▶ Nontraditional Course FAQ
- ▶ What Is A Course Catalog?

Grading Scales and GPA Information

- ▶ Grading Scales and How to Update
- ▶ Calculation of the Core GPA
- ▶ Pass-Fail Grades

ACT and SAT Information

- ▶ Check on Receipt of a Student's Score
- ▶ Deadline for Taking SAT/ACT
- ▶ Minimum Test Requirements
- ▶ Multiple Test Scores
- ▶ Reporting Test Scores

Eligibility Rules

- ▶ General Rules
- ▶ New Division I Rules -- Power Point
- ▶ Quick Reference Sheet

Athletics Information

- ▶ Financial Aid
- ▶ National Letter of Intent
- ▶ Probability of Playing P

- 2.3 or Take a Knee: www.2point3.org
 - Additional resources for student-athletes enrolling in Division 1 institutions August 1, 2016 or later to understand the changing rules
- NCAA Initial Eligibility Online Course: www.nfhslearn.com
 - On-line training course concerning eligibility



- **Counsel Prospective Student-Athletes (PSAs) to take four-year college preparatory classes**
 - 9th grade counts!
 - Look at your list of NCAA courses as a guide for PSAs
- **Familiarity with NCAA rules**
 - Team with coaches and athletics administrators
 - Encourage coaches to work with PSAs to register during sophomore year
 - Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete publication
 - DI and DII worksheets in Guide can help with planning

- **Academic focus through high school**
 - 9th grade counts!
 - Completion of four-year college preparatory courses
 - Consistent progress through high school
- **Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center**
 - Beginning of Sophomore year
 - www.eligibilitycenter.org
- **Take SAT/ACT**
 - Register for test(s) with 9999 code to send scores to EC
 - Test scores reported on transcripts cannot be used
 - High school personnel sends transcript(s) to EC preferably after 6th semester of all registered students
 - On/after April 1, of senior year, finalize amateurism status

- Courses taught via Internet, correspondence, software-based credit recovery, independent study, individualized instruction may have special rules
 - Must graduate on-time
 - Have ongoing student/teacher access and interaction for teaching, evaluating, providing assistance
 - Have a defined timeframe for completion (minimum and maximum)
 - Student work available for evaluation/validation
 - Meet all requirements for a core course
 - Always check the NCAA core-course list on the Eligibility Center website to see if a school's non-traditional program is approved
 - There will be a note on the school page if the non-traditional program has been submitted to the NCAA for evaluation and whether or not it is approved

- Guidance Counselor's knowledge of Initial Eligibility rules VARY GREATLY
- Some student-athletes are getting LATE START
- NCAA "cracking down" on ONLINE recovery programs
- Document, Document, Document!
- Education sessions for parents, guidance counselors and student-athletes are A MUST
- Systematic approach to identifying "college" level talent and plans must start earlier

- Minimum GPA of 2.50 now required (up from previous 2.0 GPA requirement)
- Limit the number of physical education activity courses to two as only two units of PE courses can be used to meet the transfer degree credit or GPA requirements
- NON-Qualifiers will be required to complete a core curriculum that includes English (6), math (3) and science (3)
 - Non-qualifiers also must graduate with an AA degree and have 48 transferrable credit hours
- Applies to any student-athlete enrolling full-time in college for the first time in August 2012 or later

- Every school is different.
- The higher your GPA and SAT/ACT scores, the more options you have.
- If you have a list of top schools, research their admissions pages to make sure your senior year classes align.



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