

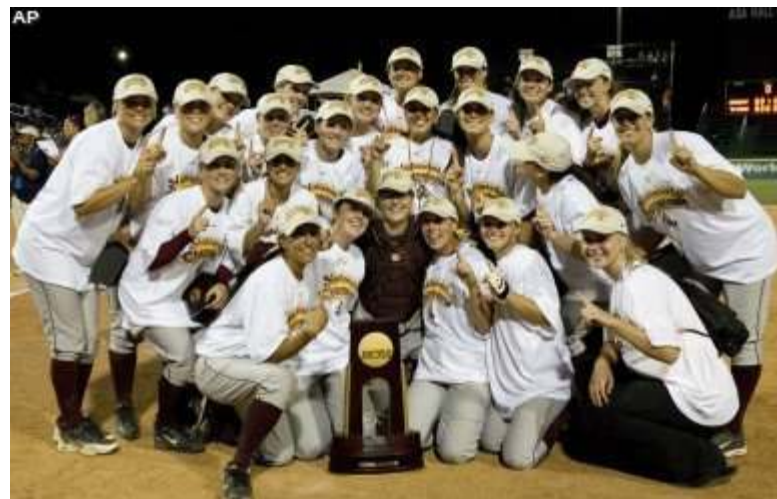
CORE COURSES

Division I

Must Graduate from high school;

Complete these 16 core courses:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of math (algebra 1 or higher)
- 2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if offered by your high school)
- 1 extra year of English, math or natural or physical science
- 2 years of social science
- 4 years of extra core courses (from any category above, or foreign language, non-doctrinal religion or philosophy);



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NEW Requirements



For students enrolling full time at an NCAA Division I college or university on or after **August 1, 2015**, there are three possible academic outcomes:

- **Full qualifier** = competition, athletics aid (scholarship), and practice the first year.
- **Academic redshirt** = athletics aid the first year, practice in first regular academic term (semester or quarter).
- **Non-qualifier** = no athletics aid, practice or competition the first year.

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Initial-Eligibility Standards



NCAA SLIDING SCALE IS CHANGING!

The standard for immediate access to competition will become **MINIMUM OF 2.3 GPA** and an increased sliding scale.

- Specifically, incoming student-athletes would need to earn a half-point higher GPA for a given test score compared to the current standard.
 - For example, an SAT score of 1000 would require a 2.5 high school core-course GPA for competition (CURRENTLY 2.50 requires 820)

Student-athletes enrolling in a collegiate institution full time on or after August 1, 2015

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Student-athletes who achieve the current minimum initial-eligibility standard on the *test score-grade-point average sliding scale with at least a minimum 2.0 core-course GPA* would continue to be eligible for athletically related financial aid during the first year of enrollment and practice during the first regular academic term of enrollment.

- Student-athletes could earn the second term of enrollment for practice by passing nine semester or eight quarter hours.
- ***APPROXIMATELY 15% of 2011 entering student-athletes would have been ineligible for competition***

Core Course Requirements:



- Prospects will be required to successfully complete **10 of the 16** total required core courses before the start of their senior year in high school.
- **Seven of the 10** courses must be successfully completed in *English, math and science*.
- These core courses (and grades) must be used in calculating the core GPA for purposes of meeting the sliding scale and GPA minimum.

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Abbreviated Sliding Scales



Full Qualifier (Competition, practice and aid)

GPA for Competition	SAT (critical reading/math only)	ACT Sum	GPA for Competition	SAT (critical reading/math only)	ACT Sum
4.000	400	37	2.900	840	70
3.900	440	41	2.800	880	73
3.800	480	43	2.700	920	77
3.700	520	46	2.600	960	81
3.600	560	48	2.500	1000	85
3.500	600	50	2.400	1040	88
3.400	640	53	2.300	1080	93
3.300	680	56			
3.200	720	59			
3.100	760	62			
3.000	800	66			

Academic Redshirt (Practice and aid only)

GPA for Aid and Practice	SAT (critical reading/math only)	ACT Sum	GPA for Aid and Practice	SAT (critical reading/math only)	ACT Sum
3.550 or above	400	37	2.500	820	68
3.500	420	39	2.400	860	71
3.400	460	42	2.300	900	75
3.300	500	44	2.200	940	79
3.200	540	47	2.100	980	83
3.100	580	49	2.000	1020	86
3.000	620	52			
2.900	660	54			
2.800	700	57			
2.700	740	61			
2.600	780	64			

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Current NCAA Sliding Scale



	<u>NCAA CORE GPA</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
CURRENT SCALE:	2.500	820	68
NEW SCALE:	2.500	1000	85

Complete NEW sliding scale will be released in January

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Summary of Changes



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

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Role of the high school



Counsel 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

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Role of the prospective student-athlete (PSA)



- 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

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Nontraditional Courses



- Courses taught via Internet, correspondence, software-based credit recovery, independent study, individualized instruction
 - 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

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OBSERVATIONS



- 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 A MUST
- Systematic approach to identifying "college" level talent and plans must start earlier

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Two-Year College Transfer Student-Athletes



- Increase in the transferrable grade-point average from 2.0 to 2.5
- Limit the number of physical education activity courses to two.
- NON-Qualifiers will be required to complete a core curriculum that includes English (6), math (3) and science (3)
- Apply to any student-athlete enrolling full-time in college for the first time in August 2012 or later

Student-athletes enrolling in a collegiate institution full time on or after August 1, 2012

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