

# NCAA Initial Eligibility



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# NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



## NCAA Division I Initial-Eligibility Requirements

### **Core Courses: (16)**

- **Initial full-time collegiate enrollment *before* August 1, 2016:**
  - **Sixteen (16) core courses** are required (see chart below for subject-area requirements).
- **Initial full-time collegiate enrollment *on or after* August 1, 2016:**
  - **Sixteen (16) core courses** are required (see chart below for subject-area requirements).
    - Ten (10) core courses completed before the seventh semester; seven (7) of the 10 must be in English, math or natural/physical science.
      - These courses/grades are "locked in" at start of the seventh semester (cannot be repeated for grade-point average [GPA] improvement to meet initial-eligibility requirements for competition).
  - *Students who do not meet core-course progression requirements may still be eligible to receive athletics aid and practice in the initial year of enrollment by meeting academic redshirt requirements (see below).*

### **Test Scores: (ACT/SAT)**

- Students must present a corresponding test score and core-course GPA on the sliding scale (see Page No. 2).
  - **SAT:** critical reading and math sections.
    - Best subscore from each section is used to determine the SAT combined score for initial eligibility.
  - **ACT:** English, math, reading and science sections.
    - Best subscore from each section is used to determine the ACT sum score for initial eligibility.
- All ACT and SAT attempts *before* initial full-time collegiate enrollment may be used for initial eligibility.
- **Enter 9999 during ACT or SAT registration to ensure the testing agency reports your score directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Test scores on transcripts will not be used.**

### **Core Grade-Point Average:**

- Only core courses that appear on the high school's List of NCAA Courses on the NCAA Eligibility Center's website ([www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)) will be used to calculate your core-course GPA. Use this list as a guide.
- **Initial full-time collegiate enrollment *before* August 1, 2016:**
  - Students must present a corresponding test score (ACT sum score or SAT combined score) and core-course GPA (minimum 2.000) on Sliding Scale A (see Page No. 2).
  - Core-course GPA is calculated using the **best 16 core courses** that meet subject-area requirements.
- **Initial full-time collegiate enrollment *on or after* August 1, 2016:**
  - Students must present a corresponding test score (ACT sum score or SAT combined score) and core-course GPA (minimum 2.300) on Sliding Scale B (see Page No. 2).
  - Core-course GPA is calculated using the **best 16 core courses** that meet both progression (10 before seventh semester; seven in English, math or science; "locked in") and subject-area requirements.

### **DIVISION I**

#### **Core-Course Requirement (16)**

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of math (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered)
- 1 year of additional English, math or natural/physical science
- 2 years of social science
- 4 years of additional courses (any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)

### **DIVISION I – 2016**

#### **Qualifier Requirements**

*\*Athletics aid, practice, and competition*

- 16 core courses
  - Ten (10) core courses completed before the start of seventh semester. Seven (7) of the 10 must be in English, math or natural/physical science.
    - "Locked in" for core-course GPA calculation.
- Corresponding test score (ACT sum score or SAT combined score) and core-course GPA (minimum 2.300) on Sliding Scale B (see Page No. 2).
- Graduate from high school.

### **DIVISION I – 2016**

#### **Academic Redshirt Requirements**

*\*Athletics aid and practice (no competition)*

- 16 core courses
  - No grades/credits "locked in" (repeated courses after the seventh semester begins may be used for initial eligibility).
- Corresponding test score (ACT sum score or SAT combined score) and core-course GPA (minimum 2.000) on Sliding Scale B (see Page No. 2).
- Graduate from high school.

# 16 Core Courses

- 4 units English
- 3 units Math – Algebra I or higher
- 2 units Science (1 unit with a lab)
- 1 additional unit English, Math or Science
- 2 units Social Science
- 4 units Additional Core – Any of the above core or foreign languages

Sliding Scale B		
<i>Use for Division I beginning August 1, 2016</i>		
NCAA DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE		
Core GPA	SAT	ACT Sum
	Verbal and Math ONLY	
3.550	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	420	39
3.475	430	40
3.450	440	41
3.425	450	41
3.400	460	42
3.375	470	42
3.350	480	43
3.325	490	44
3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	47
3.175	550	47
3.150	560	48
3.125	570	49
3.100	580	49
3.075	590	50
3.050	600	50
3.025	610	51
3.000	620	52
2.975	630	52
2.950	640	53
2.925	650	53
2.900	660	54
2.875	670	55
2.850	680	56
2.825	690	56
2.800	700	57
2.775	710	58
2.750	720	59
2.725	730	60
2.700	740	61
2.675	750	61
2.650	760	62
2.625	770	63
2.600	780	64
2.575	790	65
2.550	800	66
2.525	810	67
2.500	820	68
2.475	830	69
2.450	840	70
2.425	850	70
2.400	860	71
2.375	870	72
2.350	880	73
2.325	890	74
2.300	900	75
2.299	910	76
2.275	910	76
2.250	920	77
2.225	930	78
2.200	940	79
2.175	950	80
2.150	960	81
2.125	970	82
2.100	980	83
2.075	990	84
2.050	1000	85
2.025	1010	86
2.000	1020	86

NCAA Division I  
Initial-Eligibility Academic  
Requirements  
*(Beginning August 1, 2016)*



# NCAA Division I Initial-Eligibility Academic Requirements



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**.

# Summary of Changes

- ▶ 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).

The following slides explain these changes in further detail.



# NCAA Division I Initial-Eligibility Academic Requirements (New)

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.

# NCAA Division I Full Qualifier: Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition

Students will need to meet the following requirements to receive **athletics aid**, **practice** and **compete** their first year:

- ▶ 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.



# NCAA Division I Full Qualifier:

## Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition

- ▶ Core-course progression.
  - Must complete **10** core courses before seventh semester of high school (e.g., senior year).
  - Of the **10** core courses completed, **seven** 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.

# Division I Sliding Scale Changes

**Old**

**New**

Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Su m	Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Sum
2.725	730	59	2.725	730	60
2.700	730	60	2.700	740	61
2.675	740-750	61	2.675	750	61
2.450	840-850	70	2.450	840	70
2.425	860	70	2.425	850	70
2.150	960	80	2.150	960	81
2.125	960	81	2.125	970	82
2.100	970	82	2.100	980	83
2.075	980	83	2.075	990	84
2.050	990	84	2.050	1000	85
2.025	1000	85	2.025	1010	86
2.000	1010	86	2.000	1020	86

**The full sliding scale can be found at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) under Resources.**

# Academic Redshirt:

## Requirements for Scholarship and Practice.

- ▶ 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 by any 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.



# Academic Redshirt

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 the seventh or eighth semester, which will be used in their academic certification for the purpose of meeting the academic redshirt requirements.



# Division I Sliding Scale (Abbreviated)

Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Sum		Core GPA	SAT (critical reading/ math only)	ACT Sum
3.550 & above	400	37		2.700	740	61
3.500	420	39		2.600	780	64
3.400	460	42		2.500	820	68
3.300	500	44		2.400	860	71
3.200	540	47		2.300	900	75
3.100	580	49		<b>2.299</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>76</b>
3.000	620	52		<b>2.200</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>79</b>
2.900	660	54		<b>2.100</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>83</b>
2.800	700	57		<b>2.000</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>86</b>

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# Academic Redshirt:

## Requirements for Scholarship and Practice

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 practice for the remainder of the year.





# What If A Student Does Not Meet Either Set of Requirements?

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

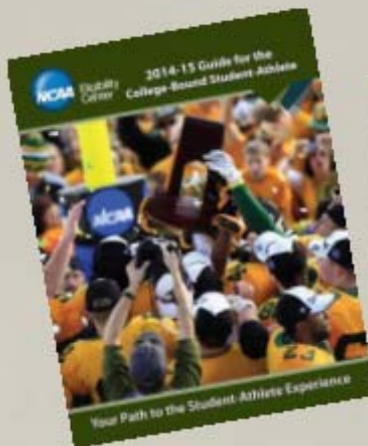
## A **nonqualifier**:

- ▶ 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

- ▶ Resources tab on the NCAA Eligibility Center website ([www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)).
- ▶ Initial-Eligibility Resource Index.
- ▶ Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.
- ▶ Quick Reference Guide.
- ▶ Initial Eligibility Brochure.





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