



NCAA FRESHMAN-ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS QUICK REFERENCE SHEET

KNOW THE RULES:

Core Courses

- **NCAA Division I requires 16 core courses as of August 1, 2008.** This rule applies to any student first entering any Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2008. See the chart below for the breakdown of this 16 core-course requirement.
- **NCAA Division II requires 14 core courses.** See the breakdown of core-course requirements below. Please note, Division II will require 16 core courses beginning August 1, 2013.

Test Scores

- **Division I** has a sliding scale for test score and grade-point average. The sliding scale for those requirements is shown on page two of this sheet.
- **Division II** has a minimum SAT score requirement 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 four sections on the ACT: English, mathematics, reading and science.
- **All SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center by the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will not be used. When registering for the SAT or ACT, use the Eligibility Center code of 9999 to make sure the score is reported to the Eligibility Center.**

Grade-Point Average

- Only core courses are used in the calculation of the grade-point average.
- **Be sure** to look at your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses on the Eligibility Center's Web site to make certain that courses being taken have been approved as core courses. The Web site is www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- **Division I** grade-point-average requirements are listed on page two of this sheet.
- **The Division II** grade-point-average requirement is a minimum of 2.000.

DIVISION I 16 Core-Course Rule

16 Core Courses:

- 4 years of English.
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

DIVISION II 14 Core-Course Rule

14 Core Courses:

- 3 years of English.
- 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 additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 3 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning August 1, 2013, students planning to attend an NCAA Division II institution will be required to complete 16 core courses.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Division II has no sliding scale. The minimum core grade-point average is 2.000. The minimum SAT score is 820 (verbal and math sections only) and the minimum ACT sum score is 68.
- 14 core courses are currently required for Division II. However, beginning 2013, students will be required to complete 16 core courses.
- 16 core courses are required for Division I.
- The SAT combined score is based on the verbal and math sections only. The writing section will not be used.
- SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the Eligibility Center from the testing agency. Scores on transcripts will not be used.
- Students enrolling at an NCAA Division I or II institution for the first time need to also complete the amateurism questionnaire through the Eligibility Center Web site. Students need to request final amateurism certification prior to enrollment.

For more information regarding the rules, please go to www.NCAA.org. Click on "Academics and Athletes" then "Eligibility and Recruiting." Or visit the Eligibility Center Web site at www.eligibilitycenter.org.

Please call the NCAA Eligibility Center if you have questions:

Toll-free number: 877/262-1492.

NCAA DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE CORE GRADE-POINT AVERAGE/ TEST-SCORE New Core GPA / Test Score Index		
Core GPA	SAT Verbal and Math ONLY	ACT
3.550 & above	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	59
2.700	730	60
2.675	740-750	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	840-850	70
2.425	860	70
2.400	860	71
2.375	870	72
2.350	880	73
2.325	890	74
2.300	900	75
2.275	910	76
2.250	920	77
2.225	930	78
2.200	940	79
2.175	950	80
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

Legend High School Approved NCAA Core Courses

Approved year-long courses are considered 1 core course. Semester long courses are .5 of a core course.

ENGLISH

American Tapestry & Composition
 British Literature & Composition
 Competitive Speech
 Contemporary Literature & Composition
 Creative Writing I
 Creative Writing II
 Dramatic Literature & Composition
 English I
 English I/H
 English II
 English II/H
 Global Literature & Composition
 Language & Composition/AP
 Literature & Composition/AP
 Poetry Literature & Composition
 Public Speaking
 Science Fiction & Fantasy
 World Literature & Composition
 Young Adult Lit & Comp

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Ancient Civilizations
 AP Human Geography
 Contemporary World Issues
 European History/AP
 Modern Asian History
 Modern European History
 Psychology
 Psychology/AP
 US Economics
 US Government
 US Government/AP
 US History 1865-1945
 US History Since 1945
 US History/AP
 World Geography
 World History/AP

MATHEMATICS

Integrated Math 1
 Integrated Math 2
 Algebra I
 Algebra I, Part 1 (.5 Units/Max)
 Algebra I, Part 2 (.5 Units/Max)
 Algebra II
 Algebra II/Trig
 Algebra II/Trig Hon
 Applied Geometry
 Calculus III
 Calculus A
 Calculus/AB/AP
 Calculus/BC/AP
 College Algebra
 Differential Equations
 Discrete Math
 Geometry
 Geometry Honors
 Pre Calculus
 Probability & Statistics
 Statistics
 Statistics/AP
 Topics in
 Algebra/Geometry/Trig
 Trigonometry

NATURAL/PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Anatomy & Physiology	yes
Astronomy	yes
Biology	yes
Biology/H	yes
Biology/AP	yes
Chem Com	yes
Chemistry	yes
Chemistry/AP	yes
Chemistry/H	yes
Conceptual Physics	yes
Earth/Environmental	
Genetics	yes
Geology	yes
Global Science	
Physics	yes
Physics B/AP	yes
Physics C/AP	yes

Lab

ADDITIONAL CORE SUBJECTS

Chinese I
 Chinese IB
 Chinese II
 Chinese III
 Chinese IV
 Chinese Lang. V/AP
 French I
 French IB
 French II
 French III
 French IV
 French Language/AP
 French Lit & Comp/AP
 German I
 German IB
 German II
 German III
 German IV
 German Language/AP
 German Lit & Comp/AP
 Spanish Heritage Learners
 Spanish I
 Spanish IB
 Spanish II
 Spanish III
 Spanish IV
 Spanish Language/AP
 Spanish Lit & Comp/AP
 Spanish V - Conversational

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES*

Basic Economics
 Basic Geography
 Basic Government
 Basic US History
 Basic World History
 Life Skills American History
 Life Skills Ancient Civilizations
 Life Skills Economics
 Life Skills Geography
 Life Skills Government
 Life Skills World History
 English Strategies IV

****Only students who have received NCAA approval for their diagnosed learning disability may receive credit for the approved courses.***

Division I Worksheet

This worksheet is provided to assist you in monitoring your progress in meeting NCAA initial-eligibility standards. The NCAA Eligibility Center will determine your official status after you graduate. Remember to check your high school's list of approved courses for the classes you have taken. Use the following scale:

A = 4 quality points; B = 3 Quality points; C = 2 quality points; D = 1 quality point.

English (4 years required)

Course Title	Credit	X	Grade	=	Quality Points (multiply credit by grade)
Example: English 9	.5		A		(.5 x 4) = 2
Total English Units					Total Quality Points

Mathematics (3 years required)

Course Title	Credit	X	Grade	=	Quality Points (multiply credit by grade)
Example: Algebra 1	1.0		B		(1.0 x 3) = 3
Total Mathematics Units					Total Quality Points

Natural/physical science (2 years required)

Course Title	Credit	X	Grade	=	Quality Points (multiply credit by grade)
Total Natural/Physical Science Units					Total Quality Points

Additional year in English, mathematics or natural/physical science (1 year required)

Course Title	Credit	X	Grade	=	Quality Points (multiply credit by grade)
Total Additional Units					Total Quality Points

Social science (2 years required)

Course Title	Credit	X	Grade	=	Quality Points (multiply credit by grade)
Total Social Science Units					Total Quality Points

Additional academic courses (4 years required)

Course Title	Credit	X	Grade	=	Quality Points (multiply credit by grade)
Total Additional Academic Units					Total Quality Points

Core-Course GPA (16 required)

Total Quality Points	Total Number of Credits	Core-Course GPA (Total Quality Points/Total Credits)
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