

GET READY.  
GET SET.

GO!

### Grade 9

#### Plan

- ▶ Start planning now! Take the right courses and earn the best grades you can.
- ▶ Ask your counselor for a list of your high school's NCAA core courses to make sure you take the right classes. Or, find your high school's list of NCAA core courses at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org).

### Grade 10

#### Register

- ▶ Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org).
- ▶ If you fall behind on courses, don't take shortcuts to catch up. Ask your counselor for help with finding approved courses or programs you can take.

### Grade 11

#### Study

- ▶ Check with your counselor 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 counselor to upload your official transcript.

### Grade 12

#### 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 counselor to upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation.



**For more information:**  
[eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org)  
[NCAA.org/playcollegesports](http://NCAA.org/playcollegesports)

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ARE YOU  
READY?



**eligibilitycenter.org**

If you want to play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school, start by registering with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org) during your sophomore year. We support you and your high school by providing resources to help you meet the initial-eligibility standards to participate in college sports.

**Core Courses**

NCAA schools require college-bound student-athletes to build a foundation of high school courses to prepare them for the college classroom. Not all high school classes count as NCAA core courses. Only classes in English, math (Algebra 1 or higher), natural or physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy may be approved as NCAA core courses. Visit [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org) for a full list of your high school's core courses.

**This simple formula will help you meet the 16 core-course requirement:**

**4X4 = 16**

- 4 English courses (one per year)
- + 4 math courses (one per year)
- + 4 science courses (one per year)
- + 4 social science (and/or additional) courses (one per year)

**16 NCAA CORE COURSES**

**Grade-Point Average**

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

**Test Scores**

You may take the ACT or SAT as many times as you want before you enroll full time in college, but remember to list the NCAA Eligibility Center (code 9999) as a score recipient whenever you take a test. If you direct the ACT or SAT to send us your scores every time you take a test, we will choose the best scores from each test subject to create your sum score. We can only accept official test scores from ACT or SAT and we can't use the scores from your high school transcript.



**ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

**DIVISION I**

To play sports at a Division I school, you must graduate high school and meet ALL the following requirements:

1. Complete 16 NCAA core courses:
  - 4 years of English
  - 3 years of math (Algebra 1 or higher)
  - 2 years of natural/physical science (including one year of lab science if your high school offers it)
  - 2 years of social science
  - 1 additional year of English, math or natural/physical science
  - 4 additional years of English, math, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy
2. Complete 10 core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before the start of your seventh semester. Once you begin your seventh semester, you may not repeat or replace any of those 10 courses for GPA improvement.
3. Earn at least a 2.3 GPA in your core courses.
4. Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score that matches your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale for students enrolling on or after August 1, 2016.



**DIVISION II**

To play sports at a Division II school, you must graduate high school and meet ALL the following requirements:

**Before August 1, 2018**

1. Complete 16 high school core courses.
2. Earn at least a 2.000 GPA in your high school core courses.
3. Earn a combined SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.

**After August 1, 2018**

1. Complete 16 high school core courses.
2. Earn at least a 2.200 GPA in your high school core courses.
3. Earn the SAT or ACT score that matches your core-course GPA (minimum 2.200) on the Division II competition sliding scale.

**Core Courses for Division II**

To play sports at a Division II school, you must complete these NCAA core courses:

- 3 years of English
- 2 years of math (Algebra 1 or higher)
- 2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if your high school offers it)
- 3 additional years of English, math or natural or physical science
- 2 years of social science
- 4 additional years of English, math, natural or physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy

**DIVISION III**

Division III schools provide an integrated environment focusing on academic success while offering a competitive athletics environment. While Division III schools do not offer athletics scholarships, 75 percent of Division III student-athletes receive some form of merit or need-based financial aid.

If you are planning to attend a Division III school, you do not need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Division III schools set their own admissions and eligibility standards. You can visit [NCAA.org/d3](http://NCAA.org/d3) or contact the Division III school you are planning to attend.

