

# ONE OPPORTUNITY. LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES.

If you want to play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school, start by registering for a Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org). If you want to play Division III sports or you aren't sure where you want to compete, start by creating a free Profile Page at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org).

## INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To play sports at a Division I or II school, you must graduate from high school, complete 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits and earn a minimum core-course grade-point average (GPA) that matches your ACT or SAT score prior to enrolling full time in a university.

## ALREADY A STUDENT IN UNIVERSITY?

Click [here](#) for Transfer Eligibility Requirements.

## DIVISION I

To compete at an NCAA Division I university, complete 16 core-course credits in the following areas:

<b>ENGLISH/ NATIVE LANGUAGE</b>	<b>MATH</b> (Algebra I or higher)	<b>NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL</b> (English or native language, math or natural/physical science)	<b>SOCIAL SCIENCE</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL COURSES</b> (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
<b>4 credits</b>	<b>3 credits</b>	<b>2 credits</b>	<b>1 credit</b>	<b>2 credits</b>	<b>4 credits</b>

## DIVISION II

<b>ENGLISH/ NATIVE LANGUAGE</b>	<b>MATH</b> (Algebra I or higher)	<b>NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL</b> (English or native language, math or natural/physical science)	<b>SOCIAL SCIENCE</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL COURSES</b> (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
<b>3 credits</b>	<b>2 credits</b>	<b>2 credits</b>	<b>3 credits</b>	<b>2 credits</b>	<b>4 credits</b>

## GRADE-POINT AVERAGE

The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates your GPA on a 4.0 scale based on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core-course credits.

- DI requires a minimum 2.3 GPA.
- DII requires a minimum 2.2 GPA.

For more information on GPA conversions for your country, see the [Guide to International Academic Standards](#).

## SLIDING SCALE

Divisions I and II use sliding scales to match test scores and GPAs to determine eligibility. The sliding scale balances your test score with your GPA. If you have a low test score, you need a higher GPA to be eligible. Find more information about sliding scales at [ncaa.org/test-scores](http://ncaa.org/test-scores).

## TEST SCORES

You may take the ACT or SAT an unlimited number of times before you enroll full time in university. Every time you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code **9999** to send your scores directly to us from the testing agency. We accept official scores only from the ACT or SAT. We cannot use test scores shown on your secondary school transcript (or TOEFL scores) toward NCAA initial-eligibility requirements. If you take either test more than once, the best subscore from different tests are used to give you the best score possible.



# HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE

## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE/YEAR

### Plan

- Start planning now! Take the right courses and earn the best grades you can.
- Review your country's academic guidelines in the [Guide to International Academic Standards](#) for course titles approved in your country.
- Sign up for a free Profile Page at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org) for information on NCAA requirements.

## 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE/YEAR

### Register

- Register for a Certification Account or free Profile Page with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org).
- Monitor your Eligibility Center account for next steps.
- If you fall behind on courses, don't take shortcuts to catch up. Use the [Division I and Division II worksheets](#) to plan accordingly and monitor your progress toward meeting NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.

## 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE/YEAR

### Study

- Check with your school to make sure you are on track to graduate **on time**.
- Take the ACT or SAT, and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code **9999**.
- Ask your school to **submit** your official transcript.

## 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE/FINAL YEAR

### Graduate

- Take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code **9999**.
- Beginning April 1 (fall enrollees) or Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees), **request your final amateurism certification** in your NCAA Eligibility Center account at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org).

*Reminder: Only students on an NCAA Division I or II school's institutional request list will receive a certification.*

- After you graduate, ask your school to **submit** your final official transcript and proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

### Proof of Graduation

For more information on acceptable proof of graduation and grading scales for GPA purposes, please refer to your country's specific academic guidelines in the following resources:

- [Guide to International Academic Standards](#)
- [Country-specific International Webpages](#)

### For more information

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