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# NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

## For College-Bound Student-Athletes



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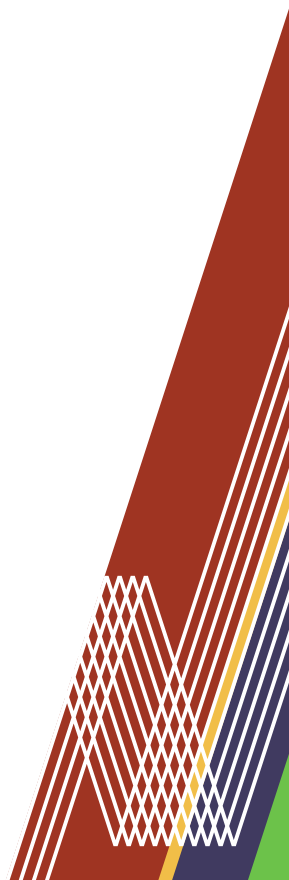
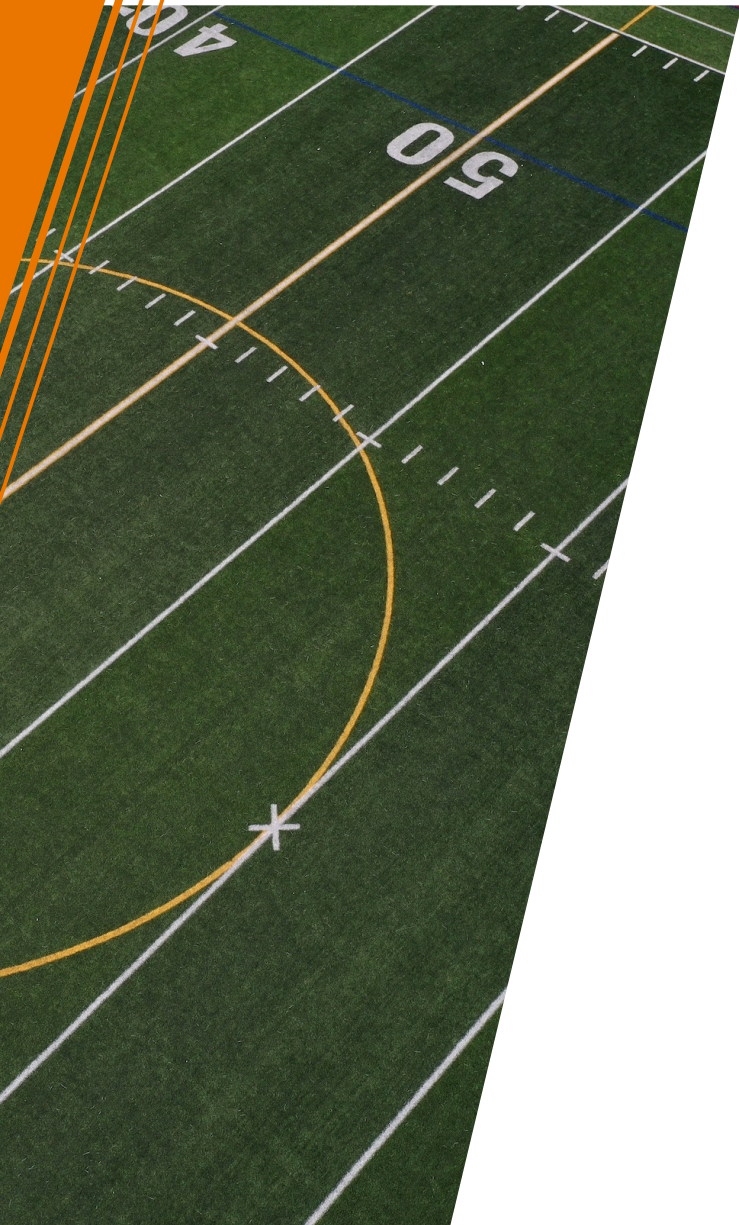
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# AGENDA

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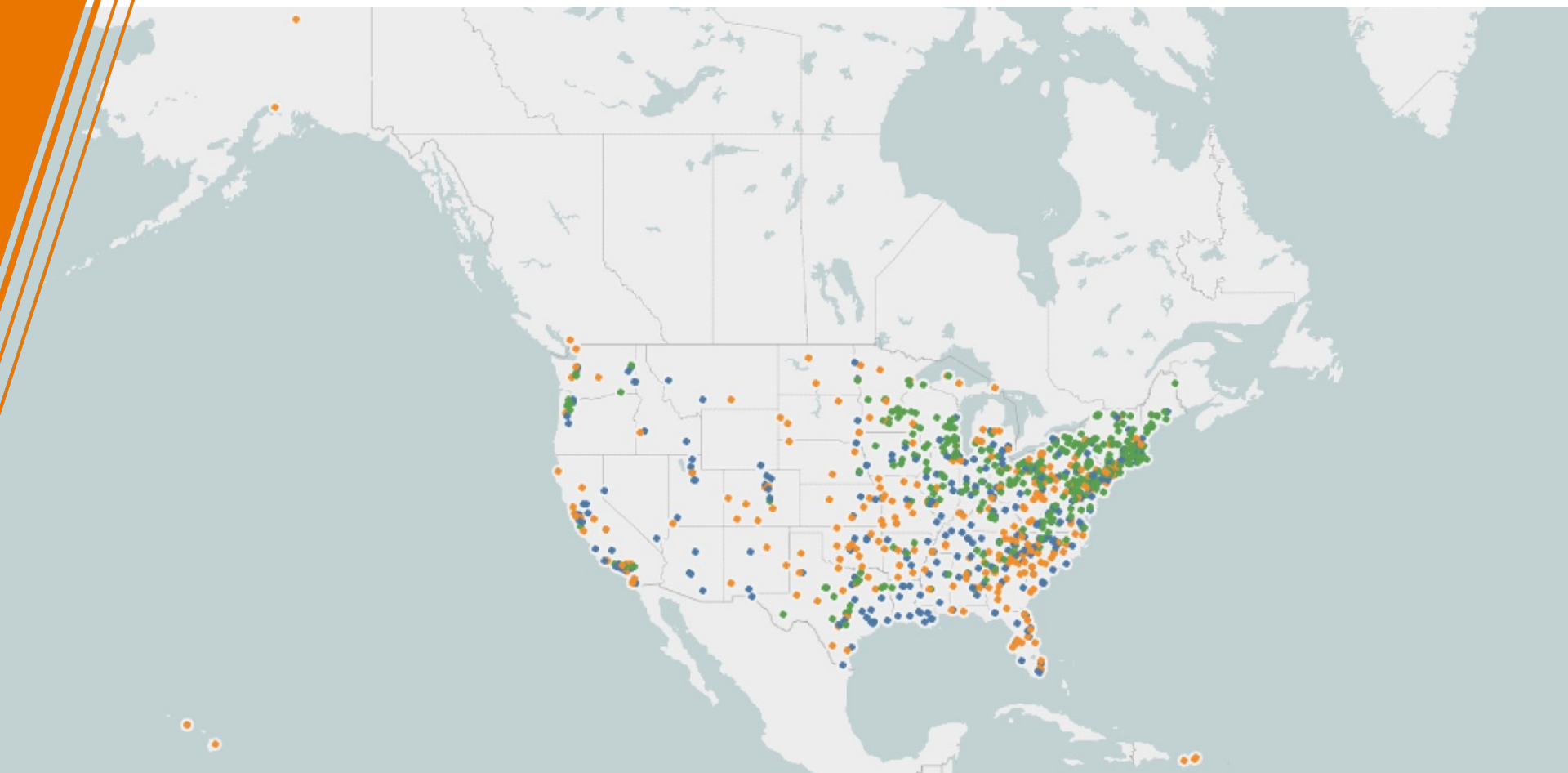
- » **Who are we?** A unit within the NCAA.
- » **What do we provide?** Certification of college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition.
- » **What do we review?**
  - Academic requirements.
  - Amateurism requirements.
















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# CHOOSING AN NCAA SCHOOL

# NCAA THREE DIVISIONS

DIVISION	 DIVISION I	 DIVISION II <i>MAKE IT YOURS</i>	 DIVISION III <i>DISCOVER   DEVELOP   DEDICATE</i>
NUMBER OF SCHOOLS*	<b>351</b> (33%)	<b>296</b> (27%)	<b>433</b> (40%)
MEDIAN UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT	<b>8,449</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>1,655</b>
STUDENTS WHO ARE ATHLETES	<b>1 in 22</b> 	<b>1 in 9</b> 	<b>1 in 6</b> 
AVERAGE NUMBER OF TEAMS PER SCHOOL	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>
PERCENTAGE OF NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETES IN EACH DIVISION	 <b>36%</b>	 <b>25%</b>	 <b>39%</b>
ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS	Multiyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available <b>58%</b> of athletes receive athletics aid	Partial athletics scholarship model <b>67%</b> of athletes receive athletics aid	No athletics scholarships <b>80%</b> of athletes receive nonathletics aid





# NCAA SPORTS

## FALL SPORTS

**MEN:**

Cross  
Country  
Football  
Soccer  
Water Polo

**WOMEN:**

Cross  
Country  
Field Hockey  
Soccer  
Volleyball

## WINTER SPORTS

**MEN:**

Basketball  
Fencing  
Gymnastics  
Ice Hockey  
Indoor Track  
and Field  
Rifle  
Skiing  
Swimming  
and Diving  
Wrestling

**WOMEN:**

Basketball  
Bowling  
Fencing  
Gymnastics  
Ice Hockey  
Indoor Track  
and Field  
Rifle  
Skiing  
Swimming  
and Diving

## SPRING SPORTS

**MEN:**

Baseball  
Golf  
Lacrosse  
Outdoor Track  
and Field  
Tennis  
Volleyball

**WOMEN:**

Beach  
Volleyball  
Golf  
Lacrosse  
Outdoor  
Track  
and Field  
Rowing  
Softball  
Tennis  
Water Polo

## EMERGING SPORTS

**WOMEN:**

Acrobatics  
and Tumbling  
Equestrian  
(Divisions I and II only)  
Rugby  
Stunt (Division II only)  
Triathlon  
Wrestling



# CHOOSING AN NCAA SCHOOL



School Size



School Location



Majors  
and Minors



Cost of  
Attendance



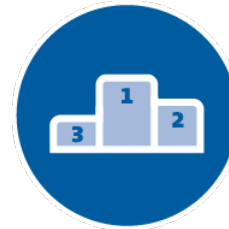
Admission  
Requirements



Culture  
and Affiliations



Student-to-  
Faculty Ratio



Playing Time

» Use this [interactive map](#) to locate NCAA schools you're interested in attending.



# THREE REQUIREMENTS TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS



**High School  
Graduation**



**NCAA  
Initial Eligibility**



**College  
Admission**



## COLLEGE ADMISSION

- » Apply and be accepted to the NCAA school before you can compete.
  - NCAA certification does **NOT** include acceptance to the NCAA school recruiting you.
- » Ask college admission about:
  - Cost of attendance.
  - Financial aid.
  - Standardized test scores.
    - > May be required for college admission or scholarships.
    - > NOT required for NCAA certification.
  - For more questions to ask, visit [on.ncaa.com/ChoosingCollege](https://on.ncaa.com/ChoosingCollege).





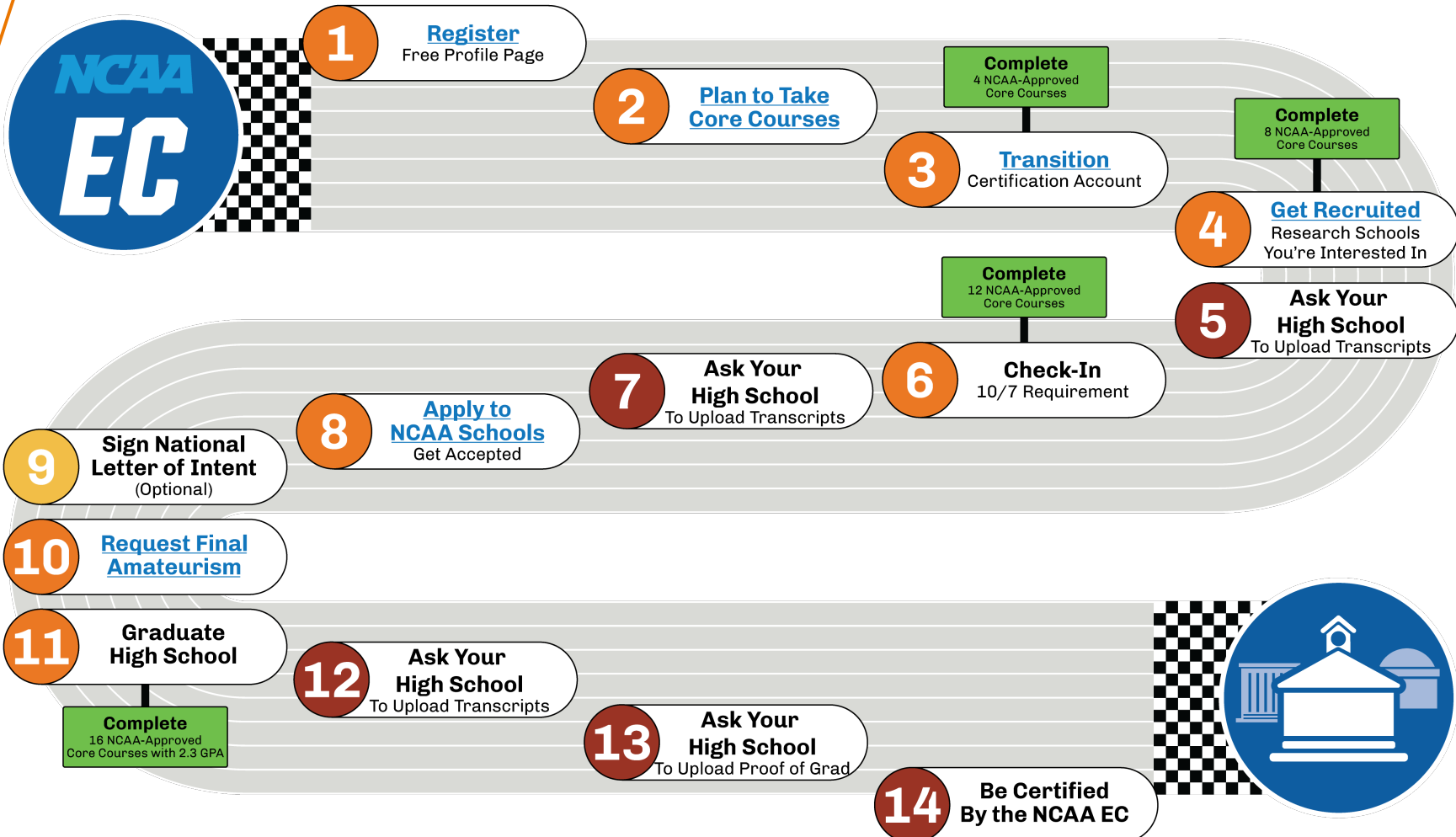
# SCHOLARSHIPS BY SPORT

Only about **2% of high school-athletes** are awarded athletics scholarships to compete in college.

- » Academic scholarships.
- » Athletics scholarships.
- » Expectations.
  - Annual scholarships.
  - Full scholarships.
  - Partial scholarships.
  - Scholarship renewals.



# KEEP YOUR CERTIFICATION ON TRACK



1

**Register**  
Free Profile Page

2

**Plan to Take**  
**Core Courses**

3

**Transition**  
Certification Account

**Complete**  
4 NCAA-Approved  
Core Courses

4

**Get Recruited**  
Research Schools  
You're Interested In

**Complete**  
8 NCAA-Approved  
Core Courses

5

**Ask Your**  
**High School**  
To Upload Transcripts

6

**Check-In**  
10/7 Requirement

**Complete**  
12 NCAA-Approved  
Core Courses

7

**Ask Your**  
**High School**  
To Upload Transcripts

8

**Apply to**  
**NCAA Schools**  
Get Accepted

9

**Sign National**  
**Letter of Intent**  
(Optional)

10

**Request Final**  
**Amateurism**

11

**Graduate**  
**High School**

**Complete**  
16 NCAA-Approved  
Core Courses with 2.3 GPA

12

**Ask Your**  
**High School**  
To Upload Transcripts

13

**Ask Your**  
**High School**  
To Upload Proof of Grad

14

**Be Certified**  
**By the NCAA EC**



[Forgot your password?](#)

[Login](#)

[Help](#)

[High School Administrators](#)

## WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

Creating an account is the first step toward becoming an NCAA student-athlete



[REGISTER](#)

NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR SCHOOL IS IN?

[Learn more](#) or [search NCAA schools](#).

# NCAA REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

## Register Before Freshman Year



# NCAA REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

## Three Account Types



**Free Profile Page  
Account**



**Academic  
and Amateurism  
Certification Account**



**Amateurism-Only  
Certification Account**



# FREE PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT

## Account Type #1



The right place to start for most students!

- » Not sure in which division you plan to compete.
- » Domestic students planning to compete at a [Division III school](#).
- » Registering in an NCAA-certified nonscholastic basketball event ([BBCS](#), ECAG, AAU).



No registration fee.



[Transition](#) to the right [certification account](#) at any time.

# ACADEMIC AND AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

## Account Type #2



Required to compete at a Division I or II school.

- » Go on [official visits](#).
- » Sign a [National Letter of Intent](#).
- » Receive an athletics scholarship.



Registration fee:

- » [Domestic students](#): \$100.
- » [International students](#): \$160.



# AMATEURISM-ONLY CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

## Account Type #3



Required for all [international student-athletes](#) planning to compete at a Division III school.



Registration fee:  
» \$70.



Student-athletes transferring from a two-year school to an NCAA Division I or II school who did not require an Eligibility Center academic certification.



## REMEMBER

- » If you have an Eligibility Center certification account check to see if you meet [fee waiver criteria](#).



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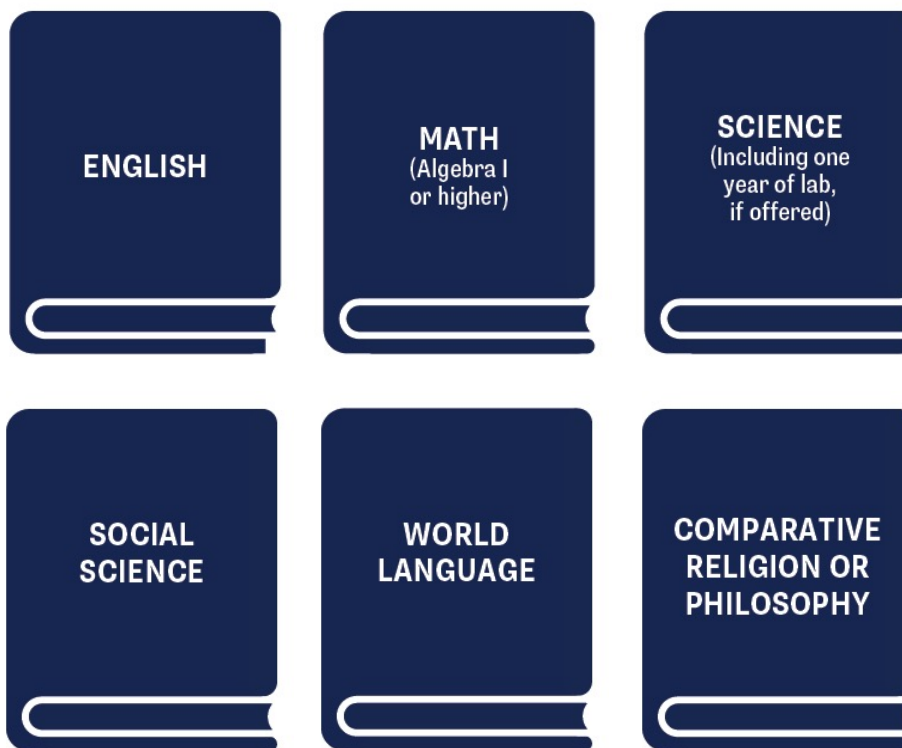
**CORE COURSES**





# WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

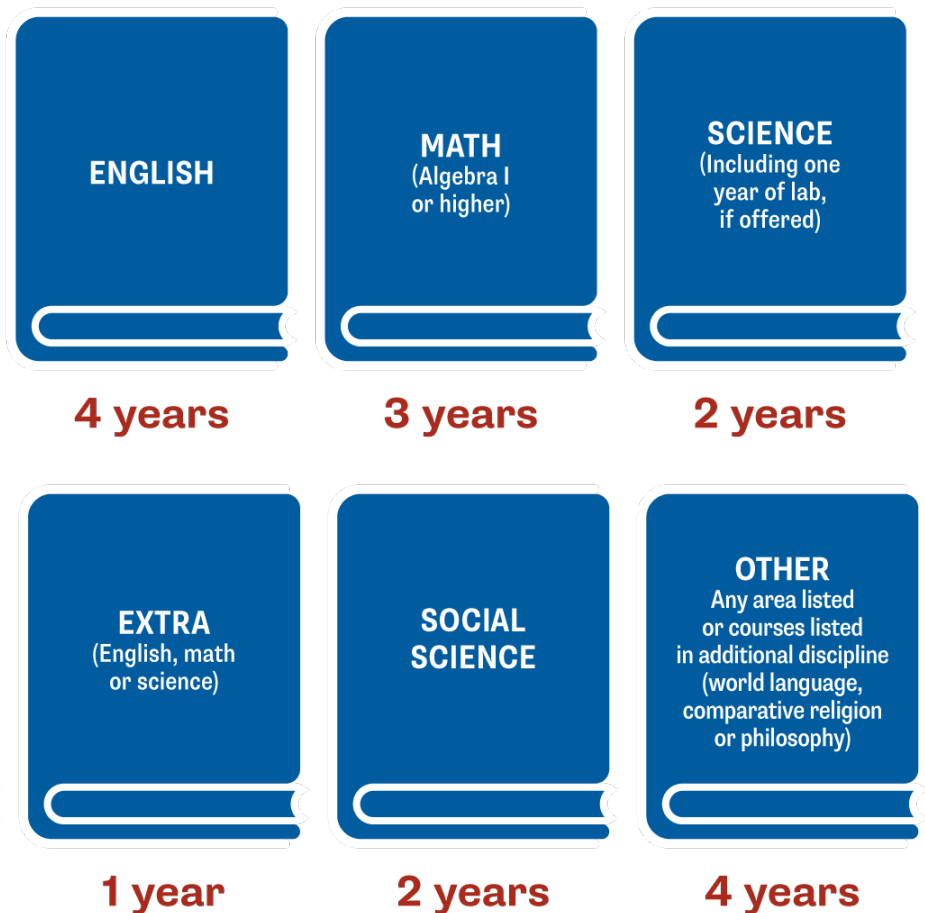
» Meets all requirements for an [NCAA-approved core course](#).



» Find your [high school's list](#) of NCAA-approved core courses.

# DIVISION I: 16 CORE-COURSE UNITS

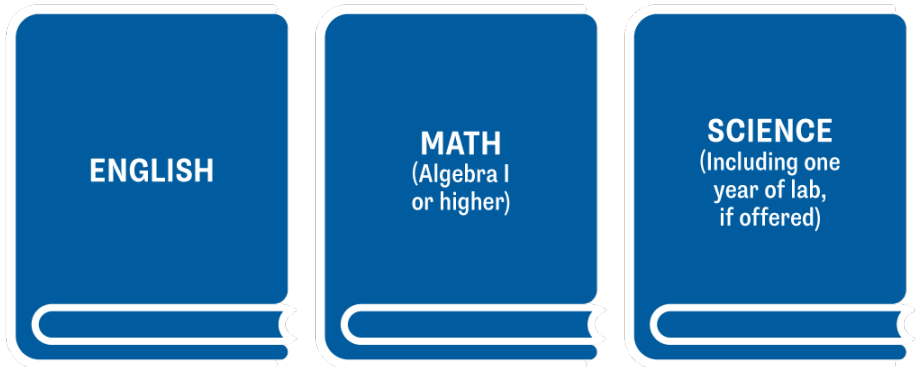
Complete 16 core-course units in eight academic semesters.





# DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION

Complete 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits, including seven in English, math or science, before the start of the seventh semester.



» Once you begin your seventh semester, any course that is needed to meet the 10/7 requirement cannot be replaced or repeated.





# EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

## 9<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

**4 CORE COURSES**

## 10<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

**4 CORE COURSES**

## 11<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

**4 CORE COURSES**

## 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

**4 CORE COURSES**



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A close-up photograph of a person wearing a green athletic shirt. They are being fitted with a bright pink and black athletic shoe. The shoe has a distinctive black and pink pattern on the side and pink laces. The person's face is partially visible, looking down at the shoe. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in green shirts.

**CERTIFICATION  
OUTCOMES**  
Divisions I and II



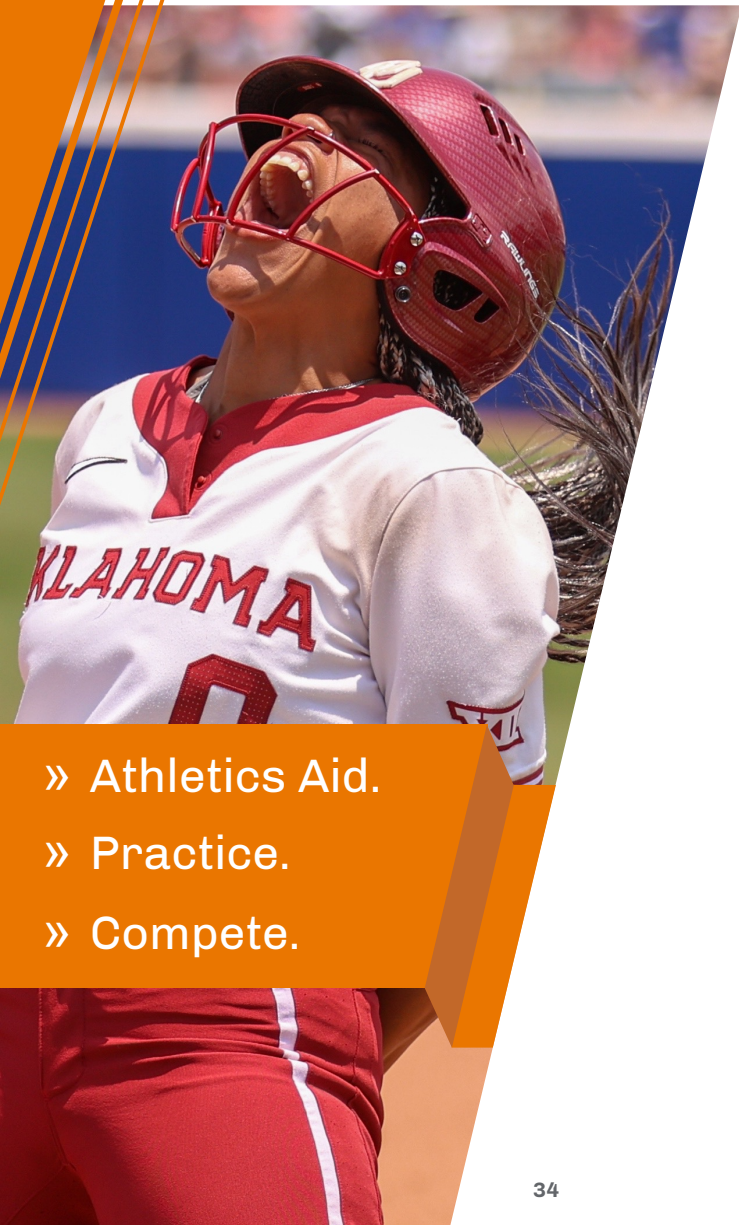




## Division I CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

1. Early Academic Qualifier.
2. Qualifier.
3. Academic Redshirt.
4. Nonqualifier.





## DIVISION I: QUALIFIER



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Meet core-course progression before the seventh semester.

**Note:** Students certified based solely on international credentials are exempt from core-course progression.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.3$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.





# DIVISION I: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.0$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » First Year Athletics Aid.
- » First Term Practice.



# DIVISION I: NONQUALIFIER



Nonqualifiers are not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete their first year at an NCAA Division I school.

- » ~~Athletics Aid.~~
- » ~~Practice.~~
- » ~~Compete.~~



## Division II CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

1. [Early Academic Qualifier.](#)
2. [Qualifier.](#)
3. [Partial Qualifier.](#)



## DIVISION II: QUALIFIER



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.2$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.





## DIVISION II: PARTIAL QUALIFIER

College-bound student-athletes that do not meet Division II qualifier standards will be deemed a partial qualifier.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.



## DIVISION III

- » Each Division III school determines its own eligibility for:
  - Academic requirements.
  - Admission.
  - Financial aid.
- » **International student-athletes** who plan to compete at a Division III school must complete an NCAA Eligibility Center Amateurism-Only Certification account.
- » Domestic student-athletes who plan to compete at a Division III school may register for a free Profile Page account, but it is not required.





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**RECRUITING**



# ARE YOU BEING RECRUITED?

» You're being recruited if a college coach:



**Calls**



**Texts**



**Emails**



**Messages via  
Social Media**



**Visits Your  
High School**



**Pays Expenses  
to Visit Campus**



**Issues National  
Letter of Intent**



**Writes Offer  
of Financial Aid**

- » Recruiting can begin as early as freshman year.
- In most cases, recruiting starts before junior year.





# INSTITUTIONAL REQUEST LIST

- » An IRL is a list of college-bound student-athletes an NCAA school is interested in recruiting.
  - You **must** be on an NCAA school's IRL to receive an Eligibility Center certification.
    - > Receive athletics aid.
    - > Practice.
    - > Compete.



# RECRUITING CALENDARS

NCAA Division I and II recruiting calendars promote your well-being and ensure fairness among schools by defining certain periods during the year in which recruiting may or may not occur in a particular sport.

<i>Division, Sport and Grade Level Determines Recruiting Activities*</i>			
<b>Contact Period</b>	<b>Evaluation Period</b>	<b>Quiet Period</b>	<b>Dead Period</b>
College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.
College coaches may watch you compete.	College coaches may watch you compete.	College coaches may not watch you compete.	College coaches may not watch you compete.
College coaches may visit your high school.	College coaches may visit your high school.	College coaches may not visit your high school.	College coaches may not visit your high school.
College coaches may have face-to-face contact with you and your family.	College coaches may not have face-to-face contact with you or your family off the college's campus.	College coaches may only have face-to-face contact with you and your family on the college's campus.	College coaches may not have face-to-face contact with you or your family.

To view your division- and sport-specific recruiting calendar visit [on.ncaa.com/RecruitCal](https://on.ncaa.com/RecruitCal).



# OFFICIAL VS UNOFFICIAL VISITS

## OFFICIAL VISITS

Official visits are any visit to a college campus paid for by the NCAA school you're visiting. Before a Division I or II official visit, you must:



Register for a  
Certification Account



Be on an IRL



Send Your High  
School Transcripts

## UNOFFICIAL VISITS

Unofficial visits are any visit to a college campus paid by you or your family members.



# OFFICIAL VS UNOFFICIAL VISITS

## What can an NCAA school pay for during an official visit?

Division I	Division II	Division III
Transportation to and from the NCAA school you're visiting for you (and up to two family members).	Your transportation to and from the NCAA school you're visiting.	Your transportation to and from the NCAA school you're visiting.
Your lodging.	Your lodging.	Your lodging.
Up to three meals per day for you and up to four family members.	Your meals.	Up to three on-campus meals per day for you.
Reasonable entertainment expenses (including up to \$60 per recruited student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying you, including five tickets to a home sports event).	Reasonable entertainment expenses (including up to \$30 per recruited student-athlete and any family member accompanying you, including five tickets to a home sports event).	Reasonable entertainment expenses (including up to \$40 per recruited student-athlete and any family member accompanying you, including tickets to home sports events).

## What can an NCAA school pay for during an unofficial visit?

Division I	Division II	Division III
Complimentary admission (including three tickets for a home athletics contest).	Complimentary admission (including five tickets for a home athletics contest).	Complimentary admission (including tickets for you and those accompanying you).



# QUESTIONS TO ASK NCAA COACHES

- » Additional team responsibilities.
- » Athletic training and medical expenses.
- » Coaching philosophy and style.
- » Degree completion support.
- » Injuries and rehabilitation.
- » Mental health resources.
- » Playing time.
  - Am I a top seed, five seed or standby recruit?
  - Are there any redshirt expectations?
- » Scholarship renewals.
  - Will I receive a full or partial scholarship?
  - If I'm injured will my scholarship remain?
- » Team time demands.



## RECRUITING BEST PRACTICES

- » Talk with your support system about what level of competition they think you should aim for.
- » Check your email often for open Eligibility Center tasks.
- » Use this [interactive map](#) to locate NCAA schools you're interested in attending.
  - Research admission requirements to NCAA schools you're interested in attending.
- » Research your division- and sport-specific recruiting periods.



## RECRUITING BEST PRACTICES

- » Consider elite travel teams and camps.
- » Email college coaches during your sport's contact period to share your achievements and your interest.
  - Include your name, position and [NCAA ID](#).



Your Name

**NCAA ID: 1234567890**

Grad: MM/YYYY | Enroll: SEASON YYYY

- » If possible, take official and unofficial visits.
  - Review school websites and take virtual campus tours to learn more about NCAA schools.
- » Conduct yourself in a positive manner in class, practices and games, at home, in your community and online.



## NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS

- » NCAA student-athletes can benefit from their NIL.
- » For more resources:
  - Visit [ncaa.org/nil](https://ncaa.org/nil).
  - Contact your state's High School Athletic Association for current legislation.
  - Contact your future NCAA school's compliance office.
  - Follow the Eligibility Center on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#).





# NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

- » By signing a NLI, you're agreeing to attend a Division I or II school for one academic year.
- » NLI is voluntary and ends the recruiting process.
- » Athletics financial aid is provided for a minimum of one academic year.
  - You must be admitted to the NCAA school.
  - You must be eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules.
- » For more NLI information, visit [nationalletter.org](http://nationalletter.org).



# TRANSFER STUDENTS

- » Understand the transfer rules, options and potential consequences before choosing to transfer.
- » Depending on your college experience, you may be able to compete as soon as you transfer, or you might have to be enrolled for one academic year at your new school before competing.
- » Resources:
  - [Guide for Two-Year Transfers.](#)
  - [Guide for Four-Year Transfers.](#)
  - For more transfer information, visit [on.ncaa.com/Transfer.](https://on.ncaa.com/Transfer)





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A large, stylized NCAA logo is centered on a basketball court floor. The logo is white with a blue outline and is surrounded by a large amount of colorful confetti in shades of blue, orange, and yellow. The background is a dark blue basketball court floor with white lines. The overall design is vibrant and celebratory.

**NCAA**

**RESOURCES**



## RESOURCES



Registration Checklist

- » [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.](#)
- » [Initial-Eligibility Flyer.](#)
- » [Home School Students.](#)
- » [International Students.](#)
- » [Education Impacting Disabilities.](#)
- » Register at [eligibilitycenter.org.](https://eligibilitycenter.org)



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# QUESTIONS?



**Take a Short Survey  
on How We Did Today**



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# SOCIAL MEDIA

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**YouTube**  
[@ncaaec](https://www.youtube.com/ncaaec)

# THANK YOU FOR JOINING!

## Contact the Eligibility Center



Connect with the  
Eligibility Center

- » College-bound student-athlete support line.
  - 877-262-1492.
    - > Monday-Friday.
    - > 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time.



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