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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. 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 account at 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 SAT or ACT score prior to enrolling full time in university.

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DIVISION I

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

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

DIVISION II

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

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.

TEST SCORES

You may take the SAT or ACT 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 SAT or ACT. 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. More information regarding the impact of COVID-19 and test scores can be found at on.ncaa.com/COVID19_Fall_B.



HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE

9TH GRADE/YEAR

Plan

- Start planning now! Take the right courses and earn the best grades possible.
- 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 account at eligibilitycenter.org for information on NCAA requirements.

10TH GRADE/YEAR

Register

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

11TH GRADE/YEAR

Study

- Check with your school to make sure you are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved courses and graduate on time with your class.
- Take the SAT or ACT, and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- Ensure your sports participation information is correct in your Eligibility Center account.
- At the end of the year, ask each school or program you attended to [submit](#) your official transcript to the Eligibility Center.

12TH GRADE/FINAL YEAR

Graduate

- Take the SAT or ACT again, if necessary, and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- [Request your final amateurism certification](#) beginning April 1 (fall enrollees) or Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees) in your Eligibility Center account at 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 with proof of graduation to the 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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