

To be certified by the NCAA Clearinghouse, you must:

- ☞ Graduate from high school
- ☞ Earn at least a 2.0 GPA (grade-point average), on a 4.0 scale, in a core curriculum of at least 16 academic courses for Division I (14 academic courses for Division II), completed during grades 9 - 12. Only courses that satisfy the NCAA definition of a core course can be used to calculate your NCAA GPA. See your high school's approved 48H List, available in the College & Career Center, and at the NCAA website (www.ncaa.org). Use the table on the next page to determine which courses you must successfully complete to be eligible to participate in Division I or Division II intercollegiate athletics in college.
- ☞ For Division I, earn a total score (the sum of all sub-scores) of at least 37 on the ACT or a combined score of at least 400 on the SAT (Reading & Math) with a core unweighted GPA of at least 3.55. Candidates with a core unweighted GPA of 2.0 must earn a sum score of at least 86 (ACT), or at least 1010 (SAT Reading & Math). See the table on the next page to view an abridged version of the sliding scale. For Division II, there is no sliding scale. Division II minimums are as follows: 2.0 core GPA, 820 on the SAT (Reading & Math), ACT sum score 68.
- ☞ By the end of your Junior year, register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at: www.ncaa.org . Click on "Prospective Student Athletes." On-line registration is mandatory. Provide you high school Registrar with two stamped envelopes addressed to the NCAA Clearinghouse to mail a six-semester transcript, and a final transcript, to the Clearinghouse. The registration fee is required unless you obtained a waiver of your SAT or ACT test fees from your College/Career Advisor.

If you have attended more than one high school, ask the Registrars of ALL of the high schools you have attended to send your transcript to the Clearinghouse. Most high schools charge a small fee to process transcripts, and will expect you to provide stamped, addressed envelopes.
- ☞ The NCAA requires you to submit official SAT and/or ACT score reports. You should include the NCAA (code # 9999) as a score recipient when you register for the SAT and/or ACT. If you did not do this, you will need to send an additional score report request to the College Board or ACT. Score reports can also be requested on-line at www.collegeboard.com and www.actstudent.org .
- ☞ Division III colleges and universities do not award athletic scholarships or financial aid related to athletic ability. Athletes are students first, and admission to the college is based on the college's own academic criteria for admission, not minimum test scores or grade point averages established by the NCAA. "Division III athletics encourages participation by maximizing the number and variety of athletics opportunities available to students, placing primary emphasis on regional in-season and conference competition," according to the NCAA.

CORE UNITS FOR NCAA CERTIFICATION

Core Courses	Div. I	Div. II	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English Core	4 years	3 years				
Math Core (Algebra I or higher)	3 years	2 years				
Science Core (<i>1 yr. Lab</i>)	2 years	2 years				
Additional English, Math or Science	1 year	2 years				
Social Science Core	2 years	2 years				
Additional Core (<i>English, Math, Science, Social Science or Foreign Language</i>)	4 years	3 years				
Total Core Units Required	16	14				

Important notes:

Division I certification requires three (3) years of math, Algebra I or higher. A Computer Science course is acceptable as a core course if it receives high school graduation credit as a math or physical science course.

Division I Qualifier Index - 16 Core Course Standard

Core GPA	ACT _{total} (sum of sub-scores)	SAT _{CR + M}	Core GPA	ACT _{total} (sum of sub-scores)	SAT _{CR + M}
3.550+	37	400	2.825	56	690
3.500	39	420	2.750	59	720
3.450	41	440	2.700	60	730
3.400	42	460	2.600	64	780
3.350	43	480	2.500	68	820
3.300	44	500	2.400	71	860
3.250	46	520	2.300	75	900
3.200	47	540	2.250	77	920
3.125	49	570	2.200	79	940
3.050	50	600	2.150	80	960
2.975	52	630	2.100	82	970
2.900	54	660	2.000	86	1010

To view the complete GPA/Test Score Index, find the *Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete* at:

www.ncaa.org.

