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NAVIGATING INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

High School Community



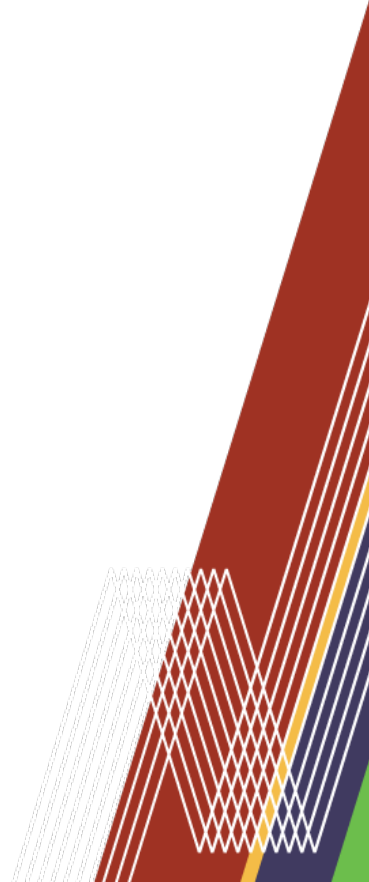
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AGENDA

- » What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?
- » Registration.
- » Core Courses.
- » COVID-19 FAQ.
- » Academic Standards.
 - Division I.
 - Division II.
- » Sports Participation.
- » Resources.





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WHAT IS THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER?



WHAT IS THE ELIGIBILITY CENTER?

- » A unit within the NCAA responsible for evaluating and certifying college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition at Division I and II schools.
- » We focus on:
 - Academic preparedness.
 - Sports participation.
 - High school courses.
 - Customer service.
- » If you want to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school, you must meet NCAA Eligibility Center:
 - Academic initial-eligibility requirements.
 - Amateurism requirements.



NCAA FAST FACTS

- » 1,100+ colleges and universities.
- » 98 voting athletics conferences.
- » 39 affiliated organizations.
- » > 500,000 student-athletes.
- » 19,500 teams.
- » 90 championships.
- » 24 sports.
- » Three divisions.



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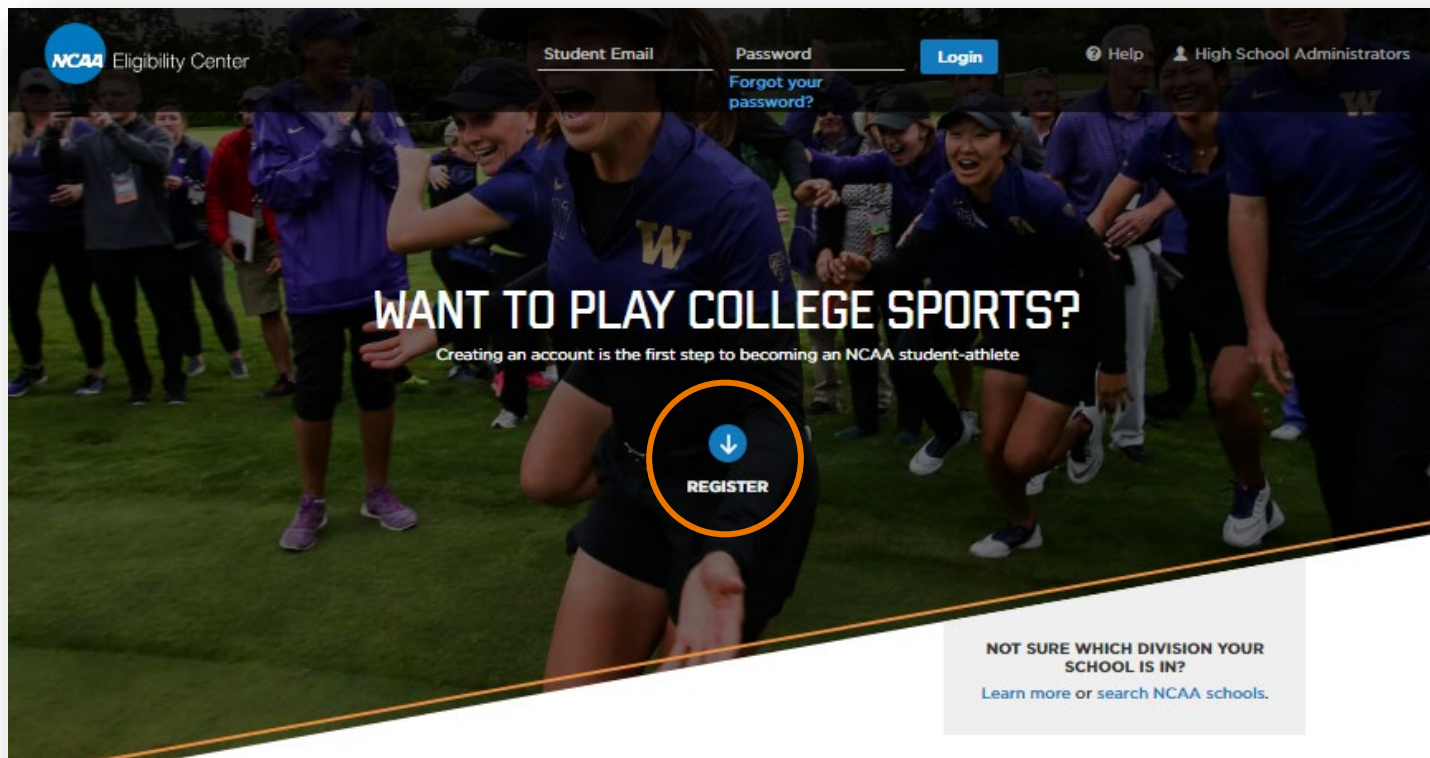
REGISTRATION



TWO ACCOUNT TYPES

Profile Page Account and Certification Account

» Register for either account at eligibilitycenter.org.



The screenshot shows the NCAA Eligibility Center website. At the top left is the NCAA Eligibility Center logo. In the top right, there are links for 'Student Email', 'Password', 'Login', 'Help', and 'High School Administrators'. Below the navigation is a large banner image of a group of female athletes in purple and black uniforms on a grassy field. Overlaid on the banner is the text 'WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?' in large white letters, followed by 'Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete' in smaller white text. A prominent orange circular button with a white downward arrow and the word 'REGISTER' is centered on the banner. In the bottom right corner of the banner area, there is a white box containing the text 'NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR SCHOOL IS IN?' and 'Learn more or search NCAA schools.'



FREE PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT



Students interested in a Division III school or currently are not sure in which division they want to compete.



No registration fee to create a Profile Page account.



Transition to a paid Certification account at any time your student opts to pursue a Division I or II path.



CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT



Students must be certified by NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at a Division I or II school.



Registration fee:

» Domestic students: \$90.

» International students \$150.



Before students take official visits or sign an NLI, they must have a complete (paid) Certification account.



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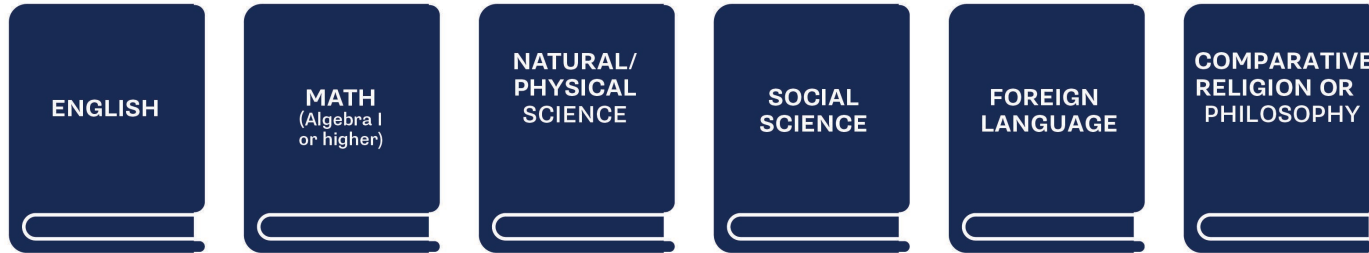


**WHAT IS A
CORE COURSE?**





WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?



» NCAA core courses are:

- On your school's list of NCAA-approved core courses.
- Taught at or above the high school's regular academic level.
- Taught by a qualified instructor.
- Considered four-year college preparatory.



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CORE COURSE LIST

Scan the QR Code Below



**Find Your School's List
of NCAA-Approved
Core Courses.**

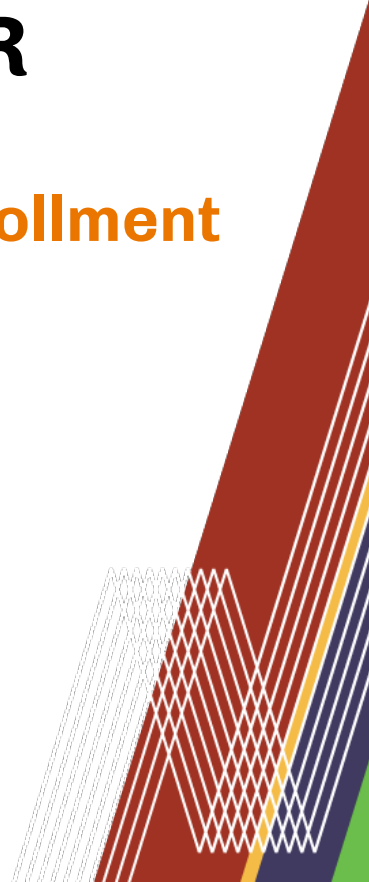


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COVID-19 WAIVER EXTENSION

2022-23 or 2023-24 Enrollment





COVID-19 AUTOMATIC WAIVER: EXTENDED



**2022-23 or 2023-24
Full-Time Enrollee**



**COVID-19
Automatic Waiver**



**Athletics Scholarship,
Practice and Compete**

» Students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during 2022-23 or 2023-24 must meet specific criteria to be eligible.



COVID-19 AUTOMATIC WAIVER: TEST SCORES



Test Score Task Force

- » Standardized test scores are excluded from NCAA initial-eligibility criteria for students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during the 2022-23 or 2023-24 academic years.
- Test Score Task Force recommendation for permanent removal will be voted on at Convention in January 2023.



COVID-19 AUTOMATIC WAIVER: DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING

» The Eligibility Center will not require a separate review of distance or e-learning programs used during the 2022-23 academic calendar in response to closures due to COVID-19.



**Students of
All Grade Levels**



**Distance or
E-Learning Program**



COVID-19 AUTOMATIC WAIVER: FAQ

» Included in May Membership newsletter.



NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER COVID-19 RESPONSE FAQ

Given the continuing impact of COVID-19 on the educational environment, the NCAA Eligibility Center has partnered with the NCAA membership to identify the following changes to the initial-eligibility certification process for students who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during the 2022-23 or 2023-24 academic year. The Eligibility Center will continue to monitor the environment and make necessary adjustments to prioritize health, safety and fairness for all prospective student-athletes.

FAQ Topics—Quick Links

[Academic Evaluations](#)

[Automatic Waiver Criteria](#)

[Submission of Academic Documents](#)

[Timing](#)

COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Criteria for 2022-23 or 2023-24 Enrollment

- Q1:** Given the unique circumstances due to COVID-19, will there be any flexibility in the initial-eligibility standard for students who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during the 2022-23 or 2023-24 academic year?
- A1:** Yes. Students who initially enroll full time during 2022-23 or 2023-24 will receive an automatic initial-eligibility waiver in the academic certification process that provides the highest level of relief for which they are eligible, per the criteria below:

COVID-19 AUTOMATIC WAIVER CRITERIA—2022-23 OR 2023-24 ENROLLMENT*		
Alternative Standard	Division I	Division II
Qualifier Athletics aid, practice and competition.	Complete Academic Record: » Core-course progression (10/7) before starting 7th semester;** » 16 core-course units in the required subject areas;	Complete Academic Record: » 16 core-course units in the required subject areas; » > 2.000 core-course GPA; and



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ACADEMIC STANDARDS



DIVISION I:

- » Four possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:
 - Early Academic Qualifier.
 - Qualifier.
 - Academic Redshirt.
 - Nonqualifier.



DIVISION I: QUALIFIER



Meet core-course progression before the seventh semester.

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



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



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.3 in the required subject areas.

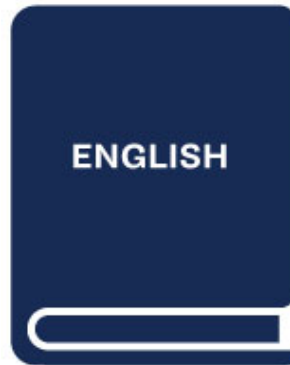


Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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

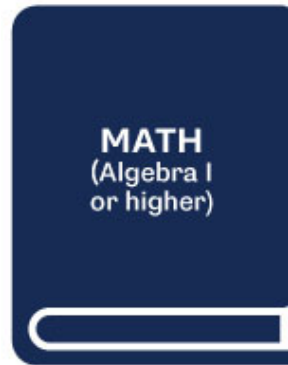


DIVISION I: QUALIFIER



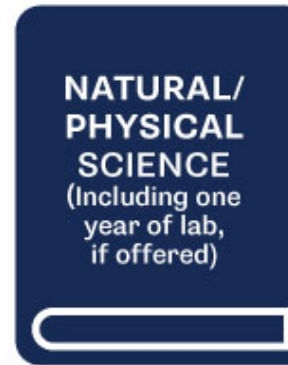
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4 Years



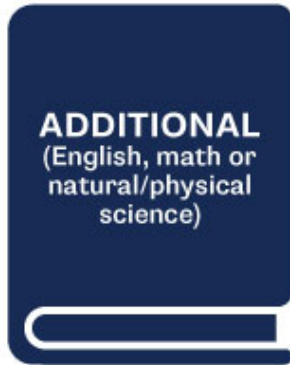
MATH
(Algebra I
or higher)

3 Years



**NATURAL/
PHYSICAL
SCIENCE**
(Including one
year of lab,
if offered)

2 Years



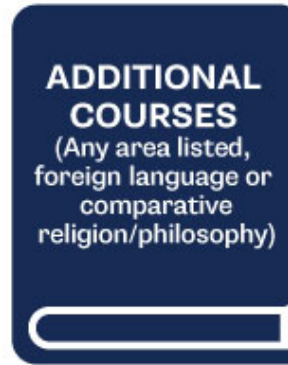
ADDITIONAL
(English, math or
natural/physical
science)

1 Year



**SOCIAL
SCIENCE**

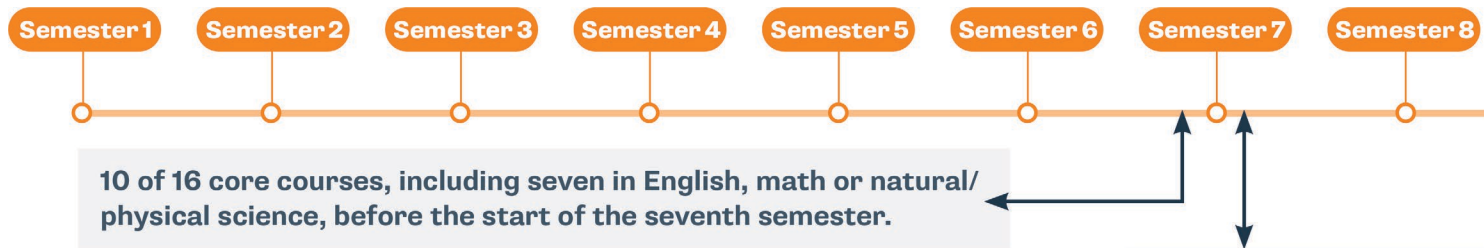
2 Years



**ADDITIONAL
COURSES**
(Any area listed,
foreign language or
comparative
religion/philosophy)

4 Years

DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION



- » When you enter ninth grade, you have four years (eight semesters) to complete your core-course requirement.
- » You must graduate on time, with your class.



DIVISION II:

- » Three possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:
 - Early Academic Qualifier.
 - Qualifier.
 - Partial Qualifier.



DIVISION II: QUALIFIER



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



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.2 in the required subject areas.

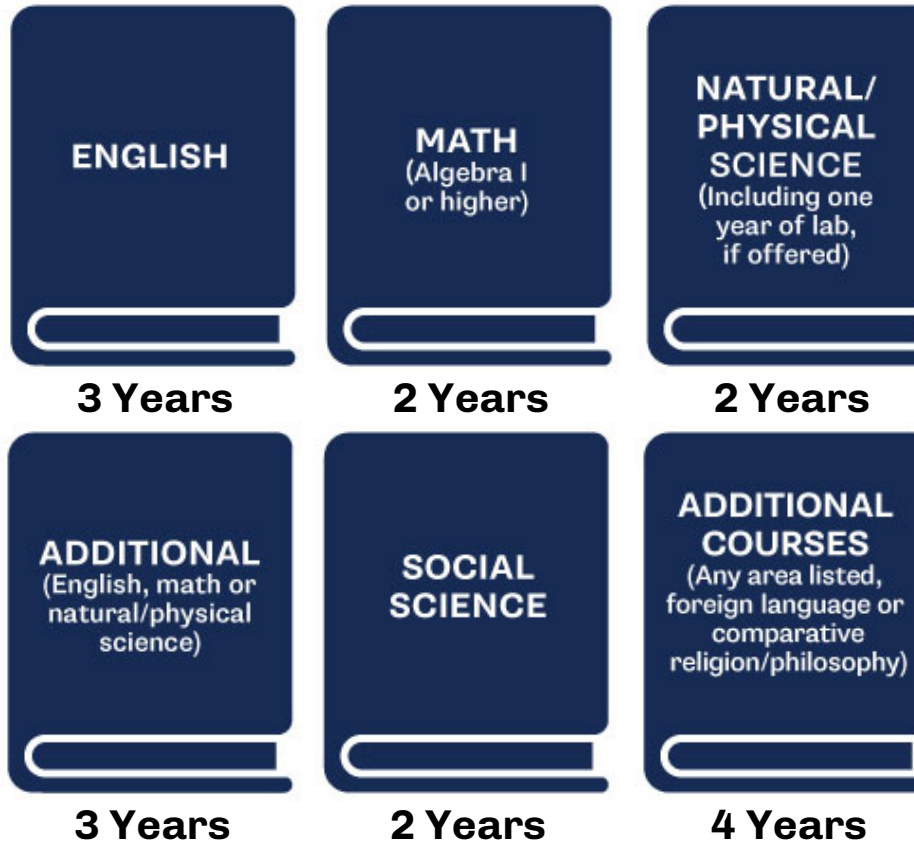


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DIVISION II: QUALIFIER





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INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL OTHER CLASSES (INCLUDES TEST SCORES)

Scan the QR Codes Below



**Division I Academic
Requirements**



**Division II Academic
Requirements**



DIVISION III

- » Each Division III school determines its own eligibility for:
 - Admission.
 - Financial aid.
 - Practice and competition.
- » The NCAA Eligibility Center does not perform certifications for Division III student-athletes.
- » Division III college-bound student-athletes may register for a free Profile Page, but it is not required.



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SPORTS PARTICIPATION





SPORTS PARTICIPATION

When students register for a Certification account, they must:

- » Select the sport(s) they would like to play in college.
- » Update their information frequently if they play for multiple teams or attend events outside the traditional high school setting.
- » Request final amateurism certification before they enroll full time at a Division I or II school.

Note: Over 94% of students do not require additional questions from the EC after they request final amateurism.



NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS

TAKING ACTION NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS

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[STATEMENTS](#) [HISTORIC RESOURCES](#)

THE COLLEGE ATHLETE MODEL

The NCAA is committed to allow name, image and likeness opportunities for student-athletes consistent with the college athlete model.

The college athlete model is not the professional model, meaning students will compete against other students, not professionals or employees.

The NCAA is best positioned to provide a uniform and fair name, image and likeness approach for all student-athletes on a national scale.

[Learn How We Support College Athletes](#)

NCAA student-athletes now have opportunity to benefit from their name, image and likeness.

- » All three divisions have adopted a uniform, interim policy suspending NIL rules for all incoming and current student-athletes in all sports.
- » For more NIL resources.
 - Visit ncaa.org/nil.
 - Contact your NCAA school's compliance office.
 - Follow the Eligibility Center on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).



HOW YOU CAN HELP...

If students want to play sports in college, they must:

- » Share their NCAA ID with Division I and II schools recruiting them.
- » Apply to schools of their choosing to be accepted.
- » Request final amateurism certification before enrolling full time in college.
 - Starting April 1 (fall).
 - Starting Oct. 1 (winter/spring).
- » Ask their counselor to submit their final transcript with proof of graduation.
- » Understand considerations for documented **education impacting disabilities**.



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RESOURCES



**Guide for
High School Counselors**

RESOURCES

- » Review the [COVID-19 FAQ](#).
- » Visit the [High School Portal](#).
- » Subscribe to the [High School newsletter](#).
- » Visit eligibilitycenter.org.
- » Download our resources:
 - [Guide for High School Counselors](#).
 - [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#).
 - [Initial-Eligibility flyer](#).



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 - 877-622-2321.
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