

NCAA AND NAIA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

PRESENTATION TO
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GENERAL OVERVIEW

- NCAA Division I, II, and III academic eligibility requirements
- NAIA general information
- Basic recruiting information

NCAA

**NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION**

GENERAL OVERVIEW - NCAA

- The NCAA is the largest intercollegiate athletics association with over 1,000 member schools
- Three divisions which are each comprised of similar, like-minded schools
- 25 Sports
- Local schools by division:

Division I	Division II	Division III (no athletic scholarships)
SIUE	Maryville University	Fontbonne University
SLU	Lindenwood University (St. Charles)	Washington University in St. Louis
University of Missouri, Columbia	UMSL	Webster University

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

- Formerly known as the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse.
- Responsible for all initial-eligibility certifications for prospective student-athletes entering Division I and II institutions.
- Initial-eligibility certification includes an academic AND amateur certification.
- Determines whether the student-athlete is eligible for practice, competition and athletics aid his/her first year of college.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Registration process

- Any student who wants to participate in Division I or II athletics must register with the Eligibility Center.
- Students are encouraged to register during their junior year in high school.
- There is no deadline to register; however, a student must be registered before:
 - He/she can make an official visit to a DI or DII institution.
 - He/she can receive an offer of athletics aid at a DI or DII institution.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Step #1: Students must complete the registration process.

- Website: www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Must have valid email address to register.
- One-time registration fee of \$75 for domestic students
- Must complete amateurism questionnaire and educational information to finalize registration process
- Once the student is registered, he/she will receive a 10-digit ID number



Click [here](#) to view important certification reminders for the Class of 2014.

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Welcome to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
Your student-athlete experience begins here.

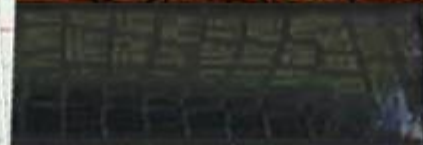
At this site, you'll find the tools and information you need to begin your college experience.

Explore this site to learn more about the NCAA, its athletics divisions, its sports and other information.

Click on the phone or use the login box in the top right corner to complete your registration for eligibility.

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Checklist:

- Create account
- Complete registration

Talk to coach



CLASS OF 2016 AND BEYOND...

Initial-eligibility standards are changing.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Step #2: High school must send an official transcript directly to the Eligibility Center.

- Transcript should be mailed in a sealed envelope or submitted through an approved online transcript system.
- Can't be an "Issued to Student" transcript.
- Transcripts cannot be faxed or emailed.
- A student who attends multiple high schools must submit an official transcript to the Eligibility Center from each high school.
- Important to use correct address depending on if sent via regular mail or overnight mail.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Step #3: Test scores (ACT, SAT) must be sent directly to the Eligibility Center from the testing agency.

- Test scores on official high school transcript will not be accepted.
- Eligibility Center code is 9999.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Step #4: Request final amateurism certification.

- Students must request final certification during senior year (Apr. 1 for fall enrollees).

Step #5: Upon graduation, students must have a final official high school transcript sent to the Eligibility Center.

- Transcript must show graduation date, including month and year at minimum.

DIVISION I ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FOR THE CLASS
OF 2016**

DIVISION I ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Graduate from high school
2. Complete 16 core courses
3. Earn a minimum GPA in the 16 core courses
4. Earn a minimum SAT and/or ACT score that corresponds with the core GPA

GRADUATE

#1: Graduate from high school

- A student must graduate from high school no later than the high school graduation date of his/her ninth grade class
- Graduation requirements are set by the high school/state educational entity.
- Date of graduation must be shown on the final high school transcript with a minimum of the month and year.

16 CORE COURSES

#2: Complete 16 core courses

4 years of English
3 years of Math (Algebra I or higher)
2 years of Natural or Physical Science (including 1 year of lab science if offered by the HS)
1 extra year of English, Math or Natural/Physical Science
2 years of Social Science
4 years of additional coursework from any category above or foreign language, non-doctrinal religion or philosophy

16 CORE COURSES

#2: Complete 16 core courses (con't.)

- Generally, only courses completed in grades 9-12 will count
 - Courses earned in 8th grade can count if they are regularly transcribed on the HS transcript with grade and credit awarded
- Courses must be on the high school's list of approved core courses
 - List can be found on the Eligibility Center's website
- A student may earn up to one course after graduation to meet the 16 core courses or to improve GPA
 - Course can be taken at the high school or through a junior college
 - Must be completed prior to full-time collegiate enrollment

16 CORE COURSES

#2: Complete 16 core courses (con't.)

- Repeated courses are only counted once
- 1 semester = 0.5 core course
- New for 2016: Students must complete 10 core courses before the start of the senior year
 - 7 of those 10 must be in English, math, or natural/physical science
 - Courses can be earned in summer school prior to the start of the senior year

GPA

#3: Earn a minimum GPA in the 16 core courses – 2.3

- Increased to a 2.3 for the Class of 2016 and later
- Only the best grades will be used
- Calculated on a 4.0 scale
 - No + or – are used (B+ = B)
- The best 10 grades earned in the first 6 semesters are “locked in”
 - Those 10 cannot be replaced by grades earned in senior year or by the 1 course after graduation

TEST SCORES

#4: Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches the core course GPA and test score sliding scale

- Students must achieve the required test score (based on a sliding scale) BEFORE full-time collegiate enrollment.
- The required SAT or ACT score must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national testing date. A state administered ACT may be used to meet the test score requirement.

TEST SCORES (CON'T.)

Test scores are calculated by adding up each subscore

- ACT: Math, Science, English, Reading
- SAT: Math, Verbal/Critical Reading
- The writing component of the ACT and SAT will not be used to determine a student's initial eligibility certification
 - Note: Collegiate institutions may or may not require the writing component. Students are encouraged to take the writing portion of the ACT/SAT

TEST SCORES (CON'T.)

- Tests may be taken more than one time
- If a student takes either test more than once, the Eligibility Center will use the best subscore from each test to meet the minimum test score requirement

	English	Math	Science	Reading	Composite Score
ACT (10/27/12)	24	28	26	22	25
ACT (2/9/12)	26	26	22	24	25
Scores Used	26	28	26	24	104 (sum)

TEST SCORES (CON'T.)

ACT and SAT score requirements

- ALL SAT and ACT scores must be reported to the Eligibility Center directly from the testing agency
- Test scores will NOT be accepted if reported to the Eligibility Center on a high school transcript
- Code: 9999

CORE GPA AND TEST SCORE SLIDING SCALE

Core GPA	SAT	ACT		Core GPA	SAT	ACT
3.550 & above	400	37		2.3	900	75
3.2	540	47		2.299	910	76
3.0	620	52		2.2	940	79
2.9	660	54		2.1	980	83
2.7	740	61		2.0	1020	86
2.6	780	64		*Must achieve 2.3 GPA for competition		
2.5	820	68				

QUALIFIER, NON-QUALIFIER OR ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

DIVISION I CERTIFICATION STATUS

CERTIFICATION STATUS

- **QUALIFIER**

- Meets the academic requirements (high school graduation, 16 core courses, GPA/test score requirement)
- May practice, compete and receive athletics aid first year of college
- Has four seasons of eligibility, provided student maintains eligibility year to year

CERTIFICATION STATUS

- **NON-QUALIFIER**

- Does not meet one or more of the academic requirements (high school graduation, 16 core courses, GPA/test score requirement)
- May not practice, compete or receive athletics aid first year of college (student may receive need-based financial aid)
- Has three seasons of eligibility remaining. May earn a fourth season provided student meets NCAA progress toward degree requirements
- **Example:** Student completed 16 core courses with a 2.725 GPA and ACT score of 56. [2.725 GPA = SAT 730 or ACT 59]

CERTIFICATION STATUS

- **NON-QUALIFIER (con't.)**

- A non-qualifier has two options regarding Division I eligibility:
- #1: Serve a year in residency at the DI institution (no athletics aid, practice or competition). Eligible for athletics aid, practice and competition second year of enrollment, provided student meets institutional, conference and NCAA academic requirements.

CERTIFICATION STATUS

- **NON-QUALIFIER**

- A non-qualifier has two options regarding Division I eligibility:
- #2: Enroll in a two-year college. To be immediately eligible for athletics aid, practice and competition upon transfer to a DI institution, student must:
 - Graduate
 - Earn 48 credit hours of transferable degree credit with a 2.500 GPA
 - Complete a minimum of 3 semesters (summers excluded) at the two-year college
 - Earn 6 credit hours of transferable English credit and 3 credit hours each of transferable math and science credit

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

- **ACADEMIC REDSHIRT**

- New status for Class of 2016 and after
- Student is eligible for practice and can receive athletics aid the first year, but cannot compete
- Student graduated from high school and earned the 16 core courses, but failed to have a matching GPA and ACT/SAT score above a 2.3
 - GPA between 2.0 and 2.29, but still has the matching test score
- Must meet more stringent academic standards in first semester at college to continue to practice
- Has four seasons of eligibility remaining

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

EARLY ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION

A student will be certified as a qualifier, provided he/she has achieved the following academic criteria:

- Earned a minimum combined score on the SAT of 1000 or a minimum sum score on the ACT of 85; and
- Earned a core-course GPA of 3.00 or higher in a minimum of 13 core courses upon completion of 6 semesters. The 13 core courses must include the following: 3 English, 2 math, 2 natural or physical science and 6 additional courses.
- Transcripts must be sent to the Eligibility Center prior to October 1.
- Must still send proof of graduation.

STUDENTS WITH EDUCATION IMPACTING DISABILITIES

A student with a disability must meet the same academic requirements (e.g., high school graduation, core course, test score) as all other students.

- A student must graduate from high school no later than the high school graduation date of his/her ninth grade class.
- If the student graduates in eight semesters, he/she may earn up to three core course completed in the year after graduation (summer or academic year) to meet eligibility requirements.
 - The student may complete the course at a location other than the high school from which he/she graduated.

STUDENTS WITH EDUCATION IMPACTING DISABILITIES

A student with a disability may receive the following accommodations:

- Use courses for students with disabilities that are designated on the high school's list of approved core courses.
- Use approved core courses taken before the student enrolls in college (including courses taken the summer after high school graduation).
- Take a nonstandard ACT/SAT on a date other than a national testing date.
- Disability must be documented by a physician.

**DIVISION II
ACADEMIC
ELIGIBILITY
REQUIREMENTS**

DIVISION II ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- #1: Graduate from high school.
- #2: Complete 16 core courses.
**All core courses completed before full-time enrollment may be used by the Eligibility Center.
- #3: Earn a 2.00 GPA in core courses.
- #4: Earn a combined SAT score of 820 or ACT sum score of 68. **There will be a sliding scale for the Class of 2018.**

3 years of English
2 years of Math (Algebra I or higher)
2 years of Natural or Physical Science (including 1 year of lab if offered by HS)
3 extra years of English, Math, Natural/Physical Science
2 years of Social Science
4 years of additional coursework from any category above or foreign language, nondoctrinal religion or philosophy

CERTIFICATION STATUS

- **QUALIFIER**

- Meets all academic requirements (high school graduation, 16 core courses, GPA, test score)
- Can practice, compete and receive athletics aid during first year of college

- **PARTIAL QUALIFIER**

- Does not meet all the academic requirements, but has graduated from high school AND meets one of the following:
 - Combined SAT score of 820 or ACT sum score of 68; OR
 - Completion of 16 core courses with a 2.000 core course GPA
- Can practice and receive athletics aid during first year of enrollment. Cannot compete during first year

CERTIFICATION STATUS

- **NON-QUALIFIER**

- Does not graduate from high school, or, if the student graduated and is missing both the core courses GPA or minimum number of core courses and the required ACT or SAT scores
- Cannot practice, compete or receive athletics aid during the first year of enrollment. Student can receive need-based financial aid

EARLY ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION

- Early Academic Certification
 - A student will be certified as a qualifier, provided he/she has achieved the following academic criteria:
 - Earned a minimum combined score on the SAT of 1000 or a minimum sum score on the ACT of 85; and
 - Earned a core-course GPA of 3.00 or higher in a minimum of 12 core courses upon completion of 6 semesters. The 12 core courses must include the following: 3 English, 2 math, 2 natural/physical science and 5 additional courses

**DIVISION III
ACADEMIC
ELIGIBILITY
REQUIREMENTS**

DIVISION III ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- No NCAA eligibility requirements.
- Student must meet the DIII school's admissions requirements to be eligible.
- Division III does not use the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Students should contact the Division III college regarding its policies on admission, financial aid, practice and competition.

NCAA SUMMARY – ELIGIBILITY

- All students planning to participate in Division I or II athletics as a freshman must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Students must receive both an academic AND amateurism certification.
- Division I: High school graduation, 16 core courses, core GPA/test score sliding scale.
- Division II: High school graduation, 16 core courses, 2.00 core GPA, 820 SAT or 68 ACT
- Division III: Students are not certified by Eligibility Center.

NCAA RECRUITING – DIVISION I

DIVISION I RECRUITING

- When, how often, and through what methods prospective student-athletes can be contacted depends on the sport
- Prospective student-athletes (recruit/student) can call athletic department staff members at any time, but the staff member cannot return the call until after the permissible date

DIVISION I RECRUITING

Football

- **Telephone Calls:**
 - One telephone call between April 15 and May 31 of student's junior year
 - One telephone call per week after September 1 of student's senior year
 - Unlimited phone calls during a contact period in the senior year (December/January)
- **No text messages until student has signed an NLI**
- **No off-campus contact until after July 1 prior to the senior year**
- **Recruiting materials (and emails) may be sent beginning September 1 of student's junior year**

DIVISION I RECRUITING

Men's Basketball

- **Telephone calls and text messaging**
 - Unlimited beginning June 15 after the student's sophomore year in high school
- **Off-campus contact can begin with the opening day of classes of the student's junior year**
- **Recruiting materials (and emails) may be sent beginning June 15 after student's sophomore year**

DIVISION I RECRUITING

Women's Basketball

- **Telephone calls and text messaging**
 - Unlimited beginning September 1 of the student's junior year in high school
- **Off-campus contact can begin September 1 of the student's junior year**
- **Recruiting materials may be sent via regular or electronic mail beginning September 1 of the student's junior year**

DIVISION I RECRUITING

Men's Ice Hockey

- **Telephone calls and text messaging**
 - Unlimited beginning January 1 of student's sophomore year in high school
- **Off-campus contact can be made after June 15 after student's sophomore year**
- **Emails and printed recruiting materials may be sent beginning January 1 of student's sophomore year**

DIVISION I RECRUITING

Cross Country/Track & Field and Swimming/Diving

- One telephone call per week starting July 1 following completion of the student's junior year
- No off-campus contact until after July 1 following the student's junior year
- Recruiting materials and emails may be sent beginning September 1 of student's junior year
- No texts or instant messages may be sent until after the student signs a financial aid agreement with the school

DIVISION I RECRUITING

All Other Sports

(Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Golf, Tennis, etc.)

- Unlimited phone calls and text messages beginning September 1 of the student's junior year
- No off-campus contact until after July 1 following the student's junior year
- Recruiting materials and emails may be sent beginning September 1 of the student's junior year

DIVISION I RECRUITING

Campus Visits

Unofficial Visits

- Student receives no expenses (meals, travel, lodging) from the university
- No limit on the number of unofficial visits and can happen at any time

Official Visits

- University pays some or all of the student's expenses relating to the visit
- Student is limited to one official visit per institution and a total of 5 official visits to Division I schools
- Visits can't be made until after 1st day of student's senior year
 - Men's Basketball: January 1 of junior year
 - Women's Basketball: Late April of junior year

**NCAA
RECRUITING –
DIVISION II**

DIVISION II RECRUITING

- Rules are the same for all sports
- June 15 after student's sophomore year:
 - Recruiting materials (Printed or Email)
 - Off-campus contact
 - Unlimited telephone calls and texts
- Official visits can be made beginning June 15 after the sophomore year

**NCAA
RECRUITING –
DIVISION III**

DIVISION III RECRUITING

- No limitations on the number of telephone calls beginning with student's freshman year
- No limitations on printed recruiting materials
- Off-campus contact can occur after conclusion of the student's junior year
- Official visits can be made after the student's first day of classes in senior year

HELPFUL INFORMATION

- **Eligibility Center website:**
www.eligibilitycenter.org
- **NCAA website:** www.ncaa.org
 - Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete
 - (Spanish version is also available)
 - Transfer Guide for Divisions I/II/III
 - www.2point3.org

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

NCAA Eligibility Center
Certification Processing
P.O. Box 7136
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7136

Website: www.eligibilitycenter.org
www.2point3.org
www.ncaa.org/playcollegesports

Customer Service Hours:

8:30 a.m.- 6 p.m. Monday-Friday

U.S. Callers (Toll-Free): 877.262.1492

International Callers (Toll-Free): 317.223.0700

Fax Number: 317.968.5100

RESOURCES

The screenshot shows the NCAA Eligibility Center website in an Internet Explorer browser window. The URL is http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA_EMS.html#. The website features a navigation menu with links for Welcome, About the NCAA, Divisions, Sports, For Parents, Resources, and Contact Us. A login box is visible in the top right corner with fields for Username (e-mail) and Password or PIN, and buttons for LOGIN, NEW ACCOUNT, and GO. A mobile phone is shown on the left side of the page with the text "Registered? If not, click below to get started." and the AT&T logo. A collage of notes and images is overlaid on the page. A large note reads: "Welcome to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Your student-athlete experience begins here. At this site, you'll find the tools and information you need to begin your college experience. Explore this site to learn more about the NCAA, its athletics divisions, its sports and other information. Click on the phone or use the login box in the top right corner to complete your registration for eligibility." A checklist note lists: "Checklist: • Create account • Complete registration". A yellow note says: "CLASS OF 2016 AND BEYOND... Initial-eligibility standards are changing. CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE". A calendar is visible in the background with dates 20, 23, 26, 27, 28, and 30. A photo of a male athlete in a blue shirt is also present. Three green arrows point from the collage towards the "Resources" link in the navigation menu. Social media links for Twitter and Facebook are at the bottom left, and a "Buffering..." indicator is at the bottom right.

NCAA Eligibility Center

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NAIA

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS**

WHAT IS THE NAIA?

- The NAIA is an intercollegiate athletics association similar to the NCAA
- Only has 13 sports
 - Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Football, Soccer
 - Cross Country/Track & Field, Swimming/Diving, Golf, Tennis, Wrestling
- Schools do offer athletic scholarships
- Local schools that are NAIA members:
 - Lindenwood University – Belleville
 - Missouri Baptist University
 - William Woods University

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

- NAIA Eligibility Center – similar to NCAA's
 - www.playnaia.org
 - \$70 Registration Fee
 - Can use NAIA Connections to get in contact with coaches/schools admissions offices
- Must receive an academic certification for eligibility
 - Must send high school transcripts and test scores
 - ACT/SAT Code: 9876

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

- In order to be eligible at an NAIA school as a freshman, a student must meet TWO of these requirements:

Test Score	GPA	Class Rank
Earn a minimum 18 ACT or 860 SAT	Earn a minimum 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale	Graduate in the top 50% of your class

- No core course requirement like NCAA
- Can receive a certification prior to graduation if you have a 3.0 GPA at the end of the junior year and have met the minimum test score requirement

NAIA RESOURCES

NAIA Eligibility Center

P.O. Box 15340

Kansas City, MO 64106

Website: www.naia.org

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Customer Service Hours:

8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday-Friday

U.S. Callers (Toll-Free): 866-881-6242

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QUESTIONS

