

# The NCAA Requirements for College Athletes

If a student wants to play on an NCAA team in college they must be the eligibility requirements for that team. The NCAA has three divisions: Division I, II or III. Each division has different eligibility requirements and scholarship opportunities.

All NCAA athletes must meet the initial eligibility requirements:

- Graduation from high school
  - Minimum core GPA
  - Minimum ACT or SAT I test score
- Completion of **14 core courses**.

*The CORE course requirements for Division I: With a minimum GPA of 2.00 and a SAT score of 1010 or ACT score of 86 (sum of all 4 scores)*

- 4 years of English
- 2 years of Math (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of science (physical and natural; one must be a lab)
- 1 year of additional English, Math or Science
- 2 years of social; studies
- 3 years of additional core courses
- 14 CORE courses

*The CORE course requirements for Division II: With a minimum GPA of 2.00 and SAT I score of 820 or ACT score of 68 (sum of all 4 scores)*

- 3 years of English
- 2 years of Math (at Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of science (physical and natural; one must be a lab)
- 2 year of additional English, Math or Science
- 2 years of social; studies
- 3 years of additional core courses
- 14 CORE courses

**All CORE courses MUST be on the approved list for the high school. The approved list of courses is available online at : [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)**

Students may register for the NCAA Clearinghouse at end of their junior year. To register a student must:

- Complete the NCAA registration form and pay the fee.
- Send their six-semester transcript to the NCAA
- Send their SAT I or ACT test scores to NCAA (ETS code #9999)