

NCAA 2011

The Athletic Arena

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National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

- The NCAA is a non-profit organization whose members include more than 1200 colleges and universities, conferences, and other organizations.
- One of its jobs is to enforce the rules which are made by the members of the NCAA.
- Athletic Eligibility is one of the “rules” that the NCAA must oversee.

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA)

- The NAIA is a non-profit organization whose members include more than 300 colleges and universities
- Its function is similar to the NCAA
- For more information visit www.naia.org

NCAA Eligibility Center

- The NCAA Eligibility Center is responsible for determining the eligibility of every college-bound student-athlete in NCAA Divisions I and II
- The Eligibility Center must make:
 - Academic Certification
 - Amateurism Certification

Examples of NCAA D I, II, III & NAIA Colleges

Division I

Pac 10

Big 10

Big 12

SEC

Notre Dame

Division II

Cal State LA

Cal State Chico

Sonoma State

San Francisco
State

UC San Diego

Division III

Grinnell College

CLU

Chapman

Occidental
College

UC Santa Cruz

NAIA

Azusa Pacific
University

Biola University

Westmount
University

**Master's
College**

Initial Eligibility for NCAA Division I & II Athletes

- Meet high school's graduation requirements
- Complete A-G requirements for admissions to college (UC/CSU)
 - Includes SAT, SAT II, or ACT *
- Complete NCAA Core Course Requirement
 - Division I 16 Core Courses
 - Division II 14 Core Courses
 - (16 Core Courses beginning in 2013)
- Earn Required GPA for NCAA Core Courses
 - Division I – use sliding scale with GPA & SAT/ACT scores
 - Division II – minimum of 2.000

CORE REQUIREMENTS

Graduation (High School)	A – G (Minimum UC/CSU requirements)	Division I (NCAA requirements)	Division II (NCAA requirements)
3 years Social Studies	'A' – 2 years History	2 years Social Studies	2 years Social Studies
4 years English	'B' – 4 years English	4 years English	3 years English
2 years Math (must include Alg I)	'C' – 3 years Math (Alg I and higher)	3 years Math (Alg I and higher)	2 years Math (Alg I and higher)
2 years Science	'D' – 2 years Lab Science	2 years Science (1 lab)	2 years Science (1 Lab)
1 year Fine Art	'E' – 2 years Foreign Lang	1 year additional English, Math, or Science	2 * (3) years additional English, Math, or Science
2 years PE	'F' – 1 year Visual or Performing Arts	4 years additional CP classes (from areas listed above, foreign language, or nondoctrinal religion)	3 * (4) years additional CP classes (from areas listed above, foreign language, or nondoctrinal religion)
1 semester Practical Art	'G' – 1 year CP Elective		
1 Health class			
Additional Electives		* Beginning in 2013/14, Divisions II will have the same number of Core Requirements as Division I	

Initial Eligibility for NCAA Division III & NAIA Athletes

■ D III

- Follow the college guidelines and deadlines for application submission.

■ NAIA

- Graduate from accredited high school
- A minimum score of 18 on the Enhanced ACT or 860 on the SAT
- Overall GPA of 2.0
- Graduate in the upper half of graduating class

Division III and NAIA Athletes

Division III and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes offer a unique experience for student athletes with benefits like close-knit communities and small class sizes, NAIA athletics offer:

- Some offer scholarships
- Seasonal play and championship opportunities
- Flexibility to transfer without missing a season of eligibility
- Focus on your education and character development
- Fewer recruiting restrictions
- Opportunities for regional and national athletic recognition
- For more info visit www.naia.org and www.collegestudentathletes.com

High School's Responsibilities

- Keep up NCAA Core Course Class List
- HELP students track core courses
- Send initial transcript after student completes their junior year
- Send the final transcript that confirms graduation from high school

Steps You Must Take to Participate in NCAA Division I or II Athletics

- Freshman and Sophomores **MUST**:
 - Start planning now!
 - Work hard to get the best grades possible
 - Take classes that match your high school's NCAA List of Approved Core Courses. The NCAA Eligibility Center will only use approved core courses to certify your initial eligibility.
 - You can access and print your high school's NCAA List of Approved Core Courses at www.eligibilitycenter.org and clicking "Resources" at the top of the screen.

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■ Juniors **MUST:**

- At the beginning of your junior year, log on to the Eligibility Center Web site at www.eligibilitycenter.org and register.
- Register to take the ACT, SAT, or both and use the Eligibility Center code “9999” as a score recipient.
- Double check to make sure that you are taking courses that match your high school’s NCAA List of Approved Core Courses.
- Request that your high school send an official transcript to the Eligibility Center after completing your junior year.
- Prior to registration for your senior year, check to determine the number of core courses that need to be completed your senior year.

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■ Seniors **MUST:**

- You may take the SAT and/or ACT as often as you feel necessary.
- The Eligibility Center will use the best scores from each section of the SAT or ACT to determine your best cumulative score.
- Continue to take core courses.
- Check to make sure that you are taking courses that match your high school's NCAA List of Approved Core Courses.
- Review your amateurism questionnaire responses and request final amateurism certification beginning April 1 (for fall enrollees) or October 1 (for spring enrollees).
- Continue to earn the best grades possible.
- Graduate on time (8 academic semesters).
- Make sure your high school sends your final transcripts to the Eligibility Center.

Early Certification

- If you meet the following criteria after six semesters, you will be certified as a qualifier:
 - Min SAT (math and critical reading) 1000 or minimum sum score of 85 on the ACT
 - For Div 1 Core-course GPA of 3.0 or higher in minimum of 13 core courses.
 - 3 English
 - 2 Math
 - 2 Science and
 - 6 additional core courses
 - For Div II Core Course GPA of 3.0 or higher of 12 core courses:
 - 3 English
 - 2 Math
 - 2 Science
 - 5 additional core courses.

Checklist for Student Athletes and their Parents

- Talk with your school's NCAA Representative to assure your compliance with the NCAA.
- Apply to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Do a Career Search.
- Talk to your coach about your interest in college sports.
- Take the ACT and/or SAT tests.
- Visit some of the schools you might want to attend.
- Review the NCAA *Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete* – posted on Eligibility Center web-site.
- Mail your college applications.

Student's Registration Process

- Online registration is the only method to register.
- Go to www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- Click on the “Phone.”
- Be walked through the registration process and answer all of the questions: 20 – 30 minutes.
- Create your on-line planner.
- Send in the \$65.
- Regularly update your planner.

Password

Forgot password

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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Divisions

About the NCAA

Checklist:

- Create account
- Complete registration



NCAA Eligibility Center

- Register www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Visit www.ncaa.org for more information.

Resources

- NCAA www.ncaa.org
- NCAA Eligibility Center www.eligibilitycenter.org
- NAIA www.naia.org
- College Board (SAT) www.collegeboard.org
- ACT www.actstudent.org
- Federal Financial Aid www.fafsa.gov
- Free Scholarship Info www.fastweb.com
- College Information www.californiacolleges.edu

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