

# NCAA Eligibility

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENT ATHLETES (NCAA FRESHMEN ELIGIBILITY):**

Many college athletic programs are regulated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), an organization founded in 1906 that has established rules on eligibility, recruiting and financial aid. The NCAA has three membership divisions -- Division I, Division II and Division III. Institutions are members of one or another division according to the size and scope of their athletic programs and whether they provide athletic scholarships.

If you are planning to enroll in college as a freshman and you wish to participate in Division I or Division II athletics, you must be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Center. The Center was established by the NCAA member institutions in January 1993. The Center ensures consistent application of NCAA initial-eligibility requirements for all prospective student athletes at all member institutions.

NYS Regents diploma requirements do not necessarily make a student eligible for participation in college level athletics. Eligibility requirements are clearly defined at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>. This can be a very complicated area and it is suggested that athletes and their parents refer to the website to have an understanding of the requirements. Prospective college athletes should register with the center at the beginning of their Sophomore year and request that a transcript be sent from the Student Service Center to the NCAA. Early on in their high school education (prior to sophomore year), students should be notifying their counselor that they are interested in playing a sport at a division I or II level so that appropriate course planning can be made in order to ensure the student will be academically eligible.

College-bound student-athletes will need to meet certain academic requirements to practice, receive athletics scholarships, and/or compete during their first year. Please visit [www.ncaa.org/student-athletes](http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes) for additional information. It is important that students speak with their counselor about their intent to play a Division I or II sport so that they can ensure students are in NCAA approved courses to meet eligibility requirements.

## **Division I Academic Requirements**

Core Course Requirement - 16 (Must be NCAA Approved Courses)

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Math
- 2 years of Natural/Physical Science (1 year of lab)
- 1 year of additional Math, English or Natural/Physical Science
- 2 years of Social Science
- 4 years of additional courses (any above area, Foreign Language or comparative religion/Philosophy)

For Division I, 10 of your 16 NCAA approved core course credits must be completed before the start of your seventh semester, including seven in English, math or science.

### **Grade Point Average**

The eligibility center calculates your core-course GPA based on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core courses.

- Division I requires a minimum 2.3 core-course GPA

## **Division II Academic Requirements**

Core Course Requirement - 16 (Must be NCAA Approved Courses)

- 3 years of English
- 2 years of Math
- 2 years of Natural/Physical Science (1 year of lab)
- 3 years of additional Math, English or Natural/Physical Science
- 2 years of Social Science
- 4 years of additional courses (any above area, Foreign Language or comparative religion/Philosophy)

### **Grade Point Average**

The eligibility center calculates your core-course GPA based on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core courses.

- Division II requires a minimum 2.2 core-course GPA

### **Test Scores**

In January 2023, NCAA Divisions I and II adopted legislation to remove standardized test scores from initial-eligibility requirements. Students should check with the NCAA school they plan to attend regarding whether standardized test scores are necessary for admission or scholarship requirements.

## **NCAA Approved Core Courses**

Numeric Grade Conversion

A = 91 - 100 (4.0)

B = 82 - 90 (3.0)

C = 73 - 81 (2.0)

D = 65 - 72 (1.0)

F = 0 - 64 (0.0)

East Approved Courses (Subject to change)

<u>English</u>	<u>Social Science</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Natural/Physical Science</u>	<u>Additional Core Courses</u>
English 9	Global History I	Algebra 1A (.5)	Adv Forensics (No Lab)	French I
English 10	Global History 1 Honors	Algebra 1B (.5)	AP Biology	French II
English 11	Global History 2	Enr Algebra 1 CC	AP Environmental Sci	French III
English 3 CC	US History	Algebra 1	Chemistry w/ lab	French IV
English 4	Part in Govt	Algebra 2 CC	AP Chemistry	French V
Creative Writing	Economics	Algebra 2A (.5 credit max)	Earth Sci Enr	Spanish I
English 9 Honors	AP World History	Algebra 2B (.5 credit max)	Earth Science w/ lab	Spanish II
English 10 Honors	AP US History	Geometry	Enriched Living Env	Spanish III
English 11 Honors	AP US Gov & Pol	Geometry CC	Forensics (No Lab)	Spanish IV
English 12 Honors	Enr Economics	Intro to Stats (.5)	Living Env/ Lab	Spanish V
Enr English 3 CC	Psychology	AP Statistics	Physics w/ Lab	
Enr English 4	Sociology	AP Calculus	Physics AP	
AP Eng Lit & Comp	Adv Sociology	Precalculus	Science 21 <sup>st</sup> Century (No Lab)	
Hero Legend Lore	Adv Human Behavior	NU Statistics	HC Forensics	
Sports Adv Lit Writing	AP Gov & Enr Econ	Math Applications	Liv Env Honors	
Wicked Fiction		Honors Geometry		

West Approved Courses (Subject to change)

<u>English</u>	<u>Social Science</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Natural/Physical Science</u>	<u>Additional Core Courses</u>
AP English Lit & Comp	Adv Human Behavior	Algebra 1	Adv Forensics	French I
Comm Skills 21st Century	Adv Sociology	Algebra 1A (.5)	AP Biology	French II
English 1 CC	AP Gov & Politics	Algebra 1B CC (.5)	AP Chemistry	French III
English 2 CC	AP US History	Algebra 2 CC	Chemistry w/ lab	French IV
English 3 CC	Business & Criminal Law	Algebra 2A CC (.5)	Gen Chemistry	French V

English 4	Economics	Algebra 2B CC (.5)	Earth Science w/ lab	Spanish I
Enr English 1 CC	Global History 1	AP Calculus	Enriched Living Env	Spanish II
Enr English 2 CC	Global History 1 Honors	NU Statistics	Forensics	Spanish III
Enr English 3CC	Global History 2	Pre Calculus	Living Env/ Lab	Spanish IV
Enr English 4	Participation in Govt	Geometry	Physics w/ Lab	Spanish V
Enr English 4 CC	AP World History	Geometry CC	Physics AP	
English 9	US History	Intro to Statistics (.5)	Science 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	
English 9 Honors	AP Economics	Geometry Honors	LSA Anatomy & Physiology	
English 10		Enr Geometry CC	LSA Biotech Eng.	
English 10 Honors		Algebra 1 CC		
Wicked Fiction				
Heroes Legend & Lore				
Sports Adv. Writing				