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NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

For International College-Bound Student-Athletes



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AGENDA

- » Understanding the U.S. System.
- » NCAA Eligibility Center.
- » Choosing an NCAA School.
- » Registration is Required.
- » Core Courses.
- » Grade Point Average (GPA).
- » Certification Outcomes.
 - Division I.
 - Division II.
- » Resources.



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UNDERSTANDING THE U.S. SYSTEM

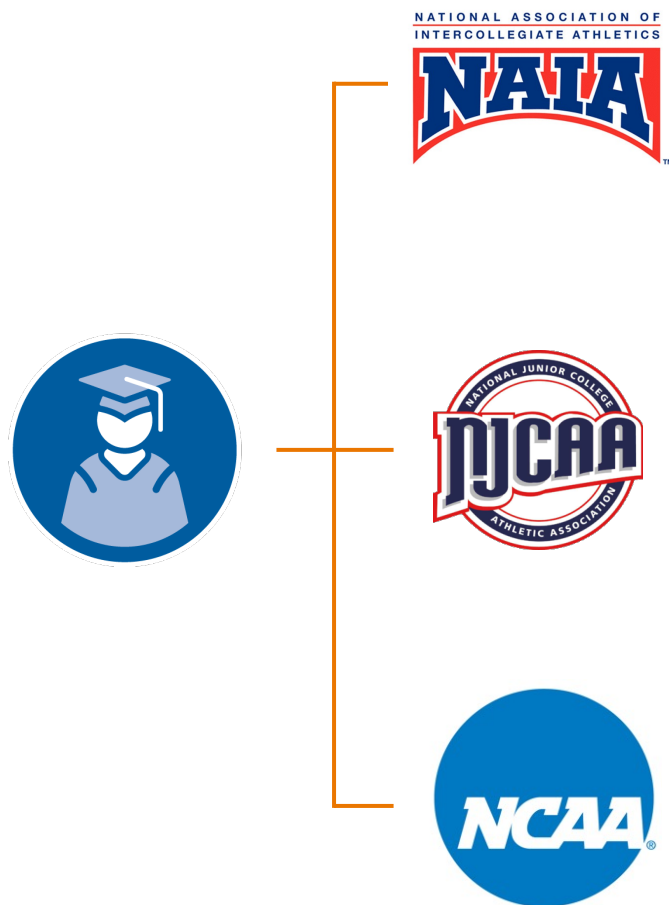




WHAT IS THE NCAA?

- » A governing body for university sports in the U.S.
- » NCAA's rules/requirements are made by NCAA member schools who are a part of the NCAA.
 - Nearly 1,100 colleges/universities.
 - NCAA's job: Apply those rules fairly and consistently to ensure a fair and equitable playing environment for all student-athlete and school.

U.S. COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



- » NCAA is just one of a few different university sports governing bodies in the U.S.
- » NCAA is made up of three divisions: I, II and III.
- » Schools do not move up or down in divisions (they remain at their divisional level).

U.S. COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



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- » NCAA Eligibility Center is only associated with the NCAA.
- » Eligibility Center registration is required for sports participation at any NCAA school.



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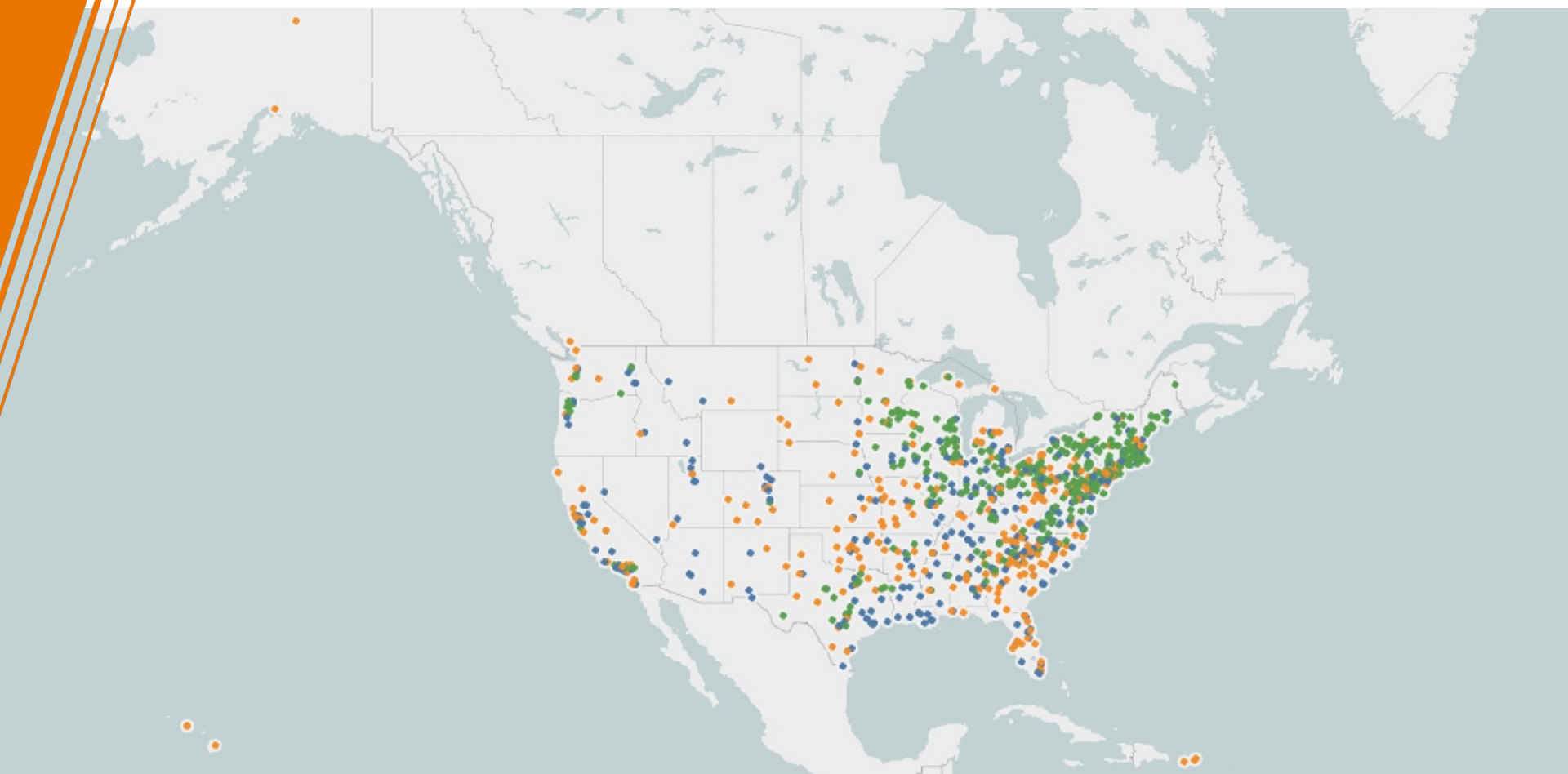
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- » **Who are we?** A unit within the NCAA.
- » **What do we provide?** Certification of college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition.
- » **What do we review?**
 - Academic requirements.
 - Amateurism requirements.














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CHOOSING AN NCAA SCHOOL

NCAA THREE DIVISIONS

DIVISION	 DIVISION I	 DIVISION II <i>MAKE IT YOURS</i>	 DIVISION III <small>DISCOVER DEVELOP DEDICATE</small>
NUMBER OF SCHOOLS*	351 (33%)	296 (27%)	433 (40%)
MEDIAN UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT	8,449	2,300	1,655
STUDENTS WHO ARE ATHLETES	1 in 22 	1 in 9 	1 in 6 
AVERAGE NUMBER OF TEAMS PER SCHOOL	19	16	19
PERCENTAGE OF NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETES IN EACH DIVISION			
ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS	Multiyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available 58% of athletes receive athletics aid	Partial athletics scholarship model 67% of athletes receive athletics aid	No athletics scholarships 80% of athletes receive nonathletics aid



NCAA SPORTS

FALL SPORTS

MEN:

Cross
Country
Football
Soccer
Water Polo

WOMEN:

Cross
Country
Field Hockey
Soccer
Volleyball

WINTER SPORTS

MEN:

Basketball
Fencing
Gymnastics
Ice Hockey
Indoor Track
and Field
Rifle
Skiing
Swimming
and Diving
Wrestling

WOMEN:

Basketball
Bowling
Fencing
Gymnastics
Ice Hockey
Indoor Track
and Field
Rifle
Skiing
Swimming
and Diving

SPRING SPORTS

MEN:

Baseball
Golf
Lacrosse
Outdoor Track
and Field
Tennis
Volleyball

WOMEN:

Beach
Volleyball
Golf
Lacrosse
Outdoor
Track
and Field
Rowing
Softball
Tennis
Water Polo

EMERGING SPORTS

WOMEN:

Acrobatics
and Tumbling
Equestrian
(Divisions I and II only)
Rugby
Stunt (Division II only)
Triathlon
Wrestling



HOW DO I APPLY FOR A SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP?

- » Sports scholarships are not “applied” for.
- » Coaches recruit for their school’s program based on performance/position needs.
- » Recruiting will vary from school to school.
- » Full/partial scholarships.



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**FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETE
EXPERIENCE**



CHOOSING AN NCAA SCHOOL



School Size



School Location



**Majors
and Minors**



**Cost of
Attendance**



**Admission
Requirements**



**Culture
and Affiliations**



**Student-to-
Faculty Ratio**



Playing Time

» Use this [interactive map](#) to locate NCAA schools you're interested in attending.



SCHOLARSHIPS BY SPORT

Only about **2% of secondary school-athletes** are awarded athletics scholarships to compete at university.

- » Academic scholarships.
- » Athletics scholarships.
- » Expectations.
 - Annual scholarships.
 - Full scholarships.
 - Partial scholarships.
 - Scholarship renewals.





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RECRUITING



ARE YOU BEING RECRUITED?

» You're being recruited if a university coach:



Calls



Texts



Emails



**Messages via
Social Media**



**Visits Your
Secondary School**



**Pays Expenses
to Visit Campus**



**Issues National
Letter of Intent**



**Writes Offer
of Financial Aid**

» Recruiting can begin as early as year 9.

- In most cases, recruiting starts before year 11.



INSTITUTIONAL REQUEST LIST

- » An IRL is a list of college-bound student-athletes an NCAA school is interested in recruiting.
 - You **must** be on an NCAA school's IRL to receive an Eligibility Center certification.
 - > Receive athletics aid.
 - > Practice.
 - > Compete.



RECRUITING CALENDARS

NCAA Division I and II recruiting calendars promote your well-being and ensure fairness among schools by defining certain periods during the year in which recruiting may or may not occur in a particular sport.

Division, Sport and Grade Level Determines Recruiting Activities*			
Contact Period	Evaluation Period	Quiet Period	Dead Period
College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.
College coaches may watch you compete.	College coaches may watch you compete.	College coaches may not watch you compete.	College coaches may not watch you compete.
College coaches may visit your high school.	College coaches may visit your high school.	College coaches may not visit your high school.	College coaches may not visit your high school.
College coaches may have face-to-face contact with you and your family.	College coaches may not have face-to-face contact with you or your family off the college's campus.	College coaches may only have face-to-face contact with you and your family on the college's campus.	College coaches may not have face-to-face contact with you or your family.

To view your division- and sport-specific recruiting calendar visit on.ncaa.com/RecruitCal.



QUESTIONS TO ASK NCAA COACHES

- » Additional team responsibilities.
- » Athletic training and medical expenses.
- » Coaching philosophy and style.
- » Degree completion support.
- » Injuries and rehabilitation.
- » Mental health resources.
- » Playing time:
 - Am I a top seed, five seed or standby recruit?
 - Are there any redshirt expectations?
- » Scholarship renewals:
 - Will I receive a full or partial scholarship?
 - If I'm injured will my scholarship remain?
- » Team time demands.



RECRUITING BEST PRACTICES

- » Talk with your support system about what level of competition they think you should aim for.
- » Check your email often for open Eligibility Center tasks.
- » Use this [interactive map](#) to locate NCAA schools you're interested in attending.
 - Research admission requirements to NCAA schools you're interested in attending.
- » Research your division- and sport-specific recruiting periods.



RECRUITING BEST PRACTICES

- » Consider elite travel teams and camps.
- » Email college coaches during your sport's contact period to share your achievements and your interest.
 - Include your name, position and [NCAA ID](#).



Your Name

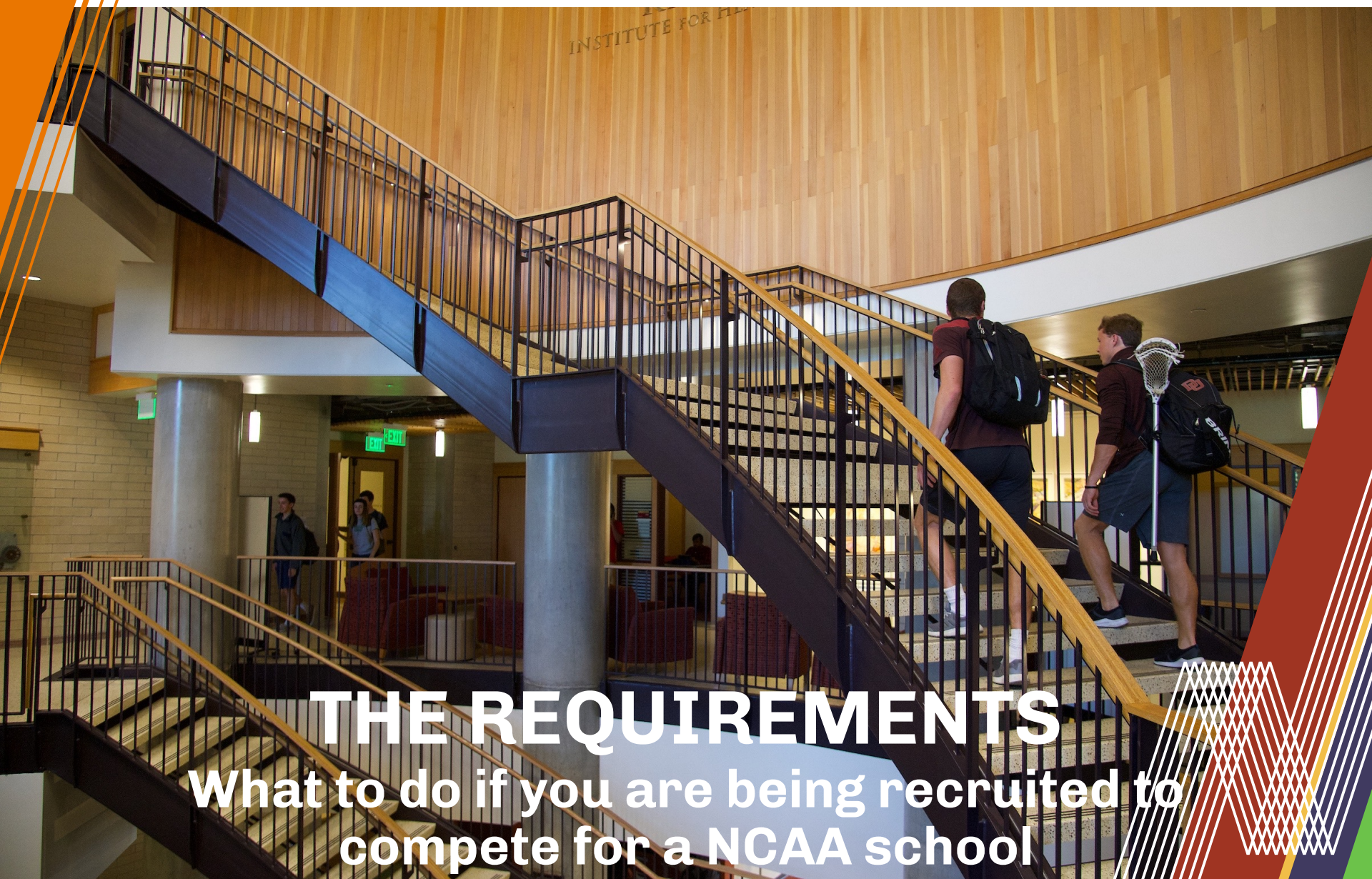
NCAA ID: 1234567890

Grad: MM/YYYY | Enroll: SEASON YYYY

- » If possible, take official and unofficial visits.
 - Review school websites and take virtual campus tours to learn more about NCAA schools.
- » Conduct yourself in a positive manner in class, practices and games, at home, in your community and online.



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THE REQUIREMENTS

What to do if you are being recruited to compete for a NCAA school



THREE REQUIREMENTS TO PLAY UNIVERSITY SPORTS



**Secondary School
Graduation**



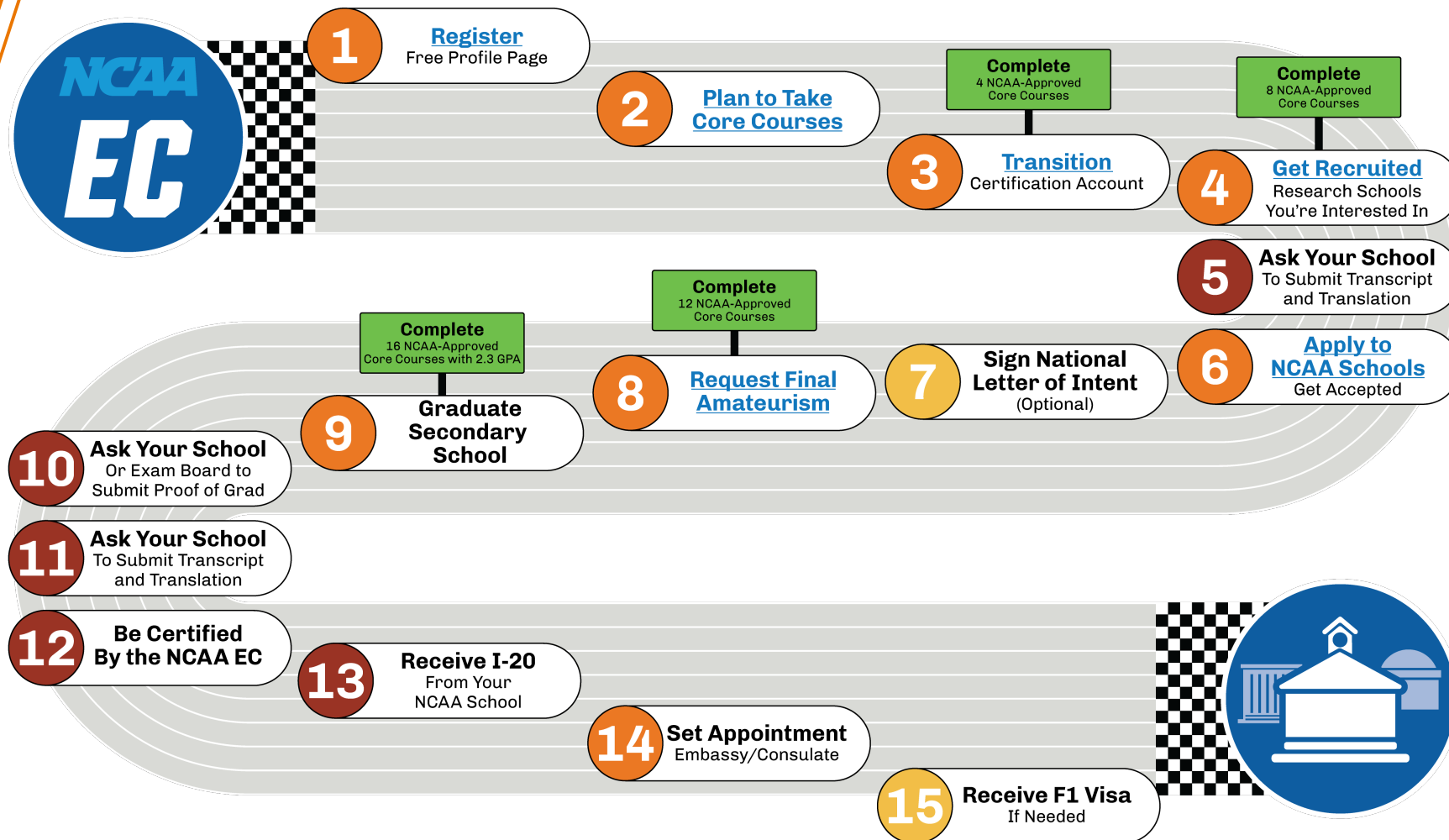
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**University
Admission**



KEEP YOUR CERTIFICATION ON TRACK





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WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

Creating an account is the first step toward becoming an NCAA student-athlete



REGISTER

NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR
SCHOOL IS IN?

[Learn more](#) or [search NCAA schools](#).

NCAA REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Register Before Year 9

NCAA REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Three Account Types



**Free Profile Page
Account**



**Academic
and Amateurism
Certification Account**



**Amateurism-Only
Certification Account**



FREE PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT

Account Type #1



The right place to start for most students!

- » Not sure in which division you plan to compete.
- » Domestic students planning to compete at a [Division III school](#).
- » Registering in an NCAA-certified nonscholastic basketball event ([BBCS](#), ECAG, AAU).



No registration fee.



[Transition](#) to the right [certification account](#) at any time.



ACADEMIC AND AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #2



Required to compete at a Division I or II school.

- » Go on [official visits](#).
- » Sign a [National Letter of Intent](#).
- » Receive an athletics scholarship.



Registration fee:

- » [Domestic students](#): \$100.
- » [International students](#): \$160.



AMATEURISM-ONLY CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #3



Required for all [international student-athletes](#) planning to compete at a Division III school.



Registration fee:
» \$70.



Student-athletes transferring from a two-year school to an NCAA Division I or II school who did not require an Eligibility Center academic certification.



REMEMBER

» If you have an Eligibility Center certification account check to see if you meet [fee waiver criteria](#).



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CORE COURSES



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COURSE TITLE USAGE GUIDE

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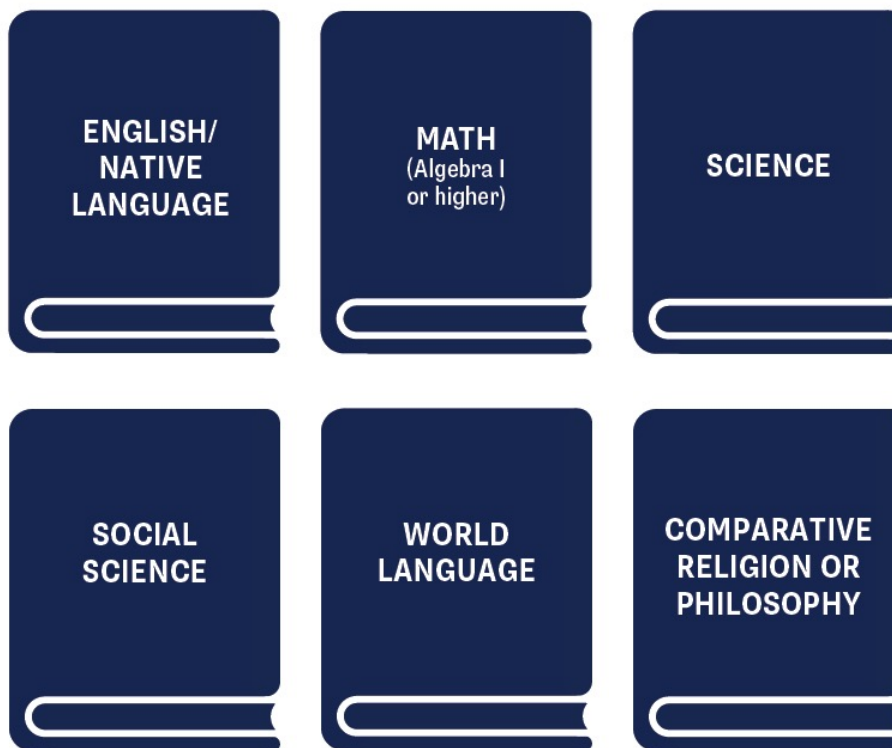


Find NCAA-Approved
Core Courses



WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

» Meets all requirements for an [NCAA-approved core course](#).



» Visit on.ncaa.com/IntlCTUsage to find core courses.



DIVISION I: 16 CORE-COURSE UNITS

» Complete 16 core-course units in eight academic semesters.

ENGLISH/
NATIVE
LANGUAGE

4 credits

MATH
(Algebra I
or higher)

3 credits

SCIENCE

2 credits

EXTRA
(English/native
language, math
or science)

1 credit

SOCIAL
SCIENCE

2 credits

OTHER
Any area listed
or courses listed
in additional discipline
(world language,
comparative religion
or philosophy)

4 credits



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COUNTRY-SPECIFIC RESOURCES

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Find Your
Country-Specific
Webpage



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STUDENT-ATHLETES

International Country-Specific Information

This page has been designed to provide specific NCAA initial-eligibility information for more than 150 individual countries. Countries are listed below by their region alphabetically. Click on the desired country to view the available information, resources and student profiles.

For a comprehensive resource that includes the academic requirements and documentation for all the countries listed here, please refer to the [NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility_\(PDF\)](#).

- [Africa](#)
- [Asia](#)
- [Caribbean](#)
- [Central America](#)
- [Europe](#)
- [Middle East](#)
- [North America](#)
- [Oceania](#)
- [South America](#)



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BACKGROUND	
Academic Calendar	March/April-December
What is year nine called?	3°
Where is year nine typically located?	Third year of upper secondary school
Native Language(s)	Spanish
GRADUATION TIMELINE	
6 + 5 = 11	11 years total: six years primary and five years of secondary

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation:

1. Bachillerato/Bachiller Profesional [Professional Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

2. Certificado Oficial de Estudios de Educación Secundaria Comun-Quinto año [Official Certificate of Studies of Common Secondary Education- fifth year]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

3. Bachillerato Técnico [Technical Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school

4. Diploma de Aptitud Profesional [Diploma of Professional Competency]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Upper secondary school



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GRADE-POINT AVERAGE



UNDERSTANDING U.S. GRADE POINT AVERAGE

U.S. GPA SCALE

A = 4.0

B = 3.0

C = 2.0

D = 1.0

F = 0.0





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A close-up photograph of a person wearing a green athletic shirt, holding a pair of bright pink and black running shoes. The person's face is partially visible in the background, looking down at the shoes. The shoes have black stripes and pink laces. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the shoes and the person's hands.

CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

Divisions I and II



Division I CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

1. [Early Academic Qualifier.](#)
2. [Qualifier.](#)
3. [Academic Redshirt.](#)
4. [Nonqualifier.](#)





DIVISION I: QUALIFIER



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



Meet core-course progression before the seventh semester.

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



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: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT



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



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.0 in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » First Year Athletics Aid.
- » First Term Practice.



DIVISION I: NONQUALIFIER



Nonqualifiers are not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete their first year at an NCAA Division I school.

» ~~Athletics Aid.~~

» ~~Practice.~~

» ~~Compete.~~



Division II CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

1. [Early Academic Qualifier.](#)
2. [Qualifier.](#)
3. [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.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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



DIVISION II: PARTIAL QUALIFIER

College-bound student-athletes that do not meet Division II qualifier standards will be deemed a partial qualifier.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.



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INTERNATIONAL INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY FLYER

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**International
Initial-Eligibility
Requirements**



DIVISION III

- » Each Division III school determines its own eligibility for:
 - Academic requirements.
 - Admission.
 - Financial aid.
- » **International student-athletes** who plan to compete at a Division III school must complete an NCAA Eligibility Center Amateurism-Only Certification account.
- » Domestic student-athletes who plan to compete at a Division III school may register for a free Profile Page account, but it is not required.



UNIVERSITY ADMISSION

- » Apply and be accepted to the NCAA school before you can compete.
 - NCAA certification does **NOT** include acceptance to the NCAA school recruiting you.
- » Ask university admission about:
 - Cost of attendance.
 - Financial aid.
 - Standardized test scores.
 - > May be required for college admission or scholarships.
 - > NOT required for NCAA certification.
 - For more questions to ask, visit on.ncaa.com/ChoosingCollege.



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A full-page background image of a male boxer in a red and white singlet with "USA" and "NCAA" patterns, clapping his hands and celebrating in a boxing ring. The text "SUBMITTING ACADEMIC RECORDS" is overlaid in large white letters at the bottom.

SUBMITTING ACADEMIC RECORDS



WHAT TO SUBMIT

- » All academic records for school years nine and up in the ***native language***.
- » Translations:
 - Must be certified line-by-line English translations.
- » Proof of graduation:
 - Exam certificates/diplomas, etc.
 - See the [Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility](#) for a list of acceptable options from your country/system.
 - Also linked on your [country-specific webpage](#).

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation

1. *Baccalauréat/Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire* [Secondary Education Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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WHAT TO SUBMIT

- » Ask your school to submit certified copies of your academic documents (and translated documents, if applicable).
 - Submit certified copies only.
 - Eligibility Center cannot return documents.
- » If English is not the native language, certified copies must be submitted along with the certified copies in the native language.
- » A professor of the language at the NCAA school recruiting you may provide a line-by-line English translation with a signed cover letter (on school letterhead).
- » A qualified translator can create word-for-word, line-by-line translations of your certified documents.



HOW/WHERE TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTS

Submission Methods

» Email:

- ec-processing@ncaa.org: Only for international high schools, ministry offices and issuing bodies; translation services.
- Student-athlete can email documents from address listed in their EC account.
([Option expires April 30, 2024.](#))

» Mail: Only for school, governing body or entity, NCAA school or translation service.



STANDARDIZED 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.
- » **However**, colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores.



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A large, stylized NCAA logo in white on a blue background, surrounded by a dark blue field with white lines and scattered colorful confetti (teal, orange, yellow).

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RESOURCES



NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

- » By signing a NLI, you're agreeing to attend a Division I or II school for one academic year.
- » NLI is voluntary and ends the recruiting process.
- » Athletics financial aid is provided for a minimum of one academic year.
 - You must be admitted to the NCAA school.
 - You must be eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules.
- » For more NLI information, visit nationalletter.org.





TRANSFER STUDENTS

- » Understand the transfer rules, options and potential consequences before choosing to transfer.
- » Depending on your university experience, you may be able to compete as soon as you transfer, or you might have to be enrolled for one academic year at your new school before competing.
- » Resources:
 - [Guide for Two-Year Transfers.](#)
 - [Guide for Four-Year Transfers.](#)
 - For more transfer information, visit on.ncaa.com/Transfer.



NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS

- » NCAA student-athletes can benefit from their NIL.
- » For more resources:
 - Visit ncaa.org/nil.
 - Contact your future NCAA school's compliance office.
 - Follow the Eligibility Center on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#).



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- » [Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility.](#)
- » [International Initial-Eligibility Flyer.](#)
- » [Course Title Usage Guide.](#)
- » [Policy for Awarding Credit for International Academic Certification.](#)
- » Register at eligibilitycenter.org.
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QUESTIONS?



**Take a Short Survey
on How We Did Today**



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GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC STANDARDS

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Academic Standards
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Contact the Eligibility Center



**Connect with the
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» International students (including Quebec).

- Ec-international@ncaa.org.

» U.S. and Canadian students.

- 877-262-1492.

- > Monday-Friday.

- > 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard time.



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