

Want to Play Sports in College?

A summary of NCAA/NAIA eligibility, the recruiting process, etc.



What is the NCAA?

NCAA FAST FACTS

- ▶ 1,117 colleges and universities.
- ▶ 100 athletics conferences.
- ▶ 40 affiliated organizations.
- ▶ Almost half a million student-athletes.
- ▶ 19,500 teams.
- ▶ 90 championships.
- ▶ 24 sports.
- ▶ Three divisions.



- ▶ NCAA members and the national office are dedicated to the lifelong success of college athletes. They are committed to providing a pathway to opportunity by prioritizing academics, well-being and fairness for student-athletes.

NCAA D1/D2 Eligibility Requirements

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To play sports at a Division I or II school, you must graduate from high school, complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses, earn a minimum GPA and earn an ACT or SAT score that matches your core-course GPA.

CORE COURSES

Visit eligibilitycenter.org/courselist for a full list of your high school's approved core courses. Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

DIVISION I

Complete 10 NCAA core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before your seventh semester.

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	2 years	4 years

DIVISION II

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
3 years	2 years	2 years	3 years	2 years	4 years

*GPA:

Calculated based on the grades you earned in your NCAA-approved core courses.

*2.3 or take a knee!!

***Send your test scores to NCAA** (code: 9999). You can send them all; they'll take the best ones.

DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			
Core GPA	New SAT ⁺	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
3.550	400	400	37
3.525	410	410	38
3.500	430	420	39
3.475	440	430	40
3.450	460	440	41
3.425	470	450	41
3.400	490	460	42
3.375	500	470	42
3.350	520	480	43
3.325	530	490	44
3.300	550	500	44
3.275	560	510	45
3.250	580	520	46
3.225	590	530	46

DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			
Core GPA	New SAT ⁺	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
2.750	810	720	59
2.725	820	730	60
2.700	830	740	61
2.675	840	750	61
2.650	850	760	62
2.625	860	770	63
2.600	860	780	64
2.575	870	790	65
2.550	880	800	66
2.525	890	810	67
2.500	900	820	68
2.475	910	830	69
2.450	920	840	70
2.425	930	850	70

DIVISION III INITIAL- ELIGIBILITY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Each Division III college or university determines its own eligibility for:
 - ▶ Admission.
 - ▶ Financial aid.
 - ▶ Practice and competition.
- ▶ The NCAA Eligibility Center does not perform certifications for Division III college-bound student-athletes.
- ▶ Division III student-athletes may register for a free Profile Page and receive information, but it is not required.

Eligibility Center Registration

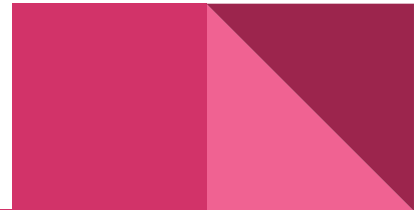
TWO ACCOUNT TYPES

► **Certification Account**

- Division I or Division II students.
- Domestic fee \$90.
- International fee \$150.
- Account information, school and sports history.
- Required for signing a National Letter of Intent (NLI) with a Division I or Division II NCAA school.
- Required to go on an official visit to an NCAA Division I or Division II school.

► **Profile Page**

- Undecided students.
- Division III students.
- No fee.
- Account information and school history.
- Can transition to a Certification Account at any time.
- Will not receive an academic or amateurism certification.



So what about NAIA?

NAIA by the numbers

65K

Student-Athletes

250

Schools

\$600M

in Scholarships

21

Conferences

26

Championships

NAIA eligibility requirements

To be academically eligible, the eligibility center requires that incoming freshmen meet two of the following three criteria. Transfer students or those who took a break between high school and college will need to fulfill additional requirements, which we've outlined on our [NAIA eligibility requirements page](#).

- Achieve a minimum of 16 on the ACT or 860 on the SAT*
- Achieve a minimum overall high school grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Graduate in the top half of their high school class.



Register with PlayNAIA.org

PlayNAIA.org helps future student-athletes discover and connect with NAIA schools, coaches and athletic scholarships. PlayNAIA is also the official clearinghouse for NAIA eligibility. Every student-athlete must register with the NAIA Eligibility Center to play sports at an NAIA college or university.

Questions?

- ▶ Contact the NCAA Eligibility Center
 - ▶ 317-917-6222
 - ▶ 877-262-1492 (toll free)
 - ▶ 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday

How do I contact the NAIA?

Families can contact the customer relations team Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 5 pm CT at

- **NAIA Eligibility Center phone number:** 1-816-595-8300
- **Email:** ECinfo@naia.org (U.S. students); ECinternational@naia.org (international students)
- **Twitter:** @PlayNAIA

Creating your NCAA Profile

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

Other Resources

Official NCAA Site: [NCAA.org](https://www.ncaa.org)

Find an NCAA School: <http://www.ncaa.org/about/who-we-are/search-school>

NCAA Recruiting Calendars:

<http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/resources/recruiting-calendars/division-i-and-ii-recruiting-calendars>

Official NAIA Site: <https://www.naia.org/landing/index>

Find an NAIA School: <https://www.naia.org/schools/index>

