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# **NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY**

## **For College-Bound Student-Athletes**



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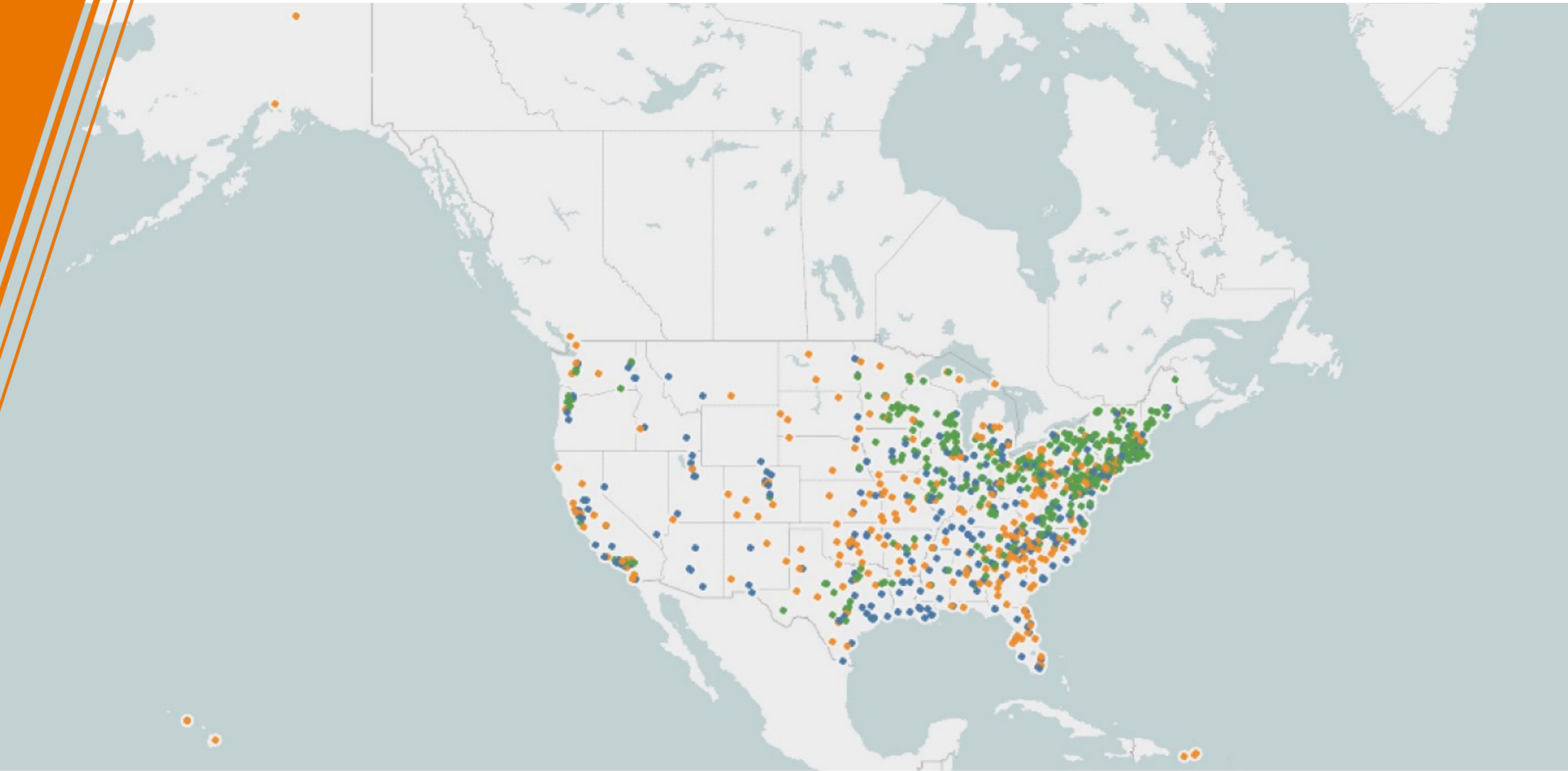
# NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

- » **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	 36%	 25%	 39%
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





# 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.



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# THREE REQUIREMENTS TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS



**High School  
Graduation**



**NCAA  
Initial Eligibility**



**College  
Admission**



## COLLEGE 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 college 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](https://on.ncaa.com/ChoosingCollege).





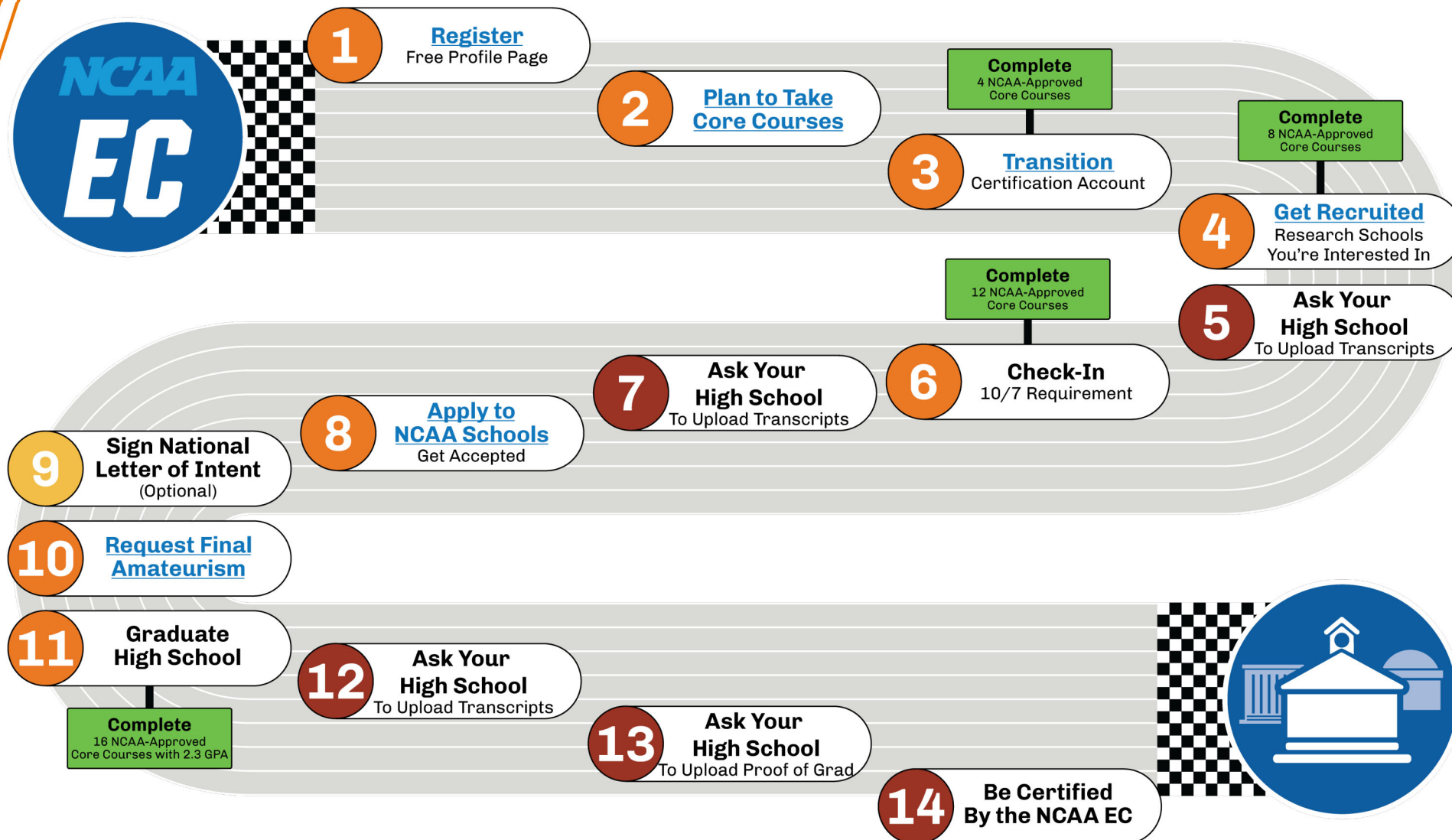
# SCHOLARSHIPS BY SPORT

Only about **2% of high school-athletes** are awarded athletics scholarships to compete in college.

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



# 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 Freshman Year





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# 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.



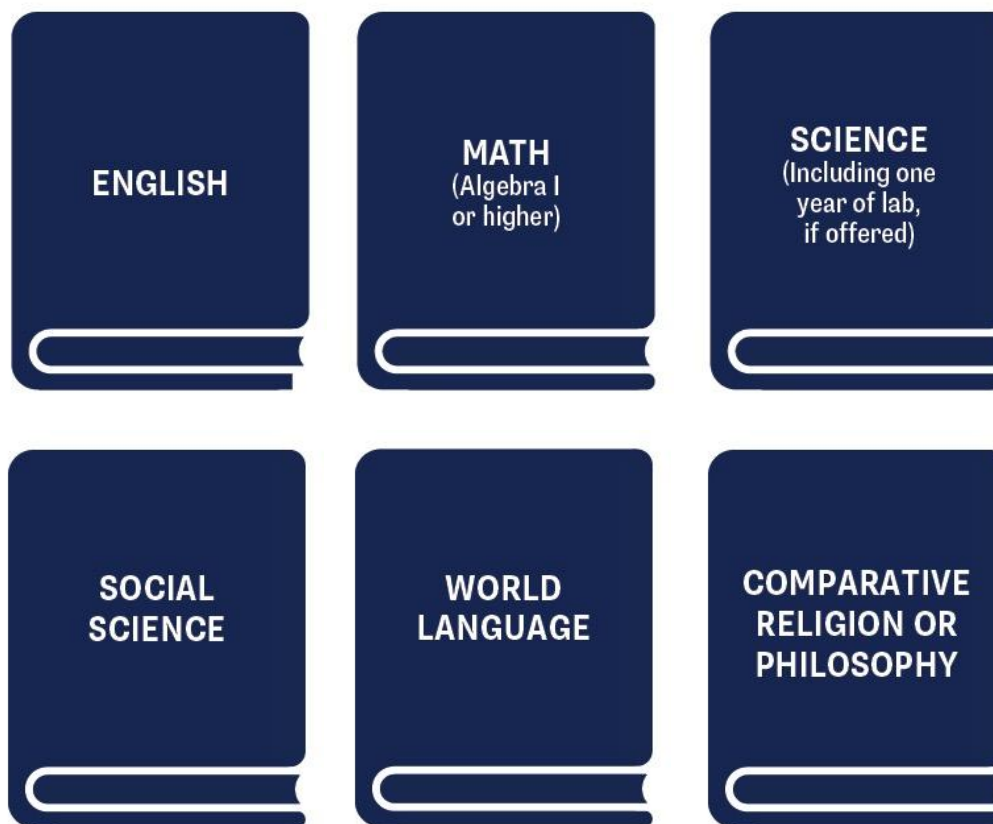


## REMEMBER

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

# WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

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

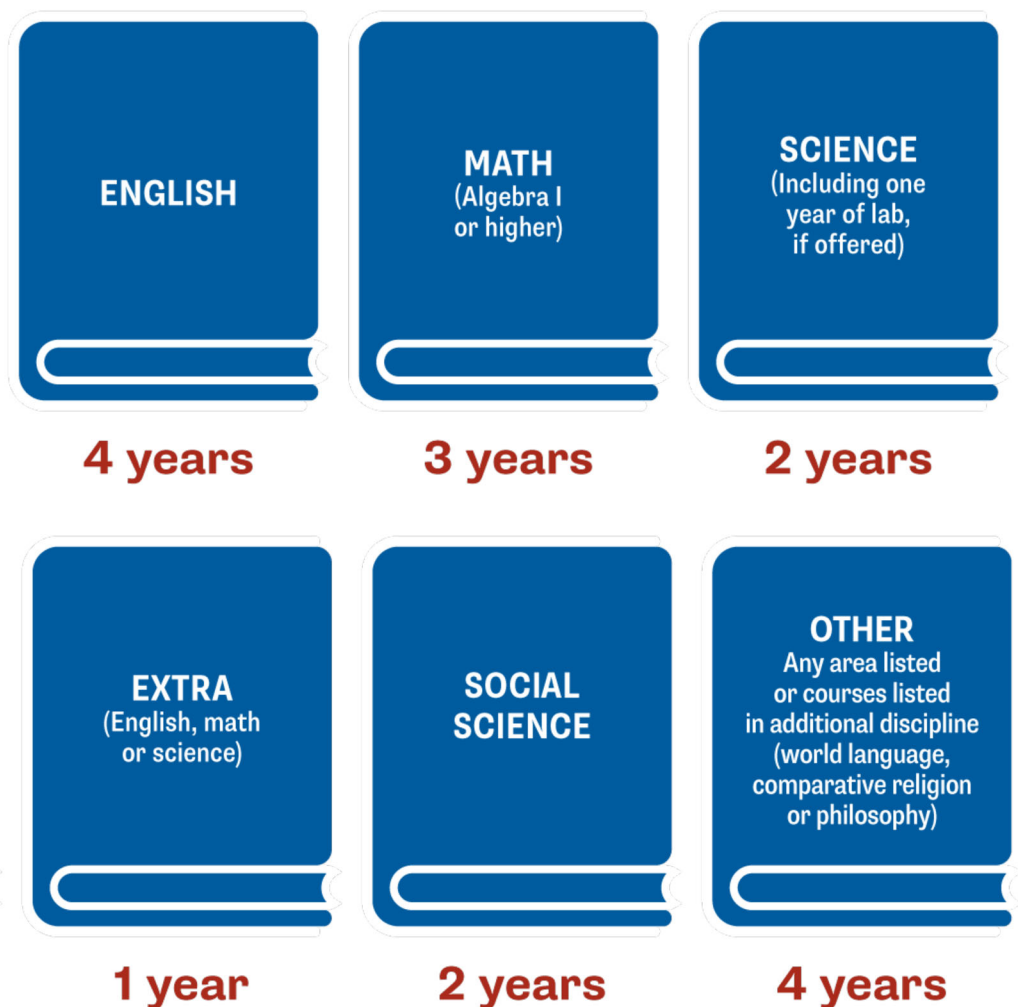


» Find your [high school's list](#) of NCAA-approved core courses.



# DIVISION I: 16 CORE-COURSE UNITS

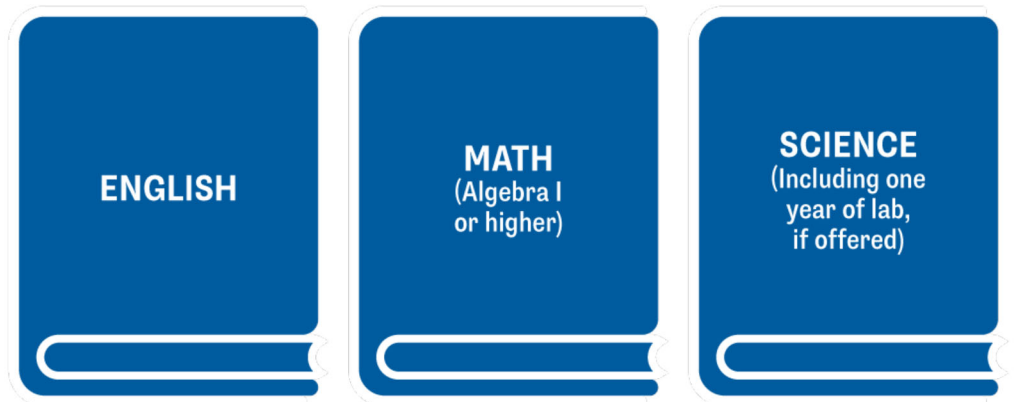
Complete 16 core-course units in eight academic semesters.





## **DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION**

Complete 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits, including seven in English, math or science, before the start of the seventh semester.



- » Once you begin your seventh semester, any course that is needed to meet the 10/7 requirement cannot be replaced or repeated.



## EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

*How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:*

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

### **9<sup>th</sup>** GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

**4 CORE COURSES**

### **10<sup>th</sup>** GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

**4 CORE COURSES**

### **11<sup>th</sup>** GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

**4 CORE COURSES**

### **12<sup>th</sup>** GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

**4 CORE COURSES**





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A close-up photograph of a coach in a green polo shirt adjusting a bright pink and black running shoe on an athlete's foot. The athlete is also wearing a green shirt. The image is partially framed by orange and white diagonal lines on the top left and a red and white geometric pattern on the bottom right.

# **CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES**

**Divisions I and II**



## 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  $\geq 2.3$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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





## DIVISION II: QUALIFIER



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



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.2$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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



## 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.



# 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

- » Take official and unofficial visits to NCAA schools.
  - 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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## RESOURCES



Registration Checklist

- » [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.](#)
- » [Initial-Eligibility Flyer.](#)
- » [Home School Students.](#)
- » [International Students.](#)
- » [Education Impacting Disabilities.](#)
- » Register at [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org).



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