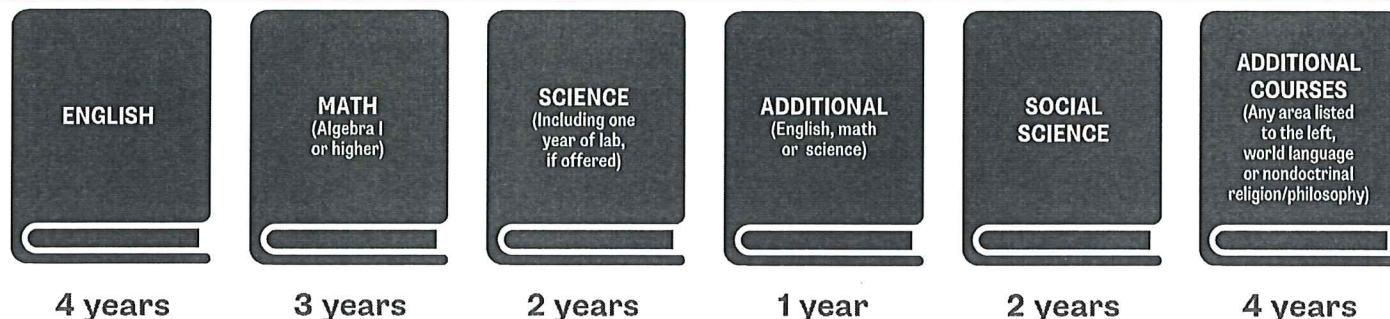


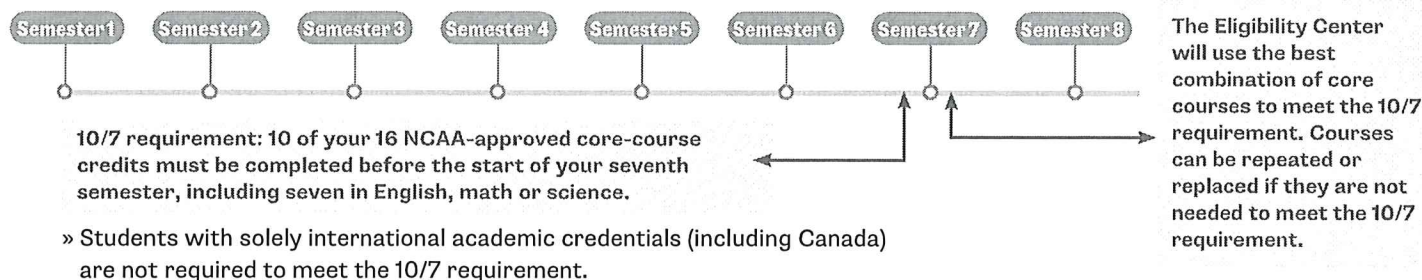
DIVISION I ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Division I schools require college-bound student-athletes to meet academic standards for NCAA-approved core courses and **core-course GPA**. To be eligible to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in your first full-time year at a Division I school, you must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:



2. 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.



3. Complete your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in eight academic semesters or four consecutive academic years from the start of ninth grade. If you graduate from high school early, you still must meet core-course requirements.
4. Earn a minimum 2.3 core-course GPA.
5. Submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

9th
GRADE

(1) English
(1) Math
(1) Science
(1) Social Science
and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

10th
GRADE

(1) English
(1) Math
(1) Science
(1) Social Science
and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

11th
GRADE

(1) English
(1) Math
(1) Science
(1) Social Science
and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

12th
GRADE

(1) English
(1) Math
(1) Science
(1) Social Science
and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION DECISIONS

For Academic and Amateurism Certification accounts, an academic certification will be conducted to determine if you meet Division I academic standards. Academic certifications are required for all college-bound student-athletes planning to compete at a Division I school. (An amateurism certification is also required, and is included as part of an Academic and Amateurism Certification account; see page 28.) The following items are required to complete your academic certification:

- » Official transcripts from all high schools attended.
- » Final **official transcript** with proof of graduation.
- » No open academic tasks in your NCAA Eligibility Center Certification account (see page 13).
- » Be on a Division I school's institutional request list.

Being placed on a Division I institutional request list means you are being recruited and notifies the Eligibility Center to complete an academic evaluation for you after all of your required documents have been submitted.

If you are being recruited by a **Division I school**, below are the most common decisions you may receive once a certification has been completed.

EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

If you meet specific criteria after six semesters of high school, you may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division I and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment. To be an early academic qualifier, you will need:

- » A **core-course GPA** of 3.0 or higher in a minimum of 14 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:
 - Three years of English.
 - Two years of math.
 - Two years of science.
 - Two additional years of English, math or science.
 - Five additional core courses in any area.

A final high school transcript must be submitted to the Eligibility Center after high school graduation for all early academic qualifiers.

QUALIFIER

You may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

You may practice during your first regular academic term and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment but may **NOT** compete during your first year of enrollment. You must pass either eight quarter or nine semester hours to practice in the next term.

NONQUALIFIER

You will not be able to practice, compete or receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of enrollment at a Division I school.

WHAT IF I DON'T GRADUATE ON TIME?

In Division I, if you do not graduate on time (in four years/eight semesters), the Eligibility Center will still use your grades and coursework for the first four years/eight semesters for your certification. You will still need to provide proof of graduation (once you graduate) and you may not use any coursework taken after your high school graduation toward your certification.

WHAT IF I DON'T MEET DIVISION I STANDARDS?

If you have not met all of the Division I academic standards, you may not compete in your first year at a Division I school.

However, if you qualify as an academic redshirt, you may practice during your first term in college and receive an athletics scholarship for the entire year.

To qualify as an academic redshirt, you must:

- » Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits.
- » Earn a minimum 2.0 **core-course GPA**.
- » Submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

DIVISION II ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Division II schools require college-bound student-athletes to meet academic standards for NCAA-approved core courses and **core-course GPA**. To be eligible to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in your first full-time year at a Division II school, you must meet *all* of the following requirements:



1. Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

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

2. Earn a minimum 2.2 core-course GPA (minimum 2.2).
3. Submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Student-athletes enrolling at an NCAA member school Aug. 1, 2021, or later who do not meet Division II qualifier standards will be deemed partial qualifiers. All Division II partial qualifiers may practice and receive an athletics scholarship, but may NOT compete, during their first year of full-time enrollment at a Division II school.



ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION DECISIONS

For Academic and Amateurism Certification accounts, an academic certification will be conducted to determine if you meet Division II academic standards. Academic certifications are required for all college-bound student-athletes planning to compete at a Division II school. (An amateurism certification is required, and is included as part of an Academic and Amateurism Certification account as well as an Amateurism-Only Certification; see page 28.) The following items are required to complete your academic certification:

- » Official transcripts from **all** high schools attended.
- » Final **official transcript** with proof of graduation.
- » No open academic tasks in your NCAA Eligibility Center Certification account (see page 13).
- » Be on a Division II school's **institutional request list**.

Being placed on a Division II school's **institutional request list** means you are being recruited and notifies the Eligibility Center to complete an academic evaluation for you after all of your required documents have been submitted.

If you are being recruited by a **Division II school**, below are the most common decisions you may receive once a certification has been completed.

EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

If you meet specific criteria after six semesters of high school, you may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division II and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment. To be an early academic qualifier, you will need:

- » A **core-course GPA** of 2.5 or higher in a minimum of 14 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:
 - Three years of English.
 - Three years of math.
 - Two years of science.
 - Six additional core courses in any area.

A final high school transcript must be submitted to the Eligibility Center after high school graduation for all early academic qualifiers.

QUALIFIER

You may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division II school.

PARTIAL QUALIFIER

You may practice and receive an athletics scholarship, but may **NOT** compete, during your first year of full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division II school.

WHAT IF I DON'T MEET DIVISION II STANDARDS?

If you have not met all of the Division II academic standards, you may not compete in your first year at a Division II school. However, you will be deemed a partial qualifier. All Division II partial qualifiers may practice and receive an athletics scholarship, but may **NOT** compete, during their first year of full-time enrollment at a Division II school.

CORE-COURSE TIMELINE

If you plan to compete at a Division II school, you must earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits after starting freshman/ninth year and before your first full-time college enrollment.

COURSES TAKEN AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

For Division II, you may use an unlimited number of core courses completed after graduation (summer or academic year) and before enrolling full time at any college or university. You may complete the core course(s) at a location other than the high school from which you graduated. A college course taken after high school graduation may be used toward your initial eligibility and awarded 0.5 credits from your college transcript (unless awarded one full credit on your home high school transcript). It must appear on your home high school transcript with grade and credit.

DIVISION III REQUIREMENTS

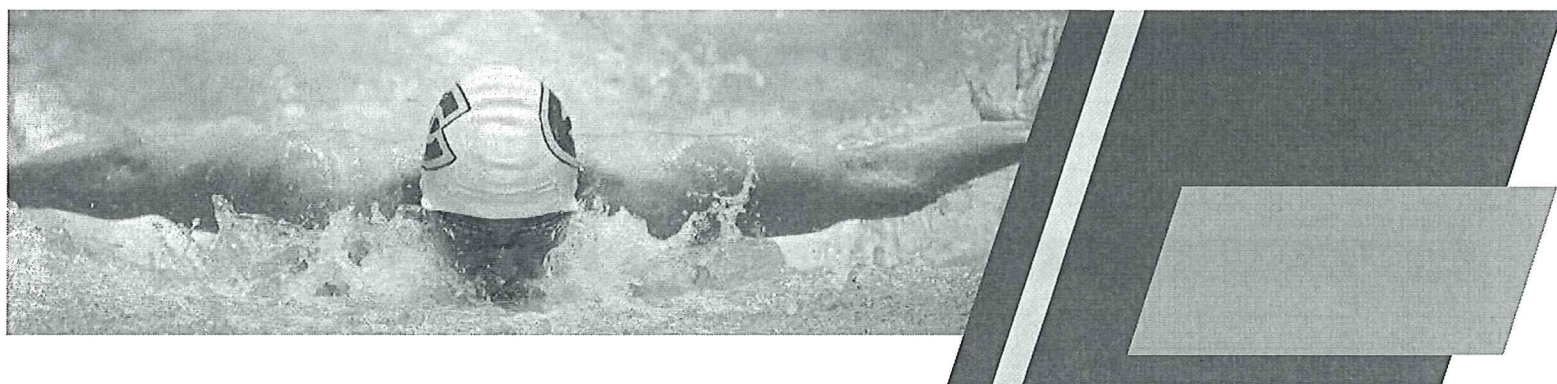
Division III schools provide an integrated environment focusing on academic success while offering a competitive athletics environment. Division III rules minimize potential conflicts between athletics and academics and focus on regional in-season and conference play to maximize academic, co-curricular and extracurricular opportunities. While Division III schools do not offer athletics scholarships, 80% of Division III student-athletes receive some form of merit or need-based financial aid.

While Division III schools set their own admissions and academic requirements, international student-athletes (first-year students and transfers) who initially enroll full time

at a Division III school on or after Aug. 1, 2023, are required to complete an Amateurism-Only Certification account. See the Amateurism section below for more information on the Amateurism-Only Certification account, which does not include an academic certification. Contact the Division III school you plan to attend for more information about its academic requirements.



DIVISION III
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AMATEURISM

When you register for an Academic and Amateurism or Amateurism-Only Certification account with the NCAA Eligibility Center, you will be asked a series of questions about your **sports participation** to determine your amateur status. In some instances, the Eligibility Center staff may need to gather additional information to evaluate your amateur status.

ISSUES REVIEWED AS PART OF THE AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION PROCESS

- » Delaying your full-time collegiate enrollment to participate in organized competition.
- » Playing with professionals.
- » Signing a contract with a professional team.
- » Participating in tryouts or practices with a professional team.
- » Receiving payment or preferential treatment/benefits for playing sports.
- » Receiving prize money.
- » Receiving benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
- » Involvement with a recruiting service.

REQUESTING FINAL AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION

College-bound student-athletes enrolling for the first time at an NCAA Division I or II school and international students enrolling for the first time at a Division III school must **request their final amateurism certification** before being eligible to compete. (This includes transfers from junior colleges, National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, international schools or transfers from a Division I, II or III school to a school in a different division. **See page 13** to determine the right Eligibility Center account for your circumstances.) Students must request their final amateurism certification through their Eligibility Center account; the Eligibility Center staff cannot finalize your amateurism certification without your request. **Note:** You can request your final amateurism certification even if other tasks are still open in your account. When you can request your final amateurism certification depends on when you are starting at a Division I, II or III school:

Fall Enrollment: If you are enrolling at a Division I, II or III school for the fall semester, you may request a final amateurism decision on or after April 1 before your enrollment at an NCAA school.

Winter/Spring Enrollment: If you are enrolling at a Division I, II or III school for the spring semester, you may request a final amateurism decision on or after Oct. 1 before your enrollment at an NCAA school.



DELAYED ENROLLMENT (DIVISIONS I AND II ONLY)*

After you graduate high school, you have a certain amount of time – called a “grace period” – to enroll full time at any two-year or four-year college or university. If you do not enroll at the first opportunity after your grace period and continue to compete in organized competition, you will use one season of NCAA eligibility for each calendar year during which you continue to compete. You also may be required to serve an academic year in residence at your NCAA school before you can compete. For more information on delayed enrollment, review the chart on page 30.

The grace period ends on Oct. 1 for fall enrollees and March 1 for winter/spring enrollees. This does not apply to Division I men’s ice hockey and Division I men’s and women’s skiing. Division III student-athletes who plan to enroll at a Division III school before fall 2023 should discuss delayed enrollment with the school’s compliance office.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Which NCAA Eligibility Center account is right for you? See page 13.

M&W TENNIS		MEN’S ICE HOCKEY		M&W SKIING		ALL OTHER SPORTS	
DI Grace Period*	DII Grace Period*	DI Up to	DII Grace Period*	DI Up to	DII Grace Period*	DI Grace Period*	DII Grace Period*
6 months	12 months	21ST BIRTHDAY	3 YEARS	21ST BIRTHDAY	3 YEARS**	12 months	12 months

*A college-bound student-athlete’s grace period is the period between their expected date of high school graduation and initial full-time collegiate enrollment.

**Competition must be sanctioned by the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association or its international counterparts.

FREQUENTLY ASKED AMATEURISM QUESTIONS

What is Organized Competition?

For Division I and II schools, competition is considered organized if ANY of the following exist:

- » Official score is kept.
- » Standings or statistics are maintained.
- » Official timer or game officials are used.
- » Admission is charged.
- » Teams are regularly formed or team rosters are predetermined.
- » Team uniforms are used.
- » An individual or team is privately or commercially sponsored.
- » The competition is either directly or indirectly sponsored, promoted or administered by an individual, an organization or any other agency.
- » Division I: The competition is scheduled and publicized in advance.
- » Division II: The competition is scheduled in advance.