



NCAA FRESHMAN – ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS QUICK REFERENCE SHEET

The NCAA initial-eligibility rules have changed.

For students entering any Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2008, your NCAA initial eligibility will be evaluated under the 16 core-course rule as described on this sheet.

THE NEW RULE:

The 16 core-course rule **INCREASES** the number of core courses from 14 to **16** for Division I only. Students must complete **three** years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher), and **four** years of additional core courses. The additional core course may be taken in any area: English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy. The breakdown of the requirements is listed below.

DIVISION I 16 CORE-COURSE RULE 2008 and after	
16 Core Courses:	
4	years of English.
3	years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
2	years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
1	year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
2	years of social science.
4	years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

DIVISION I CORE GRADE-POINT AVERAGE/ TEXT-SCORE SLIDING SCALE NEW CORE GPA/Test Score Index		
Core GPA	SAT <small>Verbal and Math ONLY</small>	ACT
3.550 & above	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	420	39
3.475	430	40
3.450	440	41
3.425	450	41
3.400	460	42
3.375	470	42
3.350	480	43
3.325	490	44
3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	47
3.175	550	47
3.150	560	48
3.125	570	49
3.100	580	49

3.075	590	50
3.050	600	50
3.025	610	51
3.000	620	52
2.975	630	52
2.950	640	53
2.925	650	53
2.900	660	54
2.875	670	55
2.850	680	56
2.825	690	56
2.800	700	57
2.775	710	58
2.750	720	59
2.725	730	59
2.700	730	60
2.675	740-750	61
2.650	760	62
2.625	770	63
2.600	780	64
2.575	790	65
2.550	800	66
2.525	810	67
2.500	820	68
2.475	830	69
2.450	840-850	70
2.425	860	70
2.400	860	71
2.375	870	72
2.350	880	73
2.325	890	74
2.300	900	75
2.275	910	76
2.250	920	77
2.225	930	78
2.200	940	79
2.175	950	80
2.150	960	80
2.125	960	81
2.100	970	82
2.075	980	83
2.050	990	84
2.025	1000	85
2.000	1010	86

For more information regarding the new rules, please go to www.ncaa.org. Click on "Student-Athletes and Parents" in the "Custom Home Pages" section. You may also visit the Clearinghouse Web site at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

OVERVIEW OF NCAA DIVISIONS I AND II PRE-ENROLLMENT AMATEURISM BYLAWS

	Permissible in Division I? (Student-athletes first enrolling on or after August 1, 2002.)	Permissible in Division II? (Student-athletes first enrolling on or after August 1, 2001.)
Enters into a Contract with a Professional Team	No	Yes
Accepts Prize Money	Yes. If it is an open event, and does not exceed actual and necessary expenses	Yes
Enters Draft	Yes	Yes
Accepts Salary	No	Yes
Receives Expenses from a Professional Team	No	Yes
Competes on a Team with Professionals	No	Yes
Tryouts with a Professional Team Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment	Yes. May receive actual and necessary expenses for one visit (up to 48 hours) from each professional team. Self-financed tryouts may be for more than 48 hours.	Yes
Receives Benefits from an Agent	No	No
Enters into Agreement with an Agent (oral or written)	No	No
Delays Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment and Participates in Organized Competition [If you are charged with season(s) of competition under this rule, you will also have to serve an academic year in residence at the NCAA institution.]	Tennis and Swimming & Diving: Have one year after high school graduation to enroll full time in a collegiate institution or will lose one season of intercollegiate competition for each calendar year during which you continue to participate in organized competition. All Other Sports: Any participation in organized sports competition during each 12-month period after your 21st birthday and before initial full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution shall count as one year of varsity competition.	All Sports: Must enroll at the next opportunity (excluding summer) immediately after the date that your high school class normally graduates (or the international equivalent) or you will use a season of intercollegiate competition for each calendar year or sports season (subsequent to that date) in which you have participated in organized competition.

The chart above summarizes the Divisions I and II pre-enrollment amateurism rules. In order to assist you in understanding the rules, we have included the following definitions on the next page: