

# Collegiate Athletic Eligibility Information

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# Academics

- [ Only certain academic courses will count toward qualifying for an athletic scholarship - these are known as the core courses: English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Science, and World Languages
- [ Be sure to earn strong grades in these courses
- [ Standardized test scores are also important

# Academic Qualifications

— [ Differ by NCAA Divisions

— [ There are three divisions (DI, DII, DIII)

— [ Scholarships are only available in DI & DII schools

— [ DIII are non-scholarship schools

— [ Examples of DIII schools: Wabash & Depauw

# NCAA Division I Requisites

— [ Graduate from high school

— [ Complete 16 core courses in the required subject areas

— [ Earn a minimum GPA in those 16 core courses

— [ Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches the core course GPA (see the sliding scale in the Guide for the College Bound Student Athlete, published by the NCAA Eligibility Center)

— [ Examples: Indiana University and Purdue University

# NCAA Division I

— [ 4 years of English

— [ 3 years of Math (algebra 1 or higher)

— [ 2 years of Science (lab classes)

— [ 1 year of additional English, Math, or Science

— [ 2 years of Social Science

— [ 4 additional year-long courses - any of the above areas or World Languages

— [ Doctrinal Religion does NOT count

# Division I - Sliding Scale

- [ There is a sliding scale that combines SAT/ACT scores and recalculated GPA for the 16 core courses
- [ The higher the GPA, the lower the required SAT/ACT score
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# NCAA - Division II

— [ Graduate from high school

— [ Complete 14 core courses in the required subject areas

— [ Completion of 16 core courses will be required as of Fall 2013

— [ Earn at least a 2.0 GPA in those core courses

— [ Earn a combined SAT score of at least 820 (CR + M) or an ACT sum score of at least 68

— [ There is no sliding scale for D2

— [ Example: University of Indianapolis

# DII Academic

— [ 3 years of English

— [ 2 years of Math (algebra 1 or higher)

— [ 2 years of Science

— [ 2 years of additional English, Mathematics, or  
Science (3 years beginning Fall 2013)

— [ 2 years of Social Science

— [ 3 additional year-long courses - from any area above  
or a world language (4 years beginning 2013)

# Division I & II Athletes...

Must register online with the NCAA Eligibility Center (as early as your Junior year) and fill out the amateurism questionnaire

[www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)

When you register to take the SAT or ACT, use the Eligibility Center Code '9999' so that the Eligibility Center will receive your scores

During your senior year, review your responses to the Eligibility Center amateurism questionnaire and request final certification beginning April 1

Prior to graduation, request the mailing of your final transcript to the Eligibility Center

Graduate on time!

# Early Certification Waiver

— You may be certified after six semesters as long as:

— Minimum SAT of 1000 or 85 on the ACT

— For D1: Core course GPA of 3.0 in 13 core courses (3 English, 2 Science, 2 Math, and 6 additional core courses)

— For D2: Core course GPA of 3.0 in 12 core courses (3 English, 2 Math, 2 Science, and 5 additional core courses)

# NCAA Division III

— [ DIII institutions do not require registration with the Eligibility Center and they do not award athletic scholarships.

— [ Examples: DePauw University, Franklin College

# Recruiting

— [ Before a DI school can invite you on an official visit, you must provide them with a copy of your high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores - and you must register with the Eligibility Center

— [ DII schools require official SAT/ACT scores along with registering with the Eligibility Center

— [ You may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits and no more than one is permitted to any single college or university

# Who to Call...

— [ NCAA Eligibility Center: 877-262-1492

— [ 11am to 5pm Eastern time Mon.-Fri.

— [ Check the status of your academic certification

— [ Questions regarding your initial eligibility status

— [ Case-specific inquiries concerning amateurism cases

— [ Questions about the certification process

— [ Questions about the status of a course review

— [ Questions regarding disability services

— [ Request a new Personal Identification Number (PIN)

# National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)

Some schools are not NCAA schools, rather NAIA schools

There are scholarships available for these schools

Link: [www.naia.org](http://www.naia.org)

The link will take you to the NAIA eligibility center. As of Fall 2010, students must register with the NAIA eligibility center. There is a \$60 fee (subject to change).

For further information, please visit:

[http://graphics.fansonly.com/schools/naia/member-services/pubs/legislative/NAIA\\_GuidefortheCollegeBoundStudent.pdf](http://graphics.fansonly.com/schools/naia/member-services/pubs/legislative/NAIA_GuidefortheCollegeBoundStudent.pdf)

# Academic Qualifications for Junior Colleges

— [ High school graduate

— [ Non-high school graduates must have earned a GED

— [ Once in college, the student must be making acceptable academic progress toward a degree

— [ Scholarships are available

— [ Link: [www.njcaa.org](http://www.njcaa.org)

— [ \* As the NAIA is currently adjusting their policies, this information is subject to change!

— [ Examples: Ancilla & Vincennes

# Financial Aid

— [ There are NO four-year athletic scholarships

— [ All athletic scholarships are limited to one year and are renewable each academic year. They may be reduced, withdrawn, or increased

— [ Athletic scholarships may be renewed for a maximum of five years within a six year period of continuous college attendance

— [ Scholarships are awarded in a variety of amounts ranging from full (tuition, fees, R&B, and books) to partial (e.g. books only)