



NCAA Freshman-Eligibility Standards

Quick Reference Sheet

Know the Rules:

Core Courses

NCAA Division I requires 16 core courses as of August 1, 2008. This rule applies to any student first entering any Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2008. See the chart below for the breakdown of this 16 core-course requirement.

Test Scores

Division I has a sliding scale for test score and grade point average. The sliding scale for those requirements is shown on the front of this paper.

The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes only the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.

The ACT Sum score used for NCAA purposes is a sum of the four sections on the ACT: English, Math, Reading and Science

All SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center by the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will not be used. When registering for the SAT or ACT, use the Eligibility Center code of 9999 to make sure the score is reported to the Eligibility Center.

Grade Point Average

Only core courses are used in calculation of the grade point average. Be sure to look at Great Oak's list of NCAA approved core courses on the Eligibility Center's Web Site to make certain that courses being taken have been approved as core courses. The Web site is www.eligibilitycenter.org.

Students enrolling at an NCAA Division I or II institution for the first time need to also complete the amateurism questionnaire through the Eligibility Center Web site. Students need to request final amateurism certification prior to enrollment.

Division I

16 Core-Course Rule

16 Core Courses
4 Years of English
3 Years of Mathematics (Alg.1 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 non traditional religion/philosophy)

For more information regarding the rules, please go to www.NCAA.org. Click on "Academics and Athletes" then "Eligibility and Recruiting."

Or visit the Eligibility Center Web site at www.eligibility.org. Please call the NCAA Eligibility Center if you have questions: Toll-Free number (877) 262-1492