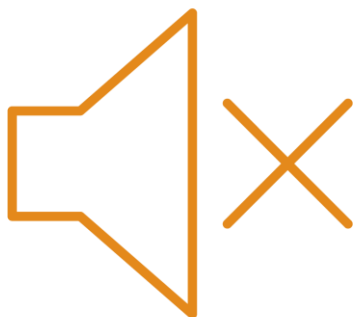
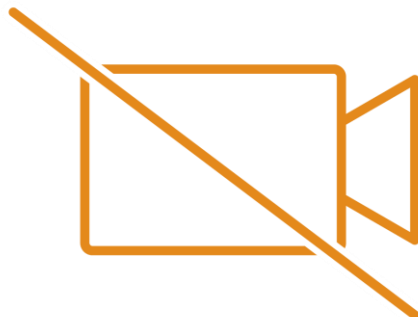


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We will be starting promptly at 2 p.m. Eastern time.

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NCAA Eligibility Center COVID-19 Response FAQs

For Students Initially Enrolling Full Time in the 2021-22 Academic Year

Given the continuing impact of COVID-19 on the educational environment, the NCAA Eligibility Center has partnered with the NCAA membership to identify the following changes to the initial-eligibility certification process for students **who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during the 2021-22 academic year**. The Eligibility Center will continue to monitor the environment and make necessary adjustments to prioritize health, safety and fairness for all prospective student-athletes.

FAQ Topics—Quick Links

[Academic Evaluations](#)

[Auto Waiver Criteria—2021-22 Enrollment](#)

[Subsequent Classes](#)

[Prior Classes](#)

[Submission of Academic Documents](#)

[Timing](#)

COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Criteria for 2021-22 Enrollment

- Q1:** Given the unique circumstances due to COVID-19, will there be any flexibility in the initial-eligibility standard for students who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during 2021-22?
- A1:** Yes. Students who **initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during 2021-22** will receive an automatic initial-eligibility waiver in the academic certification process that provides the highest level of relief for which they are eligible, per the criteria below:



View the EC
COVID FAQ



AGENDA

- ▶ What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?
- ▶ Registration.
- ▶ Core Course.
- ▶ Alternative Standards.
 - ▶ Division I.
 - ▶ Division II.
- ▶ Distance or E-Learning.
- ▶ Academic Evaluations.
- ▶ Sports Participation.
- ▶ Resources.

A group of lacrosse players in purple jerseys and white shorts are huddled together on a field. The player in the center has the number 10 on his back. They are wearing helmets and holding lacrosse sticks. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators.

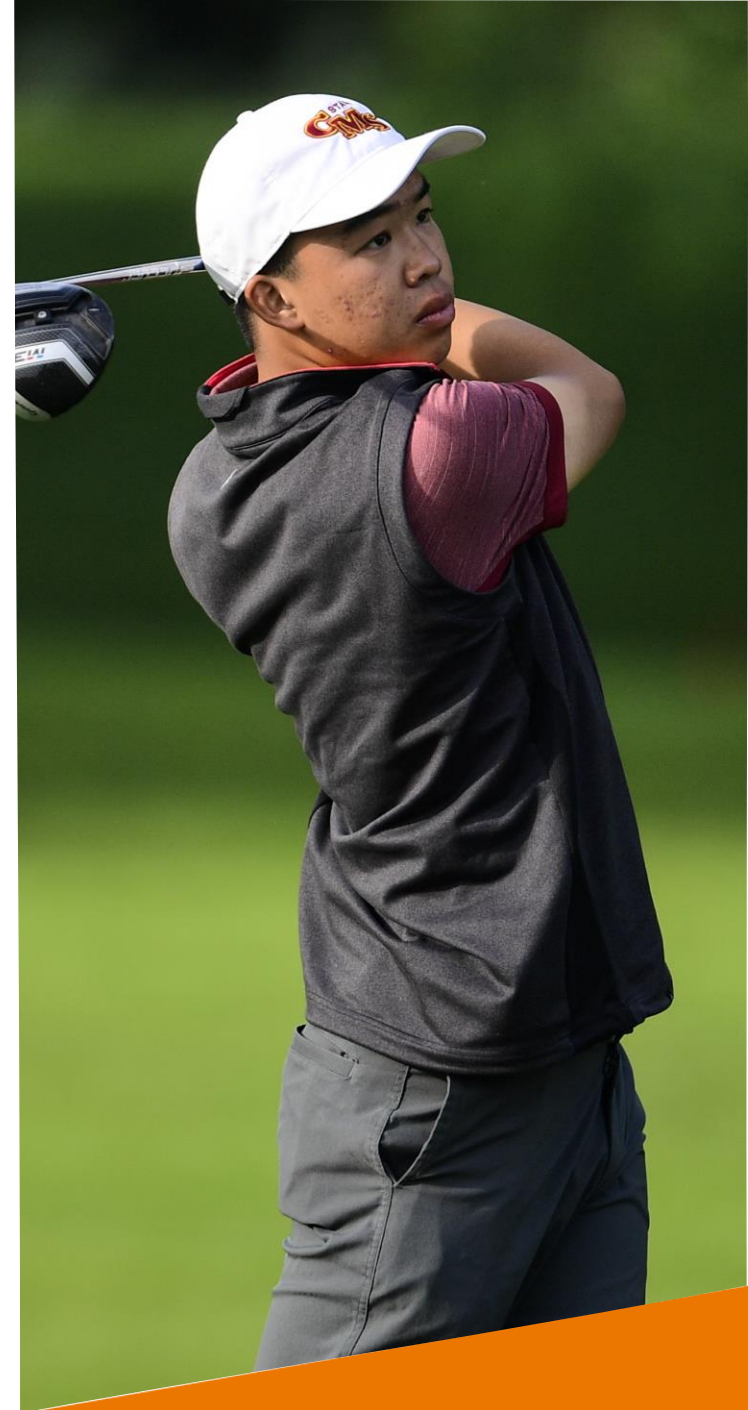
***WHAT IS THE NCAA
ELIGIBILITY CENTER?***

WHAT IS ELIGIBILITY CENTER?

- ▶ A unit within the NCAA responsible for evaluating and certifying college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition at Division I and II schools.
- ▶ We focus on:
 - ▶ Academic preparedness.
 - ▶ Sports participation.
 - ▶ High school courses.
 - ▶ Customer service.
- ▶ If your students want to compete at a Division I or II school, they must meet NCAA Eligibility Center:
 - ▶ Academic initial-eligibility requirements.
 - ▶ Amateurism requirements.

NCAA FAST FACTS

- ▶ 1,100+ colleges and universities.
- ▶ 98 voting athletics conferences.
- ▶ 39 affiliated organizations.
- ▶ > 500,000 student-athletes.
- ▶ 19,500 teams.
- ▶ 90 championships.
- ▶ 24 sports.
- ▶ Three divisions.

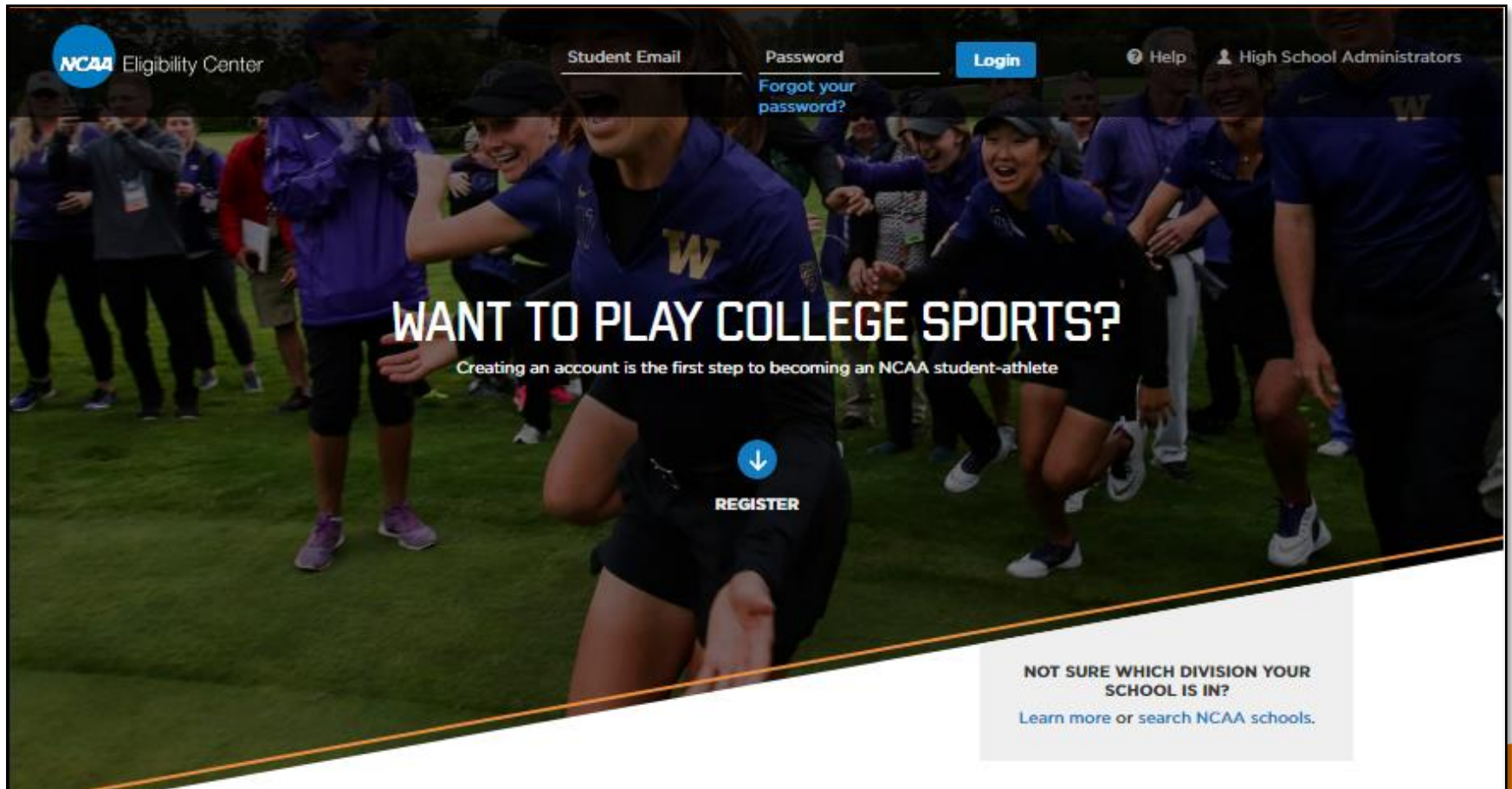




REGISTRATION

TWO ACCOUNT TYPES

- ▶ Register for a Certification or Profile Page account at eligibilitycenter.org.



The image is a screenshot of the NCAA Eligibility Center website. At the top left, the NCAA logo is followed by the text 'Eligibility Center'. In the center, there are two input fields: 'Student Email' and 'Password'. To the right of the 'Password' field is a blue 'Login' button. Below the 'Password' field is a link that says 'Forgot your password?'. At the top right, there are links for 'Help' and 'High School Administrators'. The main content area features a large photograph of a group of female athletes in purple and black uniforms, some with a gold 'W' on their shirts, running on a grass field. Overlaid on this image is the text 'WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?' in large white letters, with the subtitle 'Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete' below it. A blue downward-pointing arrow icon is positioned above a white 'REGISTER' button. In the bottom right corner, there is a white box containing the text 'NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR SCHOOL IS IN?' and a link 'Learn more or search NCAA schools.'

CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT



Students must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at a Division I or II school.



The registration fee for domestic students is \$90. The fee for international students is \$150.



Before students take official visits or sign an NLI, they must have a complete Certification account.

PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT



Students interested in a Division III school or are not sure in which division they want to compete.



There is no (domestic or international) registration fee to create a Profile Page account.



Transition to a Certification account at any time your students wish to pursue a Division I or II path.



CERTIFICATION PROCESS



Account Creation
We've saved all of your information.

[Pick Up Where I Left Off](#)



Send Test Scores and Transcripts
Ask your testing agency to send us your scores using code 9999. Ask each high school you have attended to submit your transcripts.

[Learn more](#)



Request Amateurism Certification

[Submit request now](#)

- ▶ Review their Dashboard for open tasks.
- ▶ Update their graduation or enrollment dates if needed.
- ▶ View their transcripts on file.
- ▶ Edit their account, schools or sports information.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

- ▶ Student-athletes must apply and be accepted to their NCAA DI or II school before they can compete on campus.
- ▶ Student-athletes should ask their NCAA school for more information about cost of attendance and financial aid.





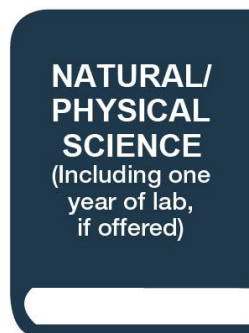
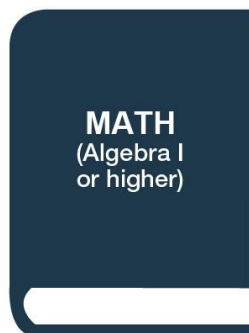
What is an IRL?

Students must be on an NCAA DI or II school's institution request list to get a certification.



WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?



- ▶ **NCAA core courses are:**
 - ▶ On your school's list of NCAA-approved core courses.
 - ▶ Taught at or above the high school's regular academic level.
 - ▶ Taught by a qualified instructor.
 - ▶ Considered four-year college preparatory.



Find your school's list of NCAA-approved core courses by going to eligibilitycenter.org/courselist.

Core-Course List

A photograph of a baseball game in progress. A player in a dark blue Michigan uniform is sliding into a base. A fielder in a white uniform is reaching out with his glove to tag the runner. The background is a large, blurred crowd of spectators in a stadium.

ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS



DIVISION I: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS

- ▶ Four possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:
 - ▶ Early Academic Qualifier.
 - ▶ Qualifier.
 - ▶ Academic Redshirt.
 - ▶ Nonqualifier.

DIVISION I EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER 2021-22



Athletics Aid



Practice



Compete

Note: DI Early Academic Qualifier status is based on your pre-seventh semester academic record.



Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 3.0 in the required subject areas.

DIVISION I EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER 2021-22



Athletics Aid



Practice

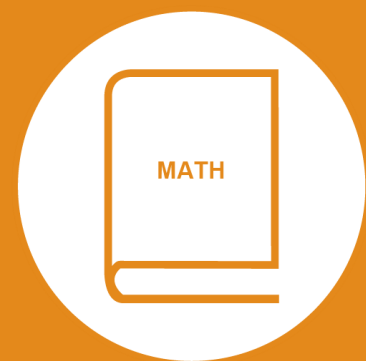


Compete

SUBJECT AREAS



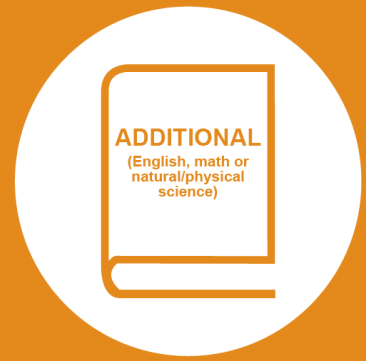
3 Years



2 Years



2 Years



2 Years



5 Years

DIVISION I QUALIFIER 2021-22



Athletics Aid



Practice



Compete



Meet core-course progression before starting the 7th semester.

Note: Students certified based solely on international credentials are exempt from core-course progression.



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



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.3 in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

DIVISION I QUALIFIER 2021-22



Athletics Aid



Practice

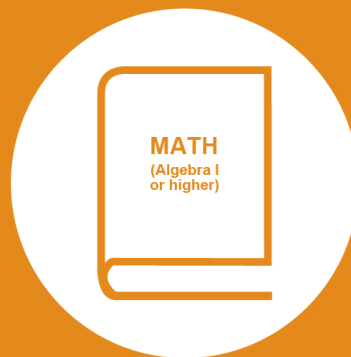


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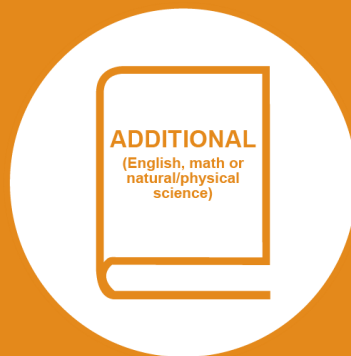
4 Years



3 Years



2 Years



1 Year



2 Years



4 Years

DIVISION I ACADEMIC REDSHIRT 2021-22



First Year
Athletics Aid



First Term
Practice



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



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.0 in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

DIVISION I ACADEMIC REDSHIRT 2021-22



First Year
Athletics Aid



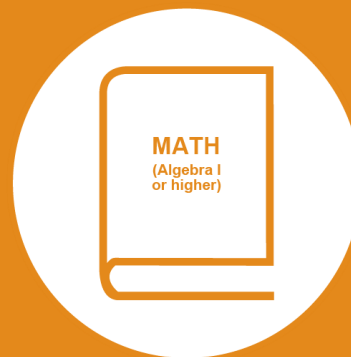
First Term
Practice

SUBJECT AREAS



ENGLISH

4 Years



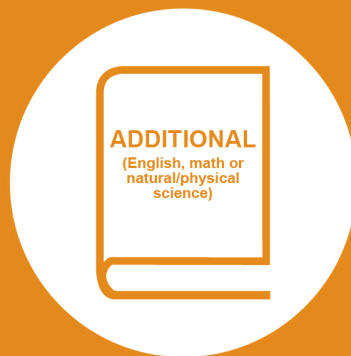
MATH
(Algebra 1
or higher)

3 Years



NATURAL/
PHYSICAL
SCIENCE
(Including one
year of lab,
if offered)

2 Years



ADDITIONAL
(English, math or
natural/physical
science)

1 Year



SOCIAL
SCIENCE

2 Years



ADDITIONAL
COURSES
(Any area listed
foreign language
or comparative
religion/philosophy)

4 Years

DIVISION I NON- QUALIFIER 2021-22



Athletics Aid



Practice



Compete



DI Nonqualifiers are not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete their first year.

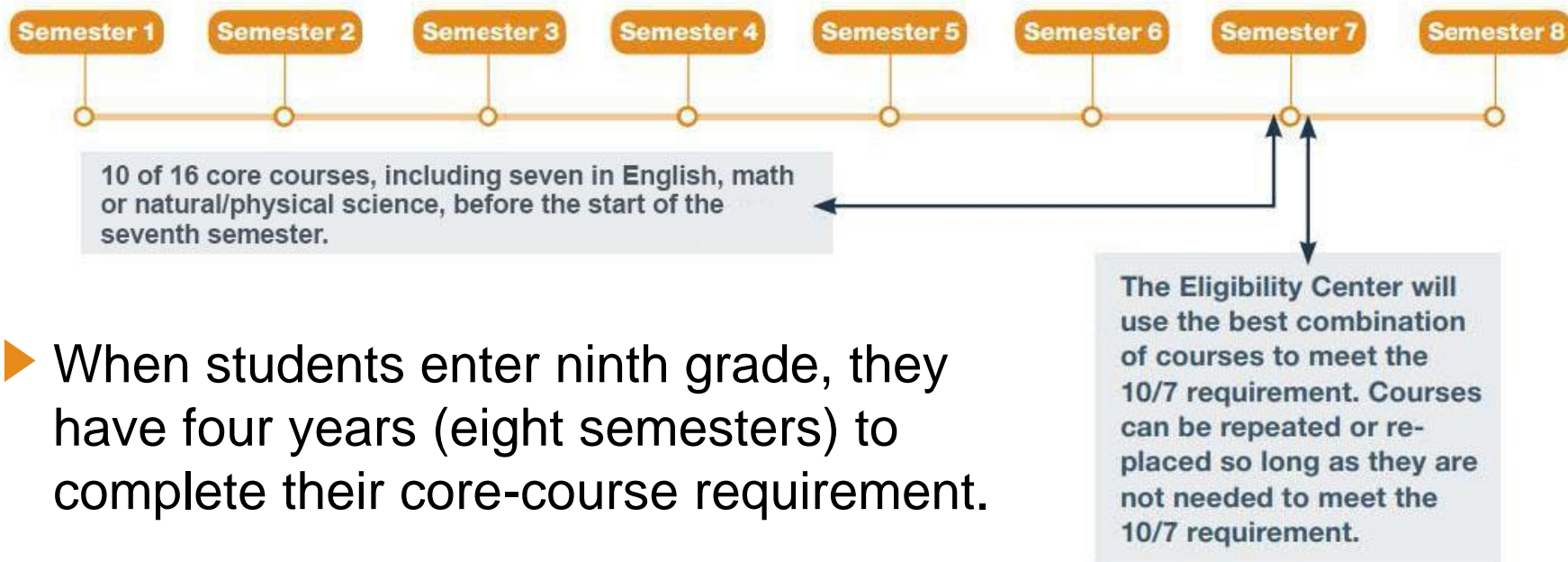


Test Scores

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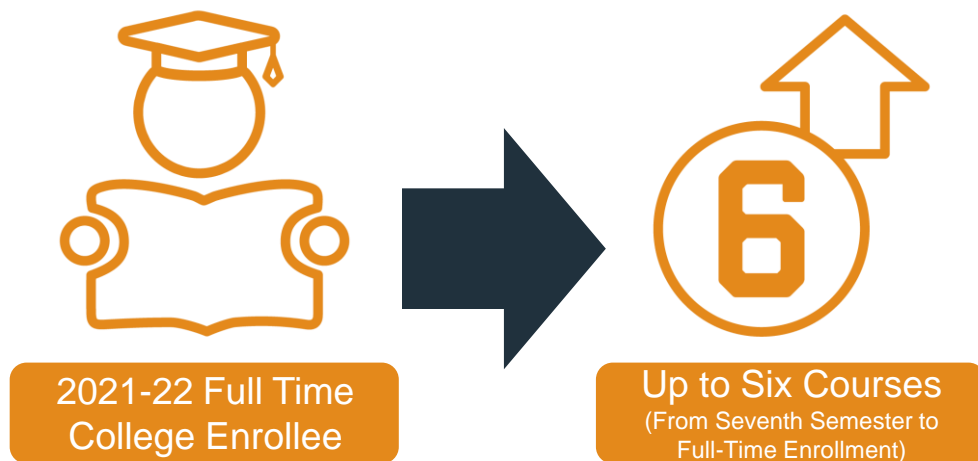
However, colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores.

DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION



- ▶ When students enter ninth grade, they have four years (eight semesters) to complete their core-course requirement.
- ▶ Students must graduate on time, with their class.

DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION



- ▶ **Note:** This approach will allow students impacted by school closures to complete additional core courses toward their initial eligibility.

EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

How to plan your high school course 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



DIVISION II: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS

- ▶ Four possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:
 - ▶ Early Academic Qualifier.
 - ▶ Qualifier.
 - ▶ Partial Qualifier.
 - ▶ Nonqualifier.

DIVISION II EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER 2021-22



Athletics Aid



Practice



Compete

Note: DII Early Academic Qualifier status is based on your pre-seventh semester academic record.



Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.5 in the required subject areas.

DIVISION II EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER 2021-22



Athletics Aid



Practice

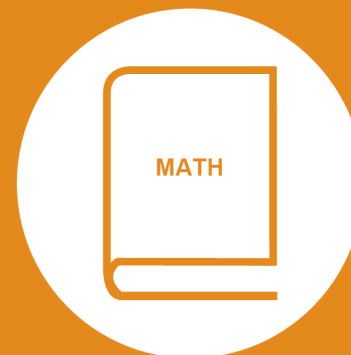


Compete

SUBJECT AREAS



3 Years



3 Years



2 Years



6 Years

DIVISION II QUALIFIER 2021-22



Athletics Aid



Practice



Compete



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



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.2 in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

DIVISION II QUALIFIER 2021-22



Athletics Aid



Practice



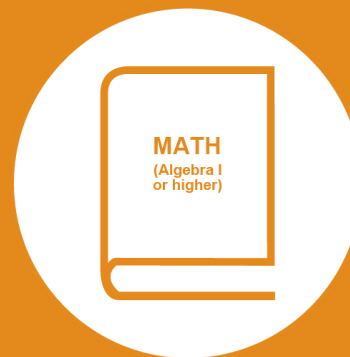
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SUBJECT AREAS



ENGLISH

3 Years



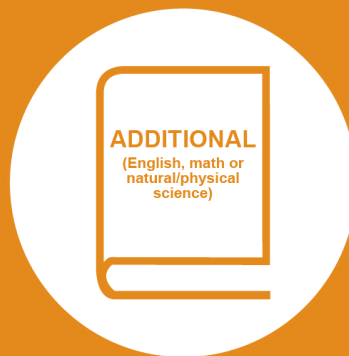
MATH
(Algebra I
or higher)

2 Years



NATURAL/
PHYSICAL
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SOCIAL
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ADDITIONAL
COURSES
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foreign language
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religion/philosophy)

4 Years

DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER 2021-22



Athletics Aid



Practice



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



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.0 in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

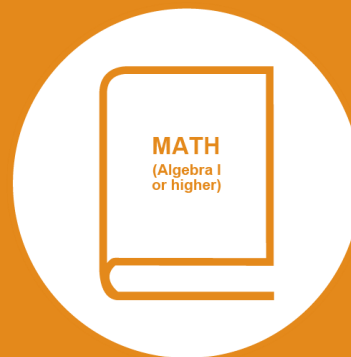
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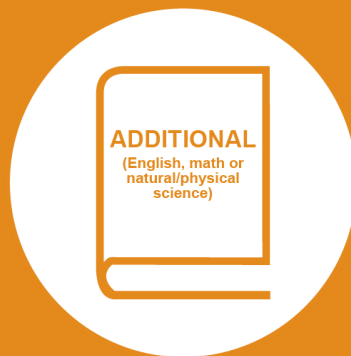
3 Years



2 Years



2 Years



3 Years

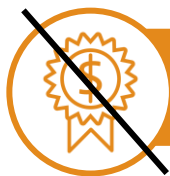


2 Years



4 Years

DIVISION II NON- QUALIFIER 2021-22



Athletics Aid



Practice



Compete



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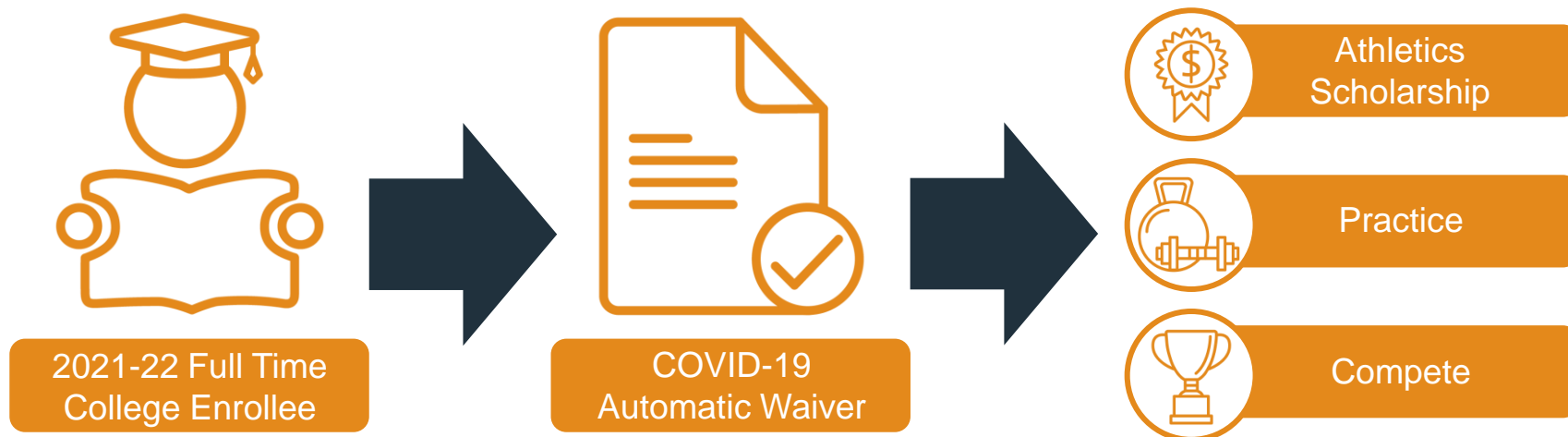


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However, colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores.

FLEXIBILITY IN INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY



- ▶ Students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during 2021-22 must meet specific criteria to be eligible.

HOW WILL THIS LOOK IN YOUR STUDENT'S ACCOUNT?

- ▶ Student accounts will show “Final Nonqualifier” with “COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved” in the Academic Status field, as shown in the example student account below:

DIVISION I Academic Status Final Nonqualifier (COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved)	Amateur Status Pending Review	DIVISION II Academic Status Final Nonqualifier (COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved)	Amateur Status Pending Review
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DIVISION III

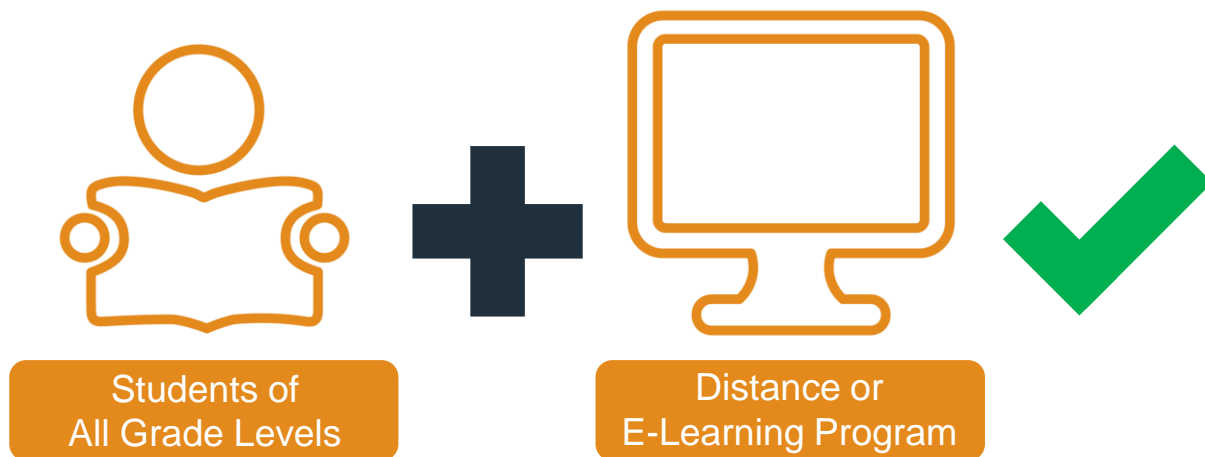
- ▶ Each Division III college or university determines its own eligibility for:
 - ▶ Admission.
 - ▶ Financial aid.
 - ▶ Practice and competition.
- ▶ The NCAA EC does not perform certifications for Division III college-bound student-athletes.
- ▶ Division III student-athletes may register for a free Profile Page, but it is not required.



DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING

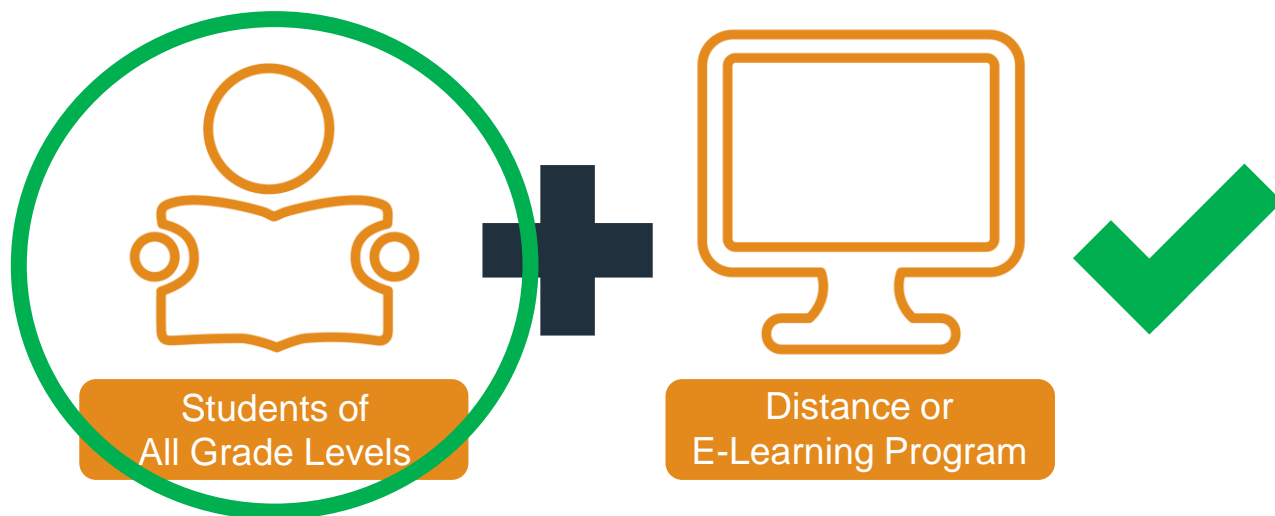
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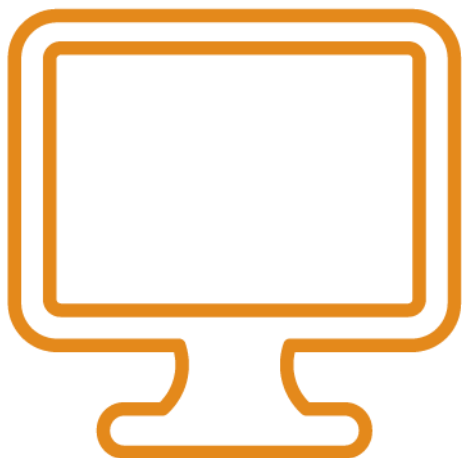
- ▶ The Eligibility Center will not require a separate review of distance or e-learning programs used during the 2020-21 academic calendar in response to closures due to COVID-19.



DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING

- ▶ *Note:* This policy will apply to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who complete distance or e-learning courses during the 2020-21 academic year.





Distance or
E-Learning Program

Taking online or hybrid courses does not necessarily mean your students are home schooled.



Home School

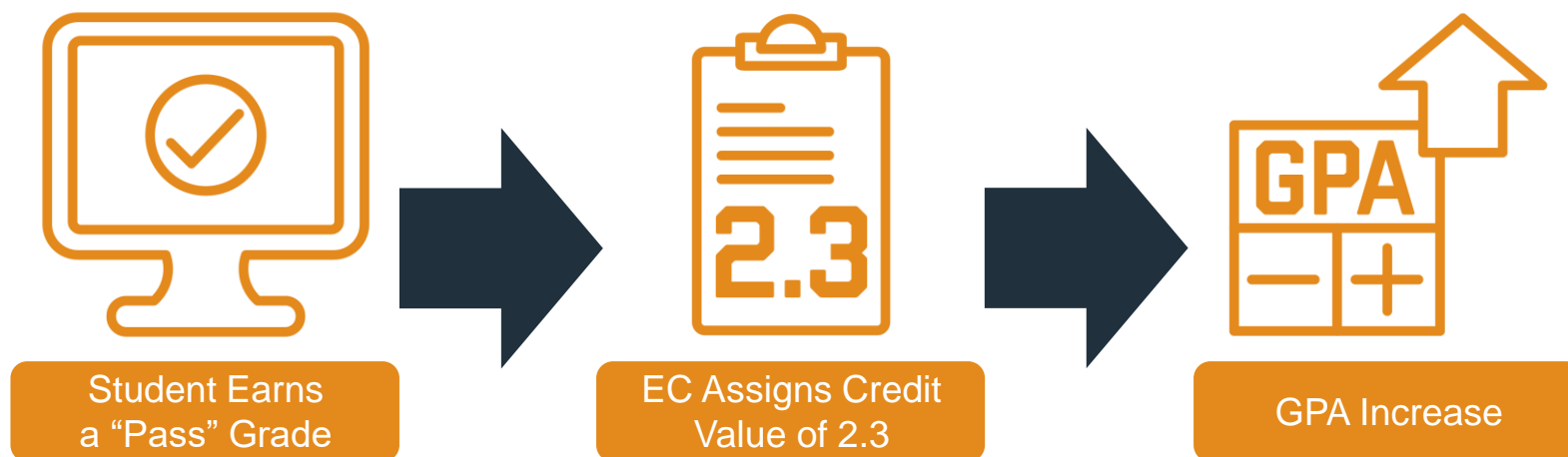
Home school students can also meet the COVID-19 Automatic Waiver criteria for 2021-22 enrollment. Review our [Home School Toolkit](#) for questions about home schooling.

ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS



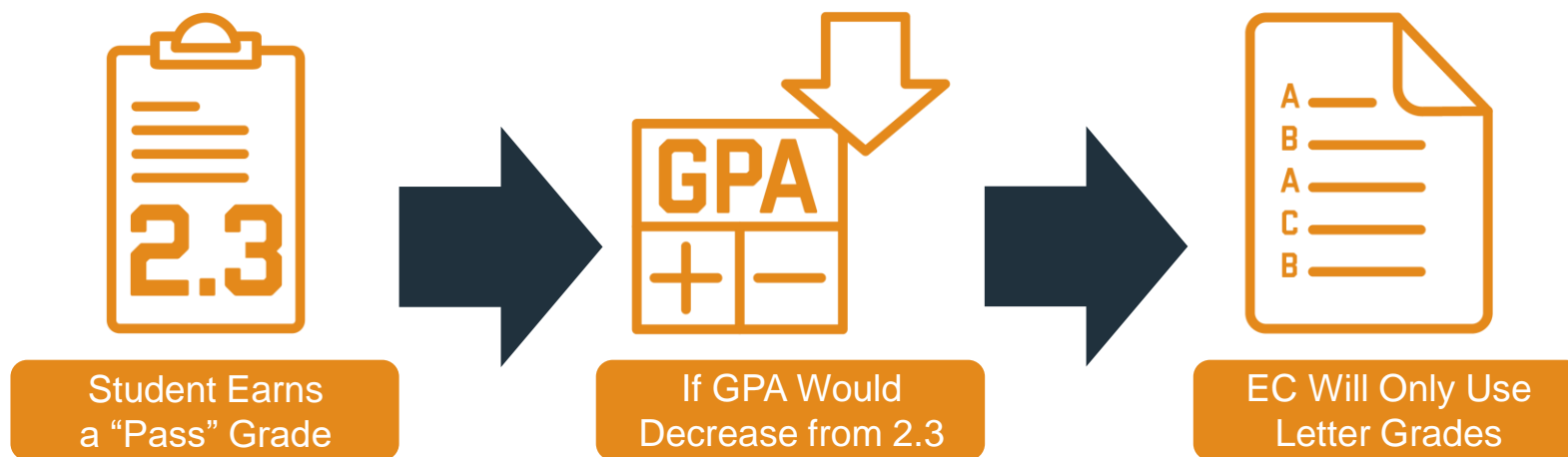
PASS/FAIL GRADES

- ▶ If the student's core-course GPA would increase by assigning a value of 2.3, this value will be assigned to the passed courses.



PASS/FAIL GRADES

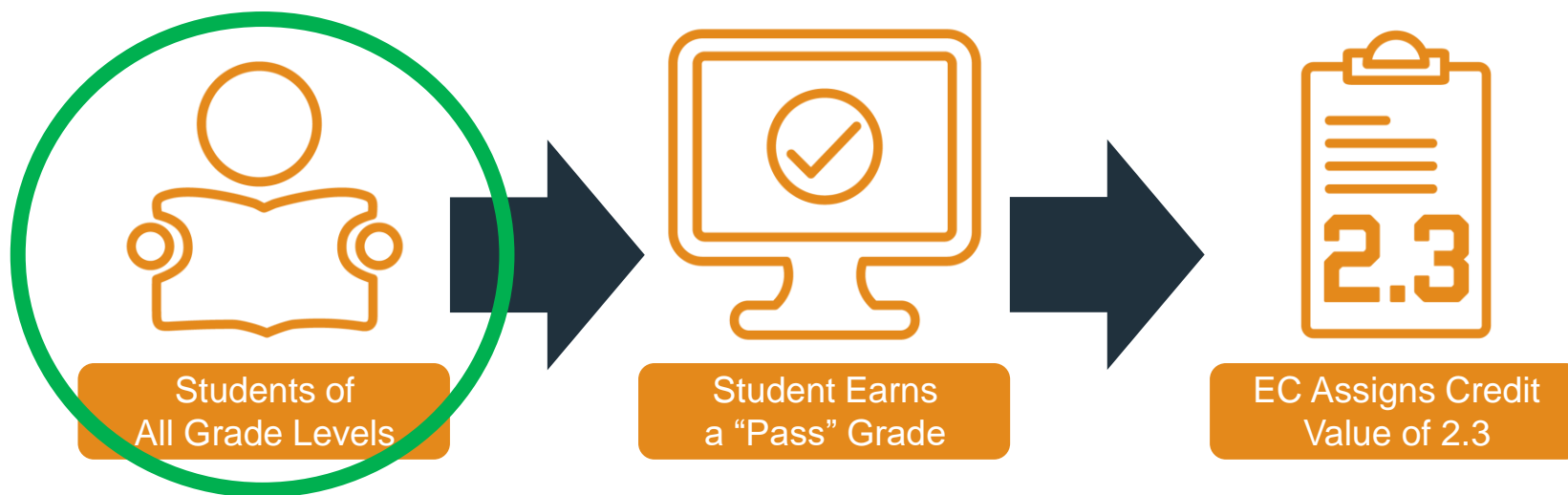
- ▶ If the student's core-course GPA would decrease by assigning a value of 2.3, the EC will only use letter grades.



- ▶ *Note:* Credit from these courses will still be applied toward the student's core-course requirements.

PASS/FAIL GRADES

- ▶ *Note:* This policy will apply to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who successfully complete NCAA-approved pass/fail courses during the 2020-21 academic year.





SPORTS PARTICIPATION

AMATEURISM

- ▶ In general, amateurism requirements do not allow:
 - ▶ Contracts with professional teams.
 - ▶ Salary for participating in athletics.
 - ▶ Prize money above actual and necessary expenses.
 - ▶ Play with professionals.
 - ▶ Tryouts, practice or competition with a professional team.
 - ▶ Benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
 - ▶ Agreement to be represented by an agent.
 - ▶ Delayed initial full-time collegiate enrollment to participate in organized sports competition.



Ask the EC

If your students have questions, encourage them to contact us before acting. Their actions may impact their future NCAA eligibility.

SPORTS PARTICIPATION

- ▶ When students register for a Certification account, they must:
 - ▶ Select the sport(s) they would like to play in college.
 - ▶ Update their information frequently if they play for multiple teams or attend events outside the traditional high school setting.
 - ▶ Request final amateurism before they enroll full time at a DI or II school.
- ▶ **Note: Over 94%** of students do not require additional questions from the EC after they request final amateurism.



PROACTIVE STUDENT ACTIONS

- ▶ If students want to play sports in college, they must:
 - ▶ Share their NCAA ID with schools recruiting them.
 - ▶ Apply to schools of their choosing to be accepted.
 - ▶ Request final amateurism certification before they enroll full time in college.
 - Starting April 1 (Fall).
 - Starting Oct. 1 (Winter/Spring).
 - ▶ Ask their counselor to submit their final transcript with proof of graduation.
- ▶ Know that considerations are given to students with documented [education-impacting disabilities](#).

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a dark blazer over a light blue striped shirt, is smiling and talking to two young men. The man on the left is wearing a grey hoodie and a black backpack, and is holding an orange Wilson NCAA basketball. The man on the right is wearing a white shirt and a black backpack. They are standing in front of a modern building with large glass windows. The word "RESOURCES" is written in large, bold, white, italicized letters across the center of the image.

RESOURCES

RESOURCES

- ▶ Review our [COVID-19 FAQ](#).
- ▶ Visit our websites:
 - ▶ ncaa.org/playcollegesports.
 - ▶ eligibilitycenter.org.
- ▶ Visit nationalletter.org to learn about the NLI.
- ▶ Download our resources:
 - ▶ [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#).
 - ▶ [Initial-Eligibility Brochure](#).
 - ▶ [DI Academic Requirements](#).
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QUESTIONS?

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SOCIAL MEDIA



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 Like the EC on Facebook



Ask the EC

“What if I still have questions?”

- ▶ High school admin, please call 877-622-2321.
- ▶ Students and parents, please call: 877-262-1492.

THANK YOU

- ▶ Contact the NCAA Eligibility Center
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern.
 - ▶ High school admin: 877-622-2321.
 - ▶ Students and parents: 877-262-1492.
- ▶ Webinar for your student-athletes.
 - ▶ Saturday, October 10 at 11 a.m.
 - ▶ Saturday, November 7 at 2 p.m.

