

RECRUITING REALITIES



JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT



START EARLY

Grades 9 & 10:

- Prepare now by working hard to earn the best grades possible.
- Make sure you are taking NCAA-approved courses.
- Your school's list of NCAA courses can be found at:
www.eligibilitycenter.org

Grades 11 & 12

- Students should work with their counselor to make sure they are on track to graduate on time.
- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at www.eligibilitycenter.org. Cost is \$80. Fee waivers are available for eligible students.
- Students should register to take the ACT, SAT or both. Use the NCAA Eligibility Center code "9999" as a score recipient.
- At the end of the year, official transcripts are submitted for all 11th and 12th graders registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Estimated Probability Competing beyond High School

Student/Athlete	Football	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball
HS Student/Athlete	983,600	549,500	456,900
HS Senior Student/Athlete	281,000	157,000	130,500
NCAA Freshman Positions	16,200	4,500	4,100
NCAA Athletes Drafted	250	44	32
Percent HS to NCAA	5.8	2.9	3.1
Percent HS to Professional	0.09	0.03	0.02



NCAA Divisions

Division I

- 329 schools
- FBS, FCS, and non-football
- Offer Athletic Scholarships
- More scholarships available
- Have more sports required (7-m, 7-w)
- Attendance requirements

Division II

- 282 schools
- Offer Athletic scholarships
- More restrictions on # of scholarships
- Require certain # of sports (5-m, 5-w)

Division III

- 422 schools
- No athletic scholarships
- Require certain # of sports (5-m, 5-w)
- Focus is on participation and enhancing SA experience

NCAA Initial-Eligibility Center

Main Components

- High School Graduation
- Core Course Completion
- Minimum GPA in Core Courses
- Test Scores
- Amateurism



What are the academic requirements?

- Graduate from high school.
- Complete 16 NCAA approved courses. (10 of these must be completed by the end of Junior year)
- Earn a minimum required **core course** grade- point average (GPA).
- Achieve the required SAT or ACT sum score.

What is the “Core Course GPA”?

Students earn credit for each course passed. Quality points are also given for the grade earned in the course.

$$\frac{\text{Total points earned}}{\text{Total credits}} = \text{Core GPA}$$

Core Course	Grade	Quality Pts	Credit	GPA
English I	A	4	1	
Earth Science	B	3	1	
Math I	C	2	1	
Honors World History	C	2.5	1	
		11.5	4	2.875

Division I



Division I

Core-Course Requirements

16 Core Courses:

- 4 years of English.
- 3 years of Math (Algebra/Math I or higher).
- 2 years of Natural/Physical science
- 2 years of Social Science
- 1 year additional English, Math, or Science.
- 4 years additional academic courses (can include World Language)

Sample Sliding Scale for D- I Athletics Aid

Core GPA	SAT (Reading/Math only)	ACT Sum Score
3.50	420	39
3.00	620	52
2.75	720	59
2.60	780	64
2.50	820	68
2.30	900	75
2.29	910	76
2.15	960	81
2.00	1020	86

The full sliding scale can be found at eligibilitycenter.org
Click on "Help",
then Resources.

Your Best Test Scores Will Be Used to Certify You

Test Score

	Math	Verbal	Total
SAT (10/15)	350	470	820
SAT (12/15)	420	440	860
Scores Used	420	470	890

NCAA Division I Initial-Eligibility Academic Requirements

There are three possible academic outcomes:

- **Qualifier** = competition, athletics aid (scholarship), and practice the first year.
- **Academic Redshirt** = athletics aid the first year, practice in first regular academic term (semester or quarter).
- **Nonqualifier** = no athletics aid, practice or competition the first year.

NCAA Division I Requirements

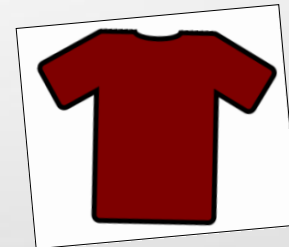


For Full Qualifier:

- Minimum GPA of **2.300** in those 16 core courses.
- Earn the SAT (math and critical reading) or ACT *sum* score matching the Division I sliding scale.
- Graduate high school on time.

For Academic Redshirt:

- Core-course GPA of 2.00 – 2.29
- Earn the SAT (math and critical reading) or ACT sum score matching the GPA on the Division I sliding scale.
- Graduate high school on time.



What If You Do Not Meet Either Set of Requirements?

If you do not meet either set of requirements, you are a **nonqualifier**.

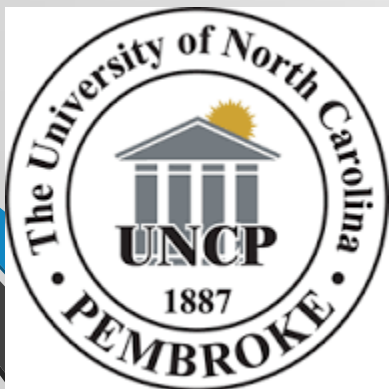


A nonqualifier:

- Cannot receive athletics aid during the first year at an NCAA Division I school
- Cannot practice or compete during the first year at a Division I school.



What about Division II??



PhilaU
PHILADELPHIA UNIVERSITY

Division II

Core-Course Requirements

16 Core Courses

- 3 years of English.
- 2 years of math (Algebra I/Math I or higher).
- 2 years of Natural/Physical Science
- 3 years of Social Science
- 2 year additional English, Math, or Science.
- 4 years additional academic courses (can include World Language)

New NCAA Division II Competition Academic Requirements (Beginning August 1, 2018)

Full Qualifier: A student-athlete will be allowed to compete and receive athletic aid during their first year of enrollment if he or she...

- Completes the required 16 core courses.
- Earns a minimum **2.20** GPA or better in your core courses.
- Earns a Minimum SAT or ACT score that matches the 16 core course GPA on the full qualifier sliding scale.

Partial Qualifier: A student-athlete will be allowed to *practice* (but not compete) and receive athletic aid in first academic year if he or she:

- Completes the required 16 core courses; and
- Has a minimum GPA of **2.000** with corresponding test score on the partial qualifier sliding scale.

New Competition Sliding Scale for Division II

Full Qualifier			Partial Qualifier		
Core GPA	SAT	ACT Sum	Core GPA	SAT	ACT Sum
3.300 & above	400	37	3.050 & above	400	37
3.00	520	46	3.00	420	39
2.75	620	52	2.75	520	46
2.50	720	59	2.50	620	52
2.30	800	66	2.30	700	57
2.20	840	70	2.00	820	68

What about Division III?



Division III Core-Course Requirements

- Unlike Divisions I and II, there is no uniform set of eligibility requirements for Division III schools.
- Division III schools do not offer athletic scholarships, and set their own standards for admission, financial aid, practice and competition.
- The NCAA Eligibility Center does not perform certifications for Division III college-bound student-athletes, however, you are able to create a “student profile page” on the Eligibility Center website.

Recruiting Advice

- Do not hesitate to call or e-mail coaches. If you don't, someone else is. **BE PROACTIVE!**
- Use E-Mail. It gives the coach the ability to contact on their own time.
- Do some research on your own. You can get a good feel for the school/team/coach by looking at their website.
- Use contact time wisely – Prepare a list of good questions. Answer the questions thoroughly and thoughtfully. Beyond “yes,” “no,” and “um”.
- There are no dumb questions. Get to know the coaches and see how you'd feel being with them for four years.
- They want to talk with the student and get an idea about who they are – not the parents!



NCAA Clearinghouse Eligibility Process

- Go to www.ncaaclearinghouse.net and click “prospective student athlete” link.
- Go to the “Domestic Student Release” link and fill out the form.
- Print two copies of the “Student Release Form”.
- Give Copies #1 and #2 to guidance office (copy #1 is sent with 6th semester transcript while copy #2 is sent with final transcript upon graduation).
- Have ACT/SAT scores sent to the Clearinghouse (#9999)

For more information:

- Contact the coach for your sport
- Visit the NCAA eligibility website
at:

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

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