

# Initial-Eligibility Standards

If you want to compete in NCAA sports, you need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org). Plan to register before year nine of secondary school. For more information on registration, visit [on.ncaa.com/RegChecklist](http://on.ncaa.com/RegChecklist).

## International Academic Requirements

Division I and II schools require you to meet academic standards. To be eligible to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in your first year of full-time enrollment, you must meet the following requirements:

### Division I

1. Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

<b>ENGLISH/ NATIVE LANGUAGE</b>	<b>MATH</b> (Algebra I or higher)	<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>EXTRA</b> (English/native language, math or science)	<b>SOCIAL SCIENCE</b>	<b>OTHER</b> Any area listed to the left or courses listed in additional discipline (world language, comparative religion or philosophy)
4 credits	3 credits	2 credits	1 credit	2 credits	4 credits

2. Complete your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits prior to your expected date of secondary school graduation. If you graduate from secondary school early, you still must meet core-course requirements.
3. Earn a minimum 2.3 **core-course grade-point average (GPA)**. For more information on GPA conversions for your country, visit [ncaa.org/countries](http://ncaa.org/countries).
4. Ask your secondary school counselor or appropriate issuing body to **submit an official transcript** from years nine and up in your native language, and include a certified line-by-line **English translation** with proof of graduation to your Eligibility Center account. For more information on proof of graduation for your country, visit [on.ncaa.com/IntlGuide](http://on.ncaa.com/IntlGuide).

### Division II

1. Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

<b>ENGLISH/ NATIVE LANGUAGE</b>	<b>MATH</b> (Algebra I or higher)	<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>EXTRA</b> (English/native language, math or science)	<b>SOCIAL SCIENCE</b>	<b>OTHER</b> Any area listed to the left or courses listed in additional discipline (world language, comparative religion or philosophy)
3 credits	2 credits	2 credits	3 credits	2 credits	4 credits

2. Earn a minimum 2.2 **core-course grade-point average (GPA)**. For more information on GPA conversions for your country, visit [ncaa.org/countries](http://ncaa.org/countries).
3. Ask your secondary school counselor or appropriate issuing body to **submit an official transcript** from years nine and up in your native language, and include a certified line-by-line **English translation** with proof of graduation to your Eligibility Center account. For more information on proof of graduation for your country, visit [on.ncaa.com/IntlGuide](http://on.ncaa.com/IntlGuide).

### Division III

While **Division III schools** set their own admissions and academic requirements, **international student-athletes** (first-year enrollees and transfers) who are enrolling at a Division III school after Aug. 1, 2023, must be certified as an amateur by the Eligibility Center. Contact the Division III school you plan to attend for more information about its academic requirements.