



NCAA

The National Collegiate Athletic Association
- integrating athletics into higher education



SPORTS

FALL SPORTS

Men:	Women:
Cross Country	Cross Country
Football	Field Hockey
Soccer	Soccer
Water Polo	Volleyball

WINTER SPORTS

Men:	Women:
Basketball	Basketball
Fencing	Bowling
Gymnastics	Fencing
Ice Hockey	Gymnastics
Indoor Track and Field	Ice Hockey
Rifle	Indoor Track and Field
Skiing	Rifle
Swimming and Diving	Skiing
Wrestling	Swimming and Diving

SPRING SPORTS

Men:	Women:
Baseball	Beach Volleyball
Golf	Golf
Lacrosse	Lacrosse
Outdoor Track and Field	Outdoor Track and Field
Tennis	Rowing
Volleyball	Softball
	Tennis
	Water Polo

EMERGING SPORTS

Women:
Equestrian
Rugby
Triathlon



HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE

Grade 9

Plan

- Start planning now! Take the right courses and earn the best grades you can.
- Find your high school's list of NCAA core courses at eligibilitycenter.org/courselist.

Grade 11

Study

- Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate on time.
- Take the ACT or SAT, and make sure we get your scores by using code 9999.
- At the end of the year, ask your counselor to upload your official transcript.

Grade 10

Register

- Register for a Certification Account or Profile Page with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.

Grade 12

Graduate

- Take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary.
- Request your final amateurism certification after April 1.
- After you graduate, ask your counselor to upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation.

Three Divisions

DIVISION I

Division I schools generally have more students, larger athletics budgets and more athletics department support than schools in Division II or III.

PARTICIPATION

- 179,200 student-athletes
- 351 colleges and universities

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

59 percent of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid

ACADEMICS

2017 Graduation Success Rate: 87 percent*

OTHER STATS

Median Undergraduate Enrollment: 9,629
Average Number of Teams per School: 19
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: 4 percent
Division I National Championships: 26

DIVISION II

Schools in Division II emphasize a life balance in which academically and athletically gifted students can compete at a high level, while maintaining a traditional collegiate experience.

PARTICIPATION

- 121,900 student-athletes
- 308 colleges and universities

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

62 percent of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid

ACADEMICS

2017 Academic Success Rate: 72 percent*

OTHER STATS

Median Undergraduate Enrollment: 2,485
Average Number of Teams per School: 16
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: 9 percent
Division II National Championships: 25

DIVISION III

Academics are the primary focus for Division III student athletes who experience shorter sports seasons, reducing their time away from academic studies and other campus activities.

PARTICIPATION

- 190,900 student-athletes
- 443 colleges and universities

FINANCIAL AID

80 percent of all student-athletes receive some form of academic grant or need-based scholarship; institutional gift aid totals \$17,000 on average

ACADEMICS

2017 Academic Success Rate: 87 percent*

OTHER STATS

Median Undergraduate Enrollment: 1,748
Average Number of Teams per School: 18
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: 26 percent
Division III National Championships: 28



STUDENT REGISTRATION

Choose from two account types:

Certification Account: You need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at an **NCAA Division I or II** school. You also need to be fully registered with a Certification Account before you can make official visits or sign a National Letter of Intent in Division I or II.

You need to create a Certification Account to

- *ensures you have met amateurism standards and are academically prepared for college coursework.*
- *make official visits to Divisions I and II schools*
- *sign a National Letter of Intent.*
- *get an NCAA ID*

Profile Page: If you plan to compete at a **Division III** school or currently are not sure in which division you want to compete, create a Profile Page.

- *If at any time you wish to pursue a Division I or II path, you will be able to transition to a Certification Account. You may not move from a Certification Account to a Profile Page.*



ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To play sports at a Division I or II school, you must graduate from high school, complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses, earn a minimum GPA, and earn an ACT or SAT score that matches your core-course GPA.

For a list of NCAA- approved core courses visit eligibilitycenter.org/courselist

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CEEB Code: 262545

High School Name: PARK HILL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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NCAA core courses

Classes that are NCAA core courses include:

- **English:** English 1-4, American Literature, creative writing
- **Math:** Algebra 1-3, Geometry, statistics
- **Natural or physical science:** biology, chemistry, physics
- **Social science:** American History, civics, government
- **Additional:** comparative religion, Spanish 1-4

Classes that are not NCAA core courses include:

- *Classes in non-core areas, fine arts or vocations such as driver education, typing, art, music, physical education or welding.*
- *Personal skill classes such as personal finance or consumer education.*
- *Classes taught below grade level, at a slower pace or with less rigor or depth. These classes are often titled basic, essential, fundamental or foundational.*
- *Classes that are not academic in nature such as film appreciation, video editing or greenhouse management.*

Not all high school classes count as NCAA core courses. Only classes in English, math (Algebra 1 or higher), natural or physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy may be approved as NCAA core courses.

Remedial classes and classes completed through credit-by-exam are not considered NCAA core courses.



Core Courses Requirements

This simple formula will help you meet Division I and II core-course requirements.

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

+ 4 English courses (one per year)

+ 4 math courses (one per year)

+ 4 science courses (one per year)

+ 4 social science courses (one per year)

= 16 NCAA CORE COURSES



ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

GRADE-POINT AVERAGE

The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates your grade-point average (GPA) based on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core Courses.

- DI requires a minimum 2.3 GPA
- DII requires a minimum 2.2 GPA

SLIDING SCALE

Divisions I and II use sliding scales to match test scores and GPAs to determine eligibility.

The sliding scale balances your test score with your GPA.

If you have a low test score, you need a higher GPA to be eligible.

TEST SCORES

Take the ACT or SAT as many times as you want before you enroll full time in college, but remember to list the NCAA Eligibility Center (code 9999) as a score recipient whenever you register to take a test. If you take a test more than once, send us all your scores and we will choose the best scores from each test section to create your sum score.

We accept official scores only from the ACT or SAT, and won't use scores shown on your high school transcript.

Remember to apply the College Board concordance table for SAT tests taken in March 2016 and after.



DIVISION I: Core Courses

ENGLISH → 4 years

NATURAL/PHYSICAL SCIENCE (including 1 year of lab science) → 2 years

MATH (Algebra 1 or higher) → 3 years

SOCIAL SCIENCE → 2 years

ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science) → 1 year

ADDITIONAL (English, math, natural/physical science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy) → 4 years

Complete 10 NCAA core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before your seventh semester.



DIVISION I: Qualifier

Full Qualifier

- Complete 16 core courses.
- Ten of the 16 core courses must be completed before the seventh semester (senior year) of high school.
- Seven of the 10 core courses must be in English, math or natural/physical science.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.300.
- Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale
- Graduate high school.

Full Qualifier Definition: College-bound student-athletes may practice, compete and receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.

Academic Redshirt

- Complete 16 core courses.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000.
- Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale (see back page).
- Graduate high school.

Academic Redshirt Definition: College-bound student-athletes may receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment and may practice during their first regular academic term, but may NOT compete during their first year of enrollment.

Nonqualifier: College-bound student-athletes cannot practice, receive athletics scholarships or compete during their first year of enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.



SAT or ACT

A combined **SAT** score is calculated by adding **reading and math subscores**.

An **ACT** sum score is calculated by adding **English, math, reading and science subscores**.

You may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before you enroll full-time in college.

If you take either test more than once, the **best sub score** from different tests are used to meet initial eligibility requirements.

**DIVISION I
FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE**

Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
3.550	400	400	37
3.525	410	410	38
3.500	430	420	39
3.475	440	430	40
3.450	460	440	41
3.425	470	450	41
3.400	490	460	42
3.375	500	470	42
3.350	520	480	43
3.325	530	490	44
3.300	550	500	44
3.275	560	510	45
3.250	580	520	46
3.225	590	530	46
3.200	600	540	47
3.175	620	550	47
3.150	630	560	48
3.125	650	570	49
3.100	660	580	49
3.075	680	590	50
3.050	690	600	50
3.025	710	610	51
3.000	720	620	52
2.975	730	630	52
2.950	740	640	53
2.925	750	650	53
2.900	750	660	54
2.875	760	670	55
2.850	770	680	56
2.825	780	690	56
2.800	790	700	57
2.775	800	710	58

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**DIVISION I
FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE**

Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
2.750	810	720	59
2.725	820	730	60
2.700	830	740	61
2.675	840	750	61
2.650	850	760	62
2.625	860	770	63
2.600	860	780	64
2.575	870	790	65
2.550	880	800	66
2.525	890	810	67
2.500	900	820	68
2.475	910	830	69
2.450	920	840	70
2.425	930	850	70
2.400	940	860	71
2.375	950	870	72
2.350	960	880	73
2.325	970	890	74
2.300	980	900	75
2.299	990	910	76
2.275	990	910	76
2.250	1000	920	77
2.225	1010	930	78
2.200	1020	940	79
2.175	1030	950	80
2.150	1040	960	81
2.125	1050	970	82
2.100	1060	980	83
2.075	1070	990	84
2.050	1080	1000	85
2.025	1090	1010	86
2.000	1100	1020	86

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT



DIVISION II: Core Courses

ENGLISH → 3 years

NATURAL/PHYSICAL SCIENCE (including 1 year of lab science) → 2 years

MATH (Algebra 1 or higher) → 2 years

SOCIAL SCIENCE → 2 years

ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science) → 3 year

ADDITIONAL (English, math, natural/physical science, foreign language, comparative religion or philisophu) → 4 years

Complete 10 NCAA core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before your seventh semester.



DIVISION I: Qualifier

Full Qualifier

- Complete 16 core courses.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.200.
- Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division II full qualifier sliding scale (see back page).
- Graduate high school.

Full Qualifier Definition: College-bound student-athletes may practice, compete and receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment at an NCAA Division II school.

Partial Qualifier

- Complete 16 core courses.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000.
- Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division II partial qualifier sliding scale (see back page).
- Graduate high school.

Partial Qualifier Definition: College-bound student-athletes may receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment and may practice during their first regular academic term, but may NOT compete during their first year of enrollment.

Nonqualifier: College-bound student-athletes may not practice, compete or receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment at an NCAA Division II school.

DIVISION II FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE

USE FOR DIVISION II BEGINNING AUGUST 2018

Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
3.300 & above	400	400	37
3.275	410	410	38
3.250	430	420	39
3.225	440	430	40
3.200	460	440	41
3.175	470	450	41
3.150	490	460	42
3.125	500	470	42
3.100	520	480	43
3.075	530	490	44
3.050	550	500	44
3.025	560	510	45
3.000	580	520	46
2.975	590	530	46
2.950	600	540	47
2.925	620	550	47
2.900	630	560	48
2.875	650	570	49
2.850	660	580	49
2.825	680	590	50
2.800	690	600	50
2.775	710	610	51
2.750	720	620	52
2.725	730	630	52
2.700	740	640	53
2.675	750	650	53
2.650	750	660	54
2.625	760	670	55
2.600	770	680	56
2.575	780	690	56
2.550	790	700	57
2.525	800	710	58
2.500	810	720	59
2.475	820	730	60
2.450	830	740	61
2.425	840	750	61
2.400	850	760	62
2.375	860	770	63
2.350	860	780	64
2.325	870	790	65
2.300	880	800	66
2.275	890	810	67
2.250	900	820	68
2.225	910	830	69
2.200	920	840 & above	70 & above

DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE

USE FOR DIVISION II BEGINNING AUGUST 2018

Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
3.050 & above	400	400	37
3.025	410	410	38
3.000	430	420	39
2.975	440	430	40
2.950	460	440	41
2.925	470	450	41
2.900	490	460	42
2.875	500	470	42
2.850	520	480	43
2.825	530	490	44
2.800	550	500	44
2.775	560	510	45
2.750	580	520	46
2.725	590	530	46
2.700	600	540	47
2.675	620	550	47
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2.500	720	620	52
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2.275	800	710	58
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National Letter of Intent (NLI)

The NLI is a binding agreement between a prospective student-athlete and an NLI member institution.

- A prospective student-athlete agrees to attend the institution full-time for one academic year (two semesters or three quarters).
- The institution agrees to provide athletics financial aid for one academic year (two semesters or three quarters).

The penalty for not fulfilling the NLI agreement: A student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent but decides to attend another college may request a release from his or her contract with the school. If a student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent with one school but attends a different school, he or she loses one full year of eligibility and must complete a full academic year at the new school before being eligible to compete.

An important provision of the NLI program is a recruiting prohibition applied after a prospective student-athlete signs the NLI. This prohibition requires member institutions to cease recruitment of a prospective student-athlete once an NLI is signed with another institution.



Amateurism

When you register with the NCAA Eligibility Center, you will be asked a series of questions about your sports participation to determine your amateur status.

More than 90 percent of student-athletes who register are automatically certified. In some instances, the NCAA Eligibility Center staff may need to gather additional information to evaluate your amateur status.

If you are enrolling at a Division I or II school for the fall semester, you may request an amateurism certification decision from the NCAA Eligibility Center on or after April 1 before your enrollment in college. If you are enrolling in college in the spring semester, you may request a final amateurism decision on or after October 1 before your enrollment in college.



Amateurism Certification

The collegiate model of sports is centered on the fact that those who participate are students first and not professional athletes.

Amateurism certification ensures this is the case and that NCAA amateurism regulations are applied uniformly for incoming Division I and II student-athletes.



Amateurism review

The following activities may impact your amateur status:

- Signing a contract with a professional team
- Playing with professionals
- Participating in tryouts or practices with a professional team
- Accepting payments or preferential benefits for playing sports
- Accepting prize money above your expenses
- Accepting benefits from an agent or prospective agent
- Agreeing to be represented by an agent
- Delaying your full-time college enrollment to play in organized sports competitions



Delay full-time college enrollment

In most sports, you may delay full-time college enrollment for one year after your expected high school graduation without impacting your eligibility.

In tennis, you may delay enrollment for **six months** after your expected date of high school graduation, as long as you have not yet turned 20 years old.

In men's ice hockey or skiing, you may be required to enroll full-time in college before you turn 21 to avoid impacting your eligibility.



Scholarships

Many athletics scholarships, like most merit-based scholarships, are granted for one academic year.

In most cases, coaches decide who receives a scholarship, what it will cover and whether it will be renewed.

The scholarship is not a binding contract but rather an agreement between the school and the student-athlete with expectations on both sides. A student-athlete may choose to transfer at any time. But. . .

If a student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent, he or she cannot transfer during the initial year of competition without penalty.

Depending on various circumstances, a school can choose not to renew or cancel a student-athlete's scholarship*. The school has the choice to reduce or cancel the scholarship at the end of the period of the award. The school could also cancel the scholarship during the period of the award under the following circumstances:

- Student-athlete becomes ineligible
- Student-athlete commits fraud
- Misconduct
- Quits the team for personal reasons



questions to ask staff at potential school as you make your decision: coaching staff

What positions will I play on your team? It is not always obvious. Most coaches want to be flexible, so you might not receive a definite answer.

What other players may be competing at the same position? The response could give you an idea of when you can expect to be a starter.

Will I be redshirted my first year? The school's policy on redshirting may impact you both athletically and academically.

What expectations do you have for training and conditioning? This will reveal the college or university's commitment to a training and conditioning program.

How would you best describe your coaching style? Every coach has a particular style that involves different motivational techniques and discipline. You need to know if a coach's teaching style matches your learning style.

When does the head coach's contract end? How long does the coach intend to stay? Do not make any assumptions about how long a coach will be at a school. If the coach leaves, does this change your mind about the school or the program?

Is medical insurance required for my participation? Is it provided by the college? You may be required to provide proof of insurance.

If I am seriously injured while competing, who is responsible for my medical expenses? What happens if I want to transfer to another school? You may not transfer without the permission of your current college's athletics department. Ask how often coaches grant this privilege and ask for an example of a situation in which permission was not granted.



questions to ask staff at potential school as you make your decision: admission staff

Academics

What are graduates of the program doing after school? What percentage of players on scholarship graduate?

The response will suggest the school's commitment to academics. You might want to ask two follow-up questions:

- What percentage of incoming students eventually graduate?
- What is the current team's grade-point average?

What academic support programs are available to student-athletes? Look for a college that will help you become a better student.

How many credit hours should I take in season and out of season? It is important to determine how many credit hours are required for your degree and what pace you will follow to obtain that degree.

Are there restrictions in scheduling classes around practice? NCAA rules prevent you from missing class for practice.

Is summer school available? If I need to take summer school, will it be paid for by the college? You may need to take summer school to meet academic and/or graduation requirements.



questions to ask staff at potential school as you make your decision: admission staff

College life

What is a typical day for a student-athlete?

The answer will give you a good idea of how much time is spent in class, practice, study and travel. It also will give you a good indication of what coaches expect.

What are the residence halls like? The response should give you a hint of how comfortable you would be in your room, study areas, community bathrooms and at the laundry facilities. Also ask about the number of students in a room, coed dorms and the rules governing life in the residence halls.

Must student-athletes live on campus? If the answer is “yes,” ask about exceptions.



questions to ask staff at potential school as you make your decision: admission staff

Financial aid

What are my opportunities for employment while I am a student? Find out if you can be employed in season, out of season or during vacation periods.

Exactly how much will the athletics scholarship be? What will and will not be covered? It is important to understand what college expenses your family is responsible for so you can arrange to pay those. Educational expenses can be paid with student loans and government grants, but it takes time to apply for them. Find out early so you can get something lined up.

Am I eligible for additional financial aid? Are there any restrictions? Sometimes a student-athlete cannot accept a certain type of scholarship because of NCAA limitations. If you will be receiving other scholarships, let the coach and financial aid officer know so they can determine if you may accept additional dollars.

Who is financially responsible if I am injured while competing? You need to understand your financial obligations if you suffer an injury while participating in athletics.

Under what circumstances could my scholarship be reduced or canceled? Coaches should be able to give you some idea of how players are evaluated from year to year and how these decisions are made. The college or university may have a policy governing renewal of athletics aid. Ask if such a policy exists and read it.



questions to ask staff at potential school as you make your decision: admission staff

Financial aid

Are there academic criteria tied to maintaining the scholarship? Some colleges or universities add academic requirements to scholarships (e.g., minimum grade-point average).

What scholarship money is available after eligibility is exhausted to help me complete my degree? It may take longer than four years to complete a college degree program. Some colleges assist student-athletes financially as they complete their degrees. Ask how such aid is awarded. You may have to work with the team or in the athletics department to qualify for this aid.

What scholarship money is available if I suffer an athletics career-ending injury? Not every institution continues to provide an athletics scholarship to a student-athlete who can no longer compete because of a career-ending injury.

Will my scholarship be maintained if there is a change in coaches? A coach may not be able to answer this, but the athletics director may.