DIVISION I ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To study and compete at a **Division I school**, you must earn 16 NCAA-approved **core-course credits**, earn a minimum 2.3 **core-course GPA** and submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, world language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy)
4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	2 years	4 years

For Division I, 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits must be completed before the start of your seventh semester, including seven in English, math or science.

QUALIFIER

As a Division I qualifier, you may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.

- Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the right areas.
  - Complete 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits, including seven in English, math or science, before the start of the seventh semester.
  - Complete your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in eight academic semesters or four consecutive academic years from the start of ninth grade.
- Earn a minimum 2.3 **core-course GPA**.
- Submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

As a Division I academic redshirt, you may practice during your first regular academic term and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment but may NOT compete during your first year of enrollment. You must pass either eight quarter or nine semester hours to practice in the next term.

- Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the right areas.
- Earn a minimum 2.0 core-course GPA.
- Submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

** More information regarding the impact of COVID-19 can be found at* **on.ncaa.com/COVID19_Spring2023**.

TEST SCORES

In January 2023, NCAA **Divisions I** and **II** adopted legislation to remove standardized test scores from initial-eligibility requirements. Check with the NCAA school you plan to attend regarding whether standardized test scores are necessary for admission or scholarship requirements.

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CORE-COURSE LIST

Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at **eligibilitycenter.org/courselist**. No core-course list means courses taken from that high school will not count for NCAA eligibility. If your high school does not have a list, you risk being ineligible to play in college.

NONTRADITIONAL AND ONLINE COURSES

Nontraditional courses are taught online or through distance learning, hybrid/blended, independent study, individualized instruction, correspondence or similar means.

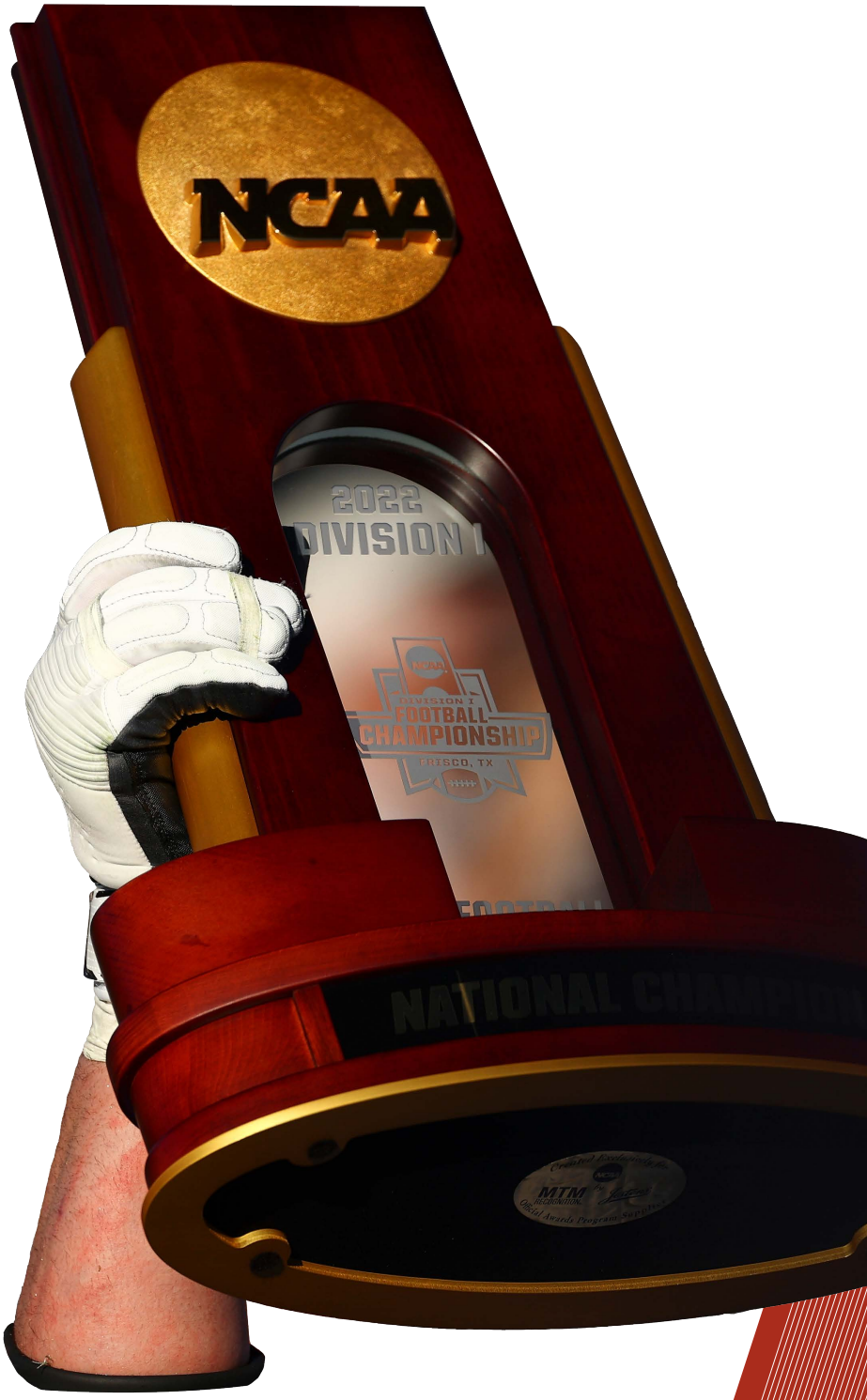
These types of courses may be acceptable for use in the NCAA initial-eligibility certification process; however, it is important to make sure the nontraditional program has been approved and appears on **your school/program's list** of NCAA-approved core courses.

BE AHEAD OF THE GAME

- Plan to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at **eligibilitycenter.org** before your freshman year of high school. Visit **on.ncaa.com/RegChecklist** to help guide you through the registration process.
- After six semesters of high school, ask your high school counselor from each school you have attended to upload an official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **DII Academic Requirements flyer**.
- **DIII Amateurism flyer**.
- **International Initial-Eligibility flyer**.



Want more information? Visit ncaa.org/playcollegesports.

CONTACT THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

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