

X's and O's Playing Division I Sports

Overview of the NCAA Initial Eligibility Process

What is the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse?

The NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse (the Clearinghouse) is an organization that works with the NCAA to determine a student's eligibility for athletics participation in his or her first year of college enrollment.

Students who want to participate in college sports during their first year of enrollment in college must register with the Clearinghouse.



Located in Iowa City, Iowa, the Clearinghouse staff follows NCAA bylaws and regulations

in analyzing and processing a student's high school academic records, ACT or SAT scores, and key information about amateurism participation, to determine the student's initial eligibility.

After November 1, 2007 the NCAA Initial Eligibility Center will be relocated to Indianapolis, IN and will be renamed the NCAA Eligibility Center.

What is the cost?

There is only one fee to register for the clearinghouse, which covers both the academic and amateurism certification: \$50 for domestic prospects and \$75 for international students.

When should I register?

Register for the Clearinghouse at the beginning of your junior year in high school and be sure to update the athletics participation section regularly. There is no deadline; however, prospective student-athletes must be certified as an amateur before they may receive an athletics scholarship or practice or compete at a Division I or II institution.

How do I register?

To register for the Clearinghouse, simply go to www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. Click on prospective student-athlete, then click on either the Domestic or International Student Release Form. Complete ALL of the questions and submit your answers.

Quick Facts:

- Clearinghouse website: www.ncaaclearinghouse.net
- Clearinghouse Phone # 1-800-262-1492
- SAT website: www.collegeboard.com
- ACT website: www.act.org

What do I need to do before I can make an official visit?

1. Register for the NCAA Clearinghouse
2. Complete the Student Release Form
3. Pay the \$50 Registration Fee
4. Make sure you have taken the ACT/SAT

What do I need to do before I can be eligible to play Division I sports?

1. Register for the NCAA Clearinghouse
2. Complete the Student Release Form
3. Complete the Amateurism Questionnaire
4. Pay the \$50 Registration Fee
5. Have your standardized test score (SAT and/or ACT) sent to the Clearinghouse directly from the testing agency
6. Have your high school send your official transcripts directly to the Clearinghouse and the institution you are applying for
7. Officially apply for admissions at your selected institution

Academic-Eligibility Requirements

Division I

2008-2009

If you enroll in a Division I college in 2008 or after, and want to participate in athletics or receive an athletics scholarship during your first year, you must:

- Graduate from high school;
- Complete these 16 core courses:
 - o 4 years of English
 - o 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
 - o 2 years of natural/physical science (one must be a lab science)
 - o 1 year of additional English, math or science
 - o 2 years of social studies
 - o 4 years of additional core courses (from any area listed above, or from foreign language, non-doctrinal religion or philosophy)
- Earn a minimum required grade-point average in your core courses; and
- Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches your core-course grade-point average on the test score sliding scale on this page (for example, a 2.400 core-course grade-point average needs an 860 SAT).

Note: Computer science courses can be used as core courses only if your high school grants graduation credit in math or natural or physical science for them, and if the courses appear on your high school's core-course list as math or science courses.

You will be a qualifier if you meet the academic requirements listed above. As a qualifier, you:

- Can practice or compete for your college or university during your first year of college;
- Can receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of college; and
- Can play four seasons in your sport if you maintain your eligibility from year to year.

You will be a nonqualifier if you do not meet the academic requirements listed above. As a nonqualifier, you:

- Cannot practice or compete for your college or university during your first year of college;
- Cannot receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of college, although you may receive need-based financial aid; and
- Can play only three seasons in your sport if you maintain your eligibility from year to year (to earn a fourth season you must complete at least 80 percent of your degree requirements before beginning your fifth year of college).

Division I Core GPA and Test Score Sliding Scale		
3.550 & above	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	420	39
3.475	430	40
3.450	440	41
3.425	450	41
3.400	460	42
3.375	470	42
3.350	480	43
3.325	490	44
3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	47
3.175	550	47
3.150	560	48
3.125	570	49
3.100	580	49
3.075	590	50
3.050	600	50
3.025	610	51
3.000	620	52
2.975	630	52
2.950	640	53
2.925	650	53
2.900	660	54
2.875	670	55
2.850	680	56
2.825	690	56
2.800	700	57
2.775	710	58
2.750	720	59
2.725	730	59
2.700	730	60
2.675	740-750	61
2.650	760	62
2.625	770	63
2.600	780	64
2.575	790	65
2.550	800	66
2.525	810	67
2.500	820	68
2.475	830	69
2.450	840-850	70
2.425	860	70
2.400	860	71
2.375	870	72
2.350	880	73
2.325	890	74
2.300	900	75
2.275	910	76
2.250	920	77
2.225	930	78
2.200	940	79
2.175	950	80
2.150	960	80
2.125	960	81
2.100	970	82
2.075	980	83
2.050	990	84
2.025	1000	85
2.000	1010	86

If you have any questions regarding Initial-Eligibility rules please do not hesitate to contact the Georgia Tech Compliance Office at 404-894-5507