

Eligibility Requirements

Division I

The Division I initial-eligibility requirements have changed.

If you plan to enter college in 2008 or after, you will need to present 16 core courses in the following breakdown:

- Graduated from High School.
- 4 years of English
- **3** years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (one must be a lab science)
- 1 year of additional English, math or science
- 2 years of social studies
- **4** years of additional core courses (from any area listed above, or from foreign language, non-doctrinal religion or philosophy)
- Earned a minimum required grade point average in your core courses.
- Earned a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches your core-course GPA
- Beginning in 2007, you must graduate from high school on schedule (in eight semesters) with your incoming ninth grade class.
- **Division I** has a sliding scale for Act and SAT test score and grade-point average. The sliding scale for those requirements can be found on the NCAA website.

DIVISION II

14 Core-Course Rule

14 Core Courses:

- 3 years of English.
- 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 2 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- **3** years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or non-doctrinal religion/philosophy).
- Grade-point-average requirement is a minimum 2.000.
- Minimum SAT score requirement of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.

In addition, DURING THE FALL OF YOUR SENIOR YEAR you must file a STUDENT RELEASE FORM (available from your counselor) with the NCAA Clearinghouse-Forms Procession Dept. 2510 North Dodge St., P.O. Box 4043, Iowa City, IA 52244-4043. The clearinghouse will assess your coursework and report to the NCAA institutions of your choice whether you meet the academic requirements for Division I or II competition.

Division III

- No initial eligibility requirements mandated by the NCAA.
- If admitted to a Division III school, you are eligible to compete.
- Contact the specific school for its policies on financial aid, practice, and competition.

Junior College

Junior College eligibility requirements can be found at: <http://www.njcaa.org/>

NJCAA National Office
1755 Telstar Drive, Suite 103
Colorado Springs, CO 80920
PHONE: (719) 590-9788
FAX: (719) 590-7324

NAIA INSTITUTIONS:

Eligibility regulations for NAIA institutions can be found at: <http://naia.cstv.com/>

NAIA
1200 Grand Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64106
P: 816.595.8000
F: 816.595.8200
NAIA Rules Hotline: 816-595-8180

Details of the general requirements of By-law 14.3 are contained in the following sections:

Definition of a Core Course

For purposes of meeting the core curriculum requirement, a "core Course" is defined as a recognized academic course (as opposed to a vocational or personal-services course) that offers fundamental instructional components in a specified area of study. Courses that are taught at a level below the high school's regular academic instructional level (e.g., remedial, special education or compensatory) shall not be considered core courses regardless of course content.

English-(four units required). Core courses in English shall include instructional elements in the following areas: grammar, vocabulary development, composition, literature, analytical reading or oral communication. [Note: A unit represents approximately 180 classroom instructional hours.]

Mathematics-(three units required). Core courses in mathematics shall include instructional elements in algebra, geometry, trigonometry, statistics or calculus.

Social Science-(two units required). Core courses in social science shall contain instructional elements in history, social science, economics, geography, psychology, sociology, government, political science or anthropology.

Natural or Physical Science-(two units required, including at least one full unit of laboratory classes if offered by the high school). Core courses in natural or physical science shall include instructional elements in biology, chemistry, physics, environmental science, physical science, or earth science. Additional Academic Courses-(five units required). A one year unit of an additional English, Math or Science and four one year units from courses in the above areas or foreign language, philosophy or non-doctrinal religion (e.g., comparative religion) courses.

Several additional points about Bylaw 14.3 should be emphasized:

1. These requirements currently do not apply to Division III institutions, where eligibility for financial aid, practice and competition is governed by institutional, conference and other NCAA regulations.
2. This legislation established a minimum standard only for athletics eligibility; it is not a guide to a student's qualifications for admission to the institution. Under NCAA legislation a student's admission is governed by the regularly published entrance requirements of each member institution. There are many other factors which impact college eligibility including financial aid. Students must seek additional information from their guidance counselor and athletic director. Suggested reading for a better understanding of the rules and regulations of the NCAA is the NCAA publication **'NCAA Guide for the College Bound Student- Athlete'**. It is available in limited quantities to juniors or seniors in the Guidance office while supplies last. Or it can be order from the NCAA Publications Dept. 6201 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS 66211-2422, phone 913-339-1906.