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NCAA FAST FACTS

- 1,117 colleges and universities.
- 100 athletics conferences.
- 40 affiliated organizations.
- Almost 500,000 student-athletes.
- 19,500 teams.
- 90 championships.
- 24 sports.
- Three divisions.
WHAT IS THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER?

- The NCAA Eligibility Center evaluates and certifies prospective student-athletes for collegiate competition at Divisions I and II schools.

- The NCAA focuses on:
  - Academic preparedness.
  - Sports participation.
  - High school courses.
  - Customer service.

- Students who want to compete at NCAA Division I or Division II schools are required to meet NCAA Eligibility Center Requirements:
  - Academic initial-eligibility requirements.
  - Amateurism requirements.
THREE ACCOUNT TYPES

Academic & Amateurism Certification Account
- Division I or Division II students.
- Domestic fee $100/$160 International
- Required for signing a National Letter of Intent (NLI) with a Division I or Division II NCAA school.
- Required to go on an official visit to an NCAA Division I or Division II school.
- Register with an email you will use after graduating high school.

Profile Page
- Undecided students.
- Division III students.
- No fee.
- Can transition to a Certification Account at any time
- Will not receive an academic or amateurism certification.
REGISTRATION

Register for an Academic and Amateurism Certification Account or Profile Page at eligibilitycenter.org to begin your journey to becoming an NCAA student-athlete.
THREE ACCOUNT TYPES

- **Amateurism Only Certification Account**
  - Required for all international student-athletes planning to compete at a D3 school.
  - $70 fee.
  - Student-Athletes transferring from a 2 year school to an NCAA D1 or D2 school who have not previously been certified as an amateur.
What is an NCAA ID?

- Used by NCAA coaches to add you to their school’s institutional request list (IRL) for recruiting purposes.
  - **Where?** Your NCAA ID is in the top right corner of your Eligibility Center Account dashboard.
  - In addition to your password, you need your NCAA ID when calling the Eligibility Center with questions.
  - You must be on an NCAA school’s **IRL** to receive an Eligibility Center certification, which qualifies you to receive athletics aid, practice and compete in college.
HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE

Follow these suggestions to prepare for Division I and Division II initial-eligibility requirements.
GRADE 9: PLAN

- Register for a Profile Page or Academic and Amateurism Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.
- If you fall behind academically, ask your counselor for help finding approved courses to take.
- Your core-course GPA starts in 9th grade.
GRADE 10: REGISTER

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

- If you fall behind academically, ask your counselor for help finding approved courses you can take.
GRADE 11: REGISTER

- Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved courses.
- Take the ACT or SAT and submit your scores directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- Make sure you are on track to graduate on time with your class.
- At the end of the year, ask your counselor to upload your official Transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center. If you took classes at more than one high school or program, ask each to submit an official Transcript.
GRADE 12: GRADUATE

- Complete your final NCAA core courses.
- Take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and submit your scores directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- Request your final amateurism certification in your Certification Account at eligibilitycenter.org:
  - April 1 (fall enrollees)
  - Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees)
GRADE 12: GRADUATE

- After you graduate on time, ask your counselor to upload your final transcript with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

- **Reminder**: Only students on an NCAA Division I or Division II school’s institutional request list receive a certification.
INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

The NCAA’s commitment to academics ensures students are better equipped to succeed in college and prepare for lifelong success. Students need to meet the following academic requirements to be eligible to compete in college sports.
IMPACT of COVID-19 on NCAA ELIGIBILITY

- Many colleges still require ACT or SAT for admissions or scholarship purposes, and college coaches may still ask to see your scores.

COLLEGE ADMISSION

- You must apply and be accepted to your NCAA school before you can compete on campus.

- NCAA certification does NOT include acceptance to the NCAA school recruiting you.

- Ask your NCAA school for more information about cost of attendance and financial aid.

- Many colleges still require ACT or SAT for admissions or scholarship purposes, and college coaches may still ask to see your scores.
The NCAA will no longer require ACT or SAT for student athletes to who intend to compete at the Division 1 or Division 2 level.

Eligibility will only be calculated based on NCAA Core Course GPA and the core course requirements.
WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

- NCAA core courses include courses that:
  - Qualify for high school graduation in English, math (Algebra I or higher), natural or physical science, social science, foreign language or comparative religion or philosophy.
  - Are considered four-year college preparatory.
  - Are taught at or above the high school’s regular academic level.
  - Are taught by a qualified instructor.

**Tip:** You can find your school’s list of NCAA-approved core courses by going to eligibilitycenter.org/courselist.
WHAT ARE NONTRADITIONAL COURSES?

Nontraditional courses include classes taught online or through blended learning, distance learning, credit recovery, independent study, or similar means. In order to be approved, a nontraditional course must meet the following requirements:

- The courses must meet NCAA core-course requirements.
- The courses must include regular ongoing access between the instructor and student.
- The courses must have a defined time period for completion (for example, eight weeks).
To play Division I sports you need to meet the following academic requirements:

- Graduate high school on time.
- Complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses in the correct subjects.
- Earn a minimum core-course GPA of 2.300.
When you enter ninth grade, you have four years (eight semesters) to complete your core-course requirement.

If you do not complete high school on time, your core courses taken after high school will not count toward NCAA requirements.

**On time:** If your high school graduation takes place June 1, you must graduate June 1. If you do not graduate June 1, you have not completed your requirements on time.

The Eligibility Center will use the best combination of courses to meet the 10/7 requirement. Courses can be repeated or replaced so long as they are not needed to meet the 10/7 requirement.
DIVISION I CORE-COURSES

- Complete 10 NCAA core courses before your seventh semester.
- Core-course requirements must be met in the time limitation.
- The following must be completed by the start of the student’s seventh semester in high school:
  - Ten NCAA-approved core courses from your school’s list in the appropriate subjects.
  - Seven of the 10 courses must be in English, math, or science.
ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION
DECISIONS: DIVISION I

- Early Academic Qualifier.
- Qualifier.
- Redshirt.
- Non-Qualifier.
DIVISION I EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

If you meet specific criteria after six semesters of high school, you may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division I and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of enrollment.

To be an early academic qualifier, you will need:

- A core-course GPA of 3.0 or higher in a minimum of 14 core courses:
  - Three years of English.
  - Two years of math.
  - Two years of science.
  - Two additional years of English, math or natural/physical science.
  - Five additional core courses in any area.
DIVISION I QUALIFIER

- You are eligible to practice, compete and receive athletics aid your first year of college enrollment.

- Qualifiers meet the standards of:
  - 16 core courses in the correct subjects
  - 10/7 core-course progression.
  - Minimum core-course GPA of 2.3
DIVISION I REDSHIRT

- You may receive athletics aid and practice your first academic term but not compete.

- Redshirts meet the standards of:
  - 16 core courses.
  - Minimum core-course GPA of 2.0 to 2.299

- You may retake core courses if you fail to meet the required 10 courses before you senior year.

- You must pass nine semester hours (eight quarter hours) your first academic term to continue practicing the rest of the year.
DIVISION I NONQUALIFIER

You are not eligible to practice, compete or receive athletics aid your first year.
DIVISION I RECRUITING CALENDARS

- Each Division I sport has its own recruiting calendar. Please visit ncaa.org/student-athletes to find sport specific recruiting calendars.
- Recruiting calendars are posted every year that show the recruiting cycle per sport with specific dates.
The NCAA will no longer require ACT or SAT for student athletes to who intend to compete at the Division 1 or Division 2 level.

Eligibility will only be calculated based on NCAA Core Course GPA and the core course requirements.
DIVISION II INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To play Division II sports you need to meet the following academic requirements:

- Graduate high school on time.
- Complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses in the correct subjects.
- Earn a minimum core-course GPA of 2.200.
DIVISION II CORE-COURSES

- **ENGLISH**: 3 years
- **MATH** (Algebra I or higher): 2 years
- **NATURAL/PHYSICAL SCIENCE** (Including one year of lab, if offered): 2 years
- **ADDITIONAL** (English, math, or natural/physical science): 3 years
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE**: 2 years
- **ADDITIONAL COURSES** (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy): 4 years

**Core-course time limitation**

You can use all core courses completed starting your ninth-grade year until you enroll full time at a Division II college or university.
ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION DECISIONS: DIVISION II

- Early Academic Qualifier.
- Qualifier.
- Partial Qualifier.
- Non-Qualifier.
DIVISION II EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

If you meet specific criteria listed below after six semesters, you may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division II and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship.

To be an early academic qualifier, you will need:

- Minimum ACT sum score of 68 or
- Minimum SAT combined score (math and critical reading) of 900 on SAT tests taken March 2016 or later.
- A core-course GPA of 2.5 or higher in a minimum of 14 core courses in the following areas:
  - Three years of English.
  - Three years of math.
  - Two years of natural or physical science.
  - Six additional core courses in any area.
DIVISION II QUALIFIER

- You are eligible to practice, compete and receive athletics aid your first year of college enrollment.
- Qualifiers meet the standards of:
  - 16 core courses in the correct subjects.
  - Minimum core-course GPA of 2.2.
  - Combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches their core-course GPA on the full-qualifier sliding scale.
DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER

- You are eligible to practice and receive athletics aid your first year of college enrollment but cannot compete.

- Partial qualifiers meet the standards of:
  - 16 core courses in the correct subjects.
  - Minimum core-course GPA of 2.0.
  - Combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches their core-course GPA on the full-qualifier sliding scale.
DIVISION II NONQUALIFIER

You are not eligible to practice, compete or receive athletics aid your first year.
DIVISION II RECRUITING CALENDARS

- Each Division II sport has its own recruiting calendar. Please visit nca.org/student-athletes to find sport specific recruiting calendars.
- Recruiting calendars are posted every year that show the recruiting cycle per sport with specific dates.
SPORTS PARTICIPATION

The NCAA Eligibility Center also evaluates amateurism. Follow these tips to stay eligible to compete in college sports before full-time enrollment.
PROACTIVE REMINDERS

- Share your NCAA ID number with schools recruiting you.
- Don’t forget to apply to the school of your choosing and confirm you’ve been accepted.
- Learn about the NLI.
- Request final amateurism certification before you enroll full time in college.
- Ask your counselor to send your final transcript(s) with proof of graduation.
Visit the Broken Arrow High School College & Career Center to learn more about the college admissions process.
College & Career Center is Here to Help

• Counselors help with college visits, scholarships, financial aid & more!
• Send senior transcripts to colleges & eligibility centers.
• Financial aid.
• College advisor resources.
• ACT /SAT information & fee waivers.
• Parent / student appointments welcomed.

College and Career Contact Information
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ACT & SAT DATES

ACT Dates
- Feb. 10, 2024
- April 13, 2024
- June 8, 2024
- July 13, 2024

SAT Dates
- March 9, 2024
- May 4, 2024
- June 1, 2024

**Tip:** All BAHS juniors take the SAT at no cost to the students.
CORECOURSEGPA.COM

Visit CoreCourseGPA.com to create your free account. This is a tool that will allow student-athletes and their parents to track their own NCAA eligibility requirements.
Want to Play College Sports?

You *MUST* Know Your Core Course GPA.

Broken Arrow High School has teamed up with CoreCourseGPA.com to provide custom online software to all student-athletes to assist in tracking their progress towards meeting NCAA initial eligibility requirements.

CoreCourseGPA.com calculates core course GPA for both the Division I and II, provides corresponding minimum SAT/ACT scores, and a detailed report of core course credits earned and needed.

All student-athletes are encouraged to activate their FREE membership to begin tracking their core course GPA and learn more about important recruiting topics. The sooner, the better - every semester counts!

**Scan OR Follow Steps Below:**

**Step 1:** Go to www.CoreCourseGPA.com  
**Step 2:** Click “Free New Member Account”  
**Step 3:** Enter School ID: 370470  
**Step 4:** Enter School Code: 722300079  
**Step 5:** Complete Registration Form
Benefits of CoreCourseGPA.com

- Provides the answers you need in order to manage & understand the recruiting process.
- Properly prepares you for the most important aspect – NCAA Initial Eligibility academic requirements.
- Everyday counts! CoreCourseGPA.com allows you to calculate and track your core course GPA starting as early as your freshman year.
- You can plug in 4 years of a high school schedule, so that you are on the right track to being NCAA eligible.
- Tracks your path to meeting NCAA Division I & Division II academic requirements.
Practical Advice

How you can prepare now for life as a collegiate student athlete

• Choose your SAT / ACT test dates wisely.
• Consider your sports schedule so you can get enough prep!
• Be sure to enter the “9999” code when registering for the ACT/SAT.
• Scores will be sent directly to NCAA Eligibility Center

• Balance your time wisely and remember you are a student first, athlete second.
• Go to class, be present, be timely, study hard & be as committed to your grades as you are your team.
• Work with the College & Career Center counselors so you have a plan and can be intentional with your class schedule.

• Get adequate sleep!
• Listen to your coaches, ask them for advice – their in it for you! They’ll help steer you in the right direction.
• Be a great teammate and leader.
• Fuel your body properly.
  • Tiger Nutrition
Practical Advice

What can you expect at the college level?

- You’ll be taking 12 hours minimum
- Full time student / full time athlete
- Training and or practice on a daily basis
- You’ll have mandatory study hall hours, tutors, advisory meetings
- Breakfast check-ins, hydration tests, lift sessions, work outs, make up exams, bed checks, etc.
- Community service
- Traveling in season, but still expected to keep up with coursework
- Time demands are greater than that of a normal student.
RESOURCES

For more information about initial eligibility, amateurism requirements and other valuable insight, visit the following resources.
**RESOURCES**

- Visit NCAA Eligibility Center websites:
  - ncaa.org/playcollegesports.
  - eligibilitycenter.org.

- Get updates – follow the NCAA on social media!
  - 🔄 @NCAAEC
  - 📸 @playcollegesports

- Visit nationalletter.org to learn about the NLI.

- Download NCAA Eligibility Center resources:
  - Initial-Eligibility Brochure.
  - Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.
  - DI Initial-Eligibility Quick Reference Sheet.
  - DII Initial-Eligibility Quick Reference Sheet.