

Deadlines for Taking Core Courses

NCAA Division I

College-bound student-athletes who plan to attend an NCAA Division I college or university have four years (eight semesters) from when they started grade nine to finish their 16 core-course requirement and meet the required grade-point average. If a student graduates on time in these eight semesters, with his or her ninth grade class, that student may use one additional course taken within one year after graduation and before full-time collegiate enrollment to help meet NCAA initial-eligibility requirements. This one course is defined as one unit, so it could be one course for one unit or two courses for one-half unit each. If the student does not graduate on time with his or her ninth grade class, only courses completed in the first eight semesters will be used.

College-bound student-athletes first entering a Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2016, will need to meet new academic rules in order to receive athletics aid (scholarship), practice or compete during their first year. To view the new rules, click [here](#).

NCAA Division II

College-bound student-athletes who plan to attend an NCAA Division II college or university must have their core curriculum and grade-point average requirements completed before they enroll full time at any college or university. "Full time" is determined by each college or university, but is commonly defined as 12 credit hours.