



CORE COURSES

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NCAA member schools require incoming student-athletes to build a foundation of high school courses that will best prepare them for the academic expectations in college.

- To play Division I sports, you must earn 16 core courses.
- Ten of them must be completed prior to the seventh semester. Those ten courses are “locked in” and can’t be retaken to improve the grade-point average.
- Seven of those 10 must be a combination of English, math or natural or physical science that fulfills the overall distribution requirements listed below.
- If you don’t earn 10 courses before your seventh semester, you are still eligible to practice and receive a scholarship, but you can’t compete.
- For a complete list of your high school’s NCAA core courses, visit www.eligibilitycenter.org.

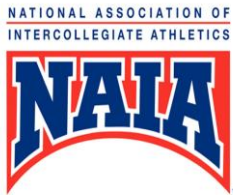
Division I Core Course Requirements

- 4 years of English.
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy).

GRADE POINT-AVERAGE

Incoming student-athletes must present a grade-point average that predicts academic success at the collegiate level.

- Beginning August 1, 2016, you must earn at least a 2.300 GPA in NCAA core courses to be eligible to compete in your first year of college.
- To get a scholarship and practice, you must earn at least a 2.000 GPA in NCAA core courses.
- Only courses that appear on your high school’s list of NCAA courses will be used to calculate your GPA for NCAA eligibility purposes. For a complete list of your school’s courses, visit www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- Once ten core courses are “locked in” prior to the start of your seventh semester, you can’t take those classes over again to improve your GPA.
- Division I uses a sliding scale to match test scores and core GPAs.



Just for Parents

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- As parents, you've played an active role in your son or daughter's sports experiences so far. If they're thinking about playing sports in college, you'll be critical to their college decision making process. So what does the NAIA athletics experience look like?
- **EVERY STUDENT-ATHLETE MATTERS**

In the NAIA, every student-athlete matters and is supported in the ongoing pursuit of their best. Our institutions, administrators and coaches are in unique positions to positively impact the educational, athletic and emotional development of young people. Tight-knit campus communities mean closer interaction, stronger relationships, and personalized attention.
- **CHARACTER IS OUR GUIDE**

Our nearly 300 colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada all have one thing in common: Character. The NAIA *Champions of Character* program provides our student-athletes and member institutions with the training and positive examples of how character matters. It changes perspectives and fuels better performance on the field, in the classroom and in personal relationships.
- **PREPARED FOR LEADERSHIP AND LIFE**

Throughout its history, the NAIA has earned a reputation as strong off the field as on it. At NAIA campuses, student-athletes form close bonds and lifelong friendships with peers, coaches and faculty. We also help you mature and develop on all levels - through programs that help prepare you not only for competition and graduation, but also leadership
- **GET STARTED AT THE NAIA ELIGIBILITY CENTER**

Have your prospective student register early with the [NAIA Eligibility Center](#). It's required for any student who plans to attend an NAIA school. By registering, prospective students also have the chance to let NAIA coaches know they're interested in playing in college. Our Connections service allows you to check out which schools offer your sport, major and size that fits your interests.

Register your athlete on the NCAA and the NAIA Clearinghouses during sophomore year. If you have questions about things ask your student's counselor or call Mr. Hilliard, Athletic Director or Ms. Wood, Athletic Secretary at 746-5880.