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There are **new** requirements for college-bound student-athletes enrolling full time at an NCAA Division I college or university on or after **August 1, 2016**.



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Minimum core-course GPA of 2.300 required for competition;

Ten core courses required before beginning of senior year for competition; and

Slight changes in GPA/test score index (sliding scale).

The following slides explain these changes in further detail.

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For college-bound student-athletes enrolling full time at an NCAA Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2016, there are three possible academic outcomes:

1. Full qualifier = competition, athletics aid (scholarship), and practice the first year.
2. Academic redshirt = athletics aid the first year, practice in first regular academic term (semester or quarter).
3. Nonqualifier = no athletics aid, practice or competition the first year.

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Students will need to meet the following requirements to receive **athletics aid**, **practice** and **compete** their first year:

16 core courses in the following areas:

- 4 years English;
- 3 years math at Algebra I level or higher;
- 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered at any high school attended);
- 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science;
- 2 years social science; and
- 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion.

Minimum required GPA:

- Minimum GPA of **2.300** required for competition in those 16 core courses.

Graduate from high school.



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## Core-course progression.

- ❑ Must complete **10** core courses before seventh semester of high school (e.g., senior year).
- ❑ Of the **10** core courses completed, **seven** must be in the area of **English, math, or science.**
- ❑ **ÄDCGCAÁÆAÃĐFCAÃĐ I FGCGAÅCÃĐ Ë CAÎÈĐÃÉCBAEÈÏAÇĐFAHDCA** purpose of core-course GPA calculation.
  - ! **ÂAFC€CÀHADÇADÈCADÇAHDC AÎÈĐÃÉCBAEÈÏAÃĐ I FGCGA Í EÈÈAÈĐHAÅCA** used if taken after the seventh semester begins.

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2.700	730	60		2.700	740	61
2.675	740-750	61		2.675	750	61
2.450	840-850	70		2.450	840	70
2.425	860	70		2.425	850	70
2.150	960	80		2.150	960	81
2.125	960	81		2.125	970	82
2.100	970	82		2.100	980	83
2.075	980	83		2.075	990	84
2.050	990	84		2.050	1000	85
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The full sliding  
scale can be found at  
[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)  
under Resources.

# Academic Redshirt:

## Requirements for Scholarship and Practice.!

16 core courses in the following areas:

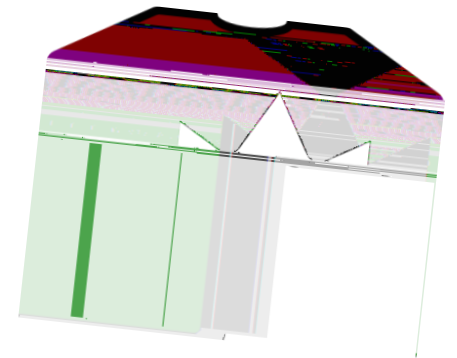
- 4 years English,
- 3 years math at Algebra I level or higher,
- 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered by any school attended);
- 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science;
- 2 years social science; and
- 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion.

Minimum required GPA.

- Minimum GPA of 2.000-2.299 in 16 core courses.

Sliding scale.

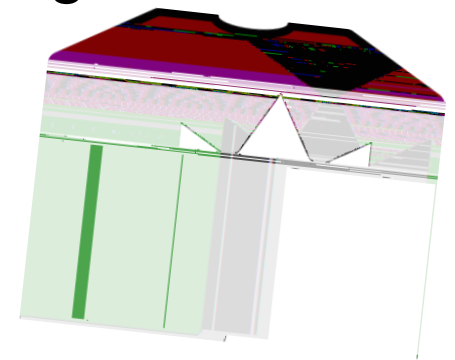
- Minimum ACT sum or SAT score (critical reading/math only) that matches the 16 core-course GPA.





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Student-athletes who fail to meet the required 10 core courses prior to the start of the seventh semester (seven of which must be in English, math, or natural or physical science), will be allowed to retake core courses in the seventh or eighth semester, which will be used in their academic certification for the purpose of meeting the academic redshirt requirements.



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3.550 & above	400	37		2.700	740	61
3.500	420			2.600	780	64
3.400				2.500	820	68
3.300	500	44		2.400	860	71
3.200	540	47		2.300	900	75
3.100	580	49		2.299	910	76
3.000	620	52		2.200!	940!	79!
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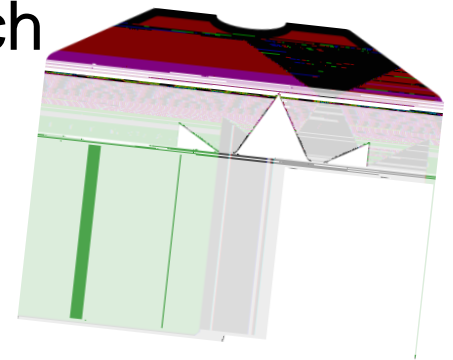
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If a college-bound student-athlete meets these requirements, he/she can receive an **athletics scholarship** during his/her first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.

After the first term is complete, the student-athlete must be academically successful (successfully completing nine semester hours or eight quarter hours in each applicable term) at his/her college or university to continue to practice for the remainder of the year.



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If a college-bound student-athlete does not meet either set of requirements, he/she is a **nonqualifier**.

### A **nonqualifier**:

Cannot receive athletics aid during the first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.

Cannot practice or compete during the first year at a Division I college or university.



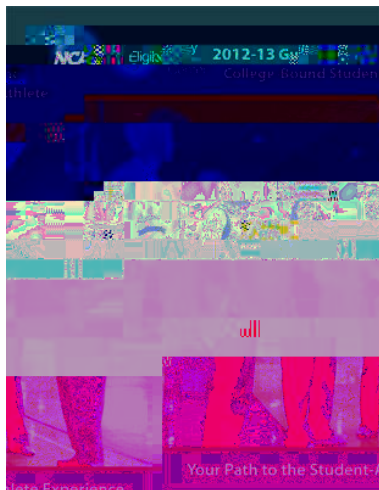
# Resources

Resources tab on the NCAA Eligibility Center website  
([www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)).

Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.

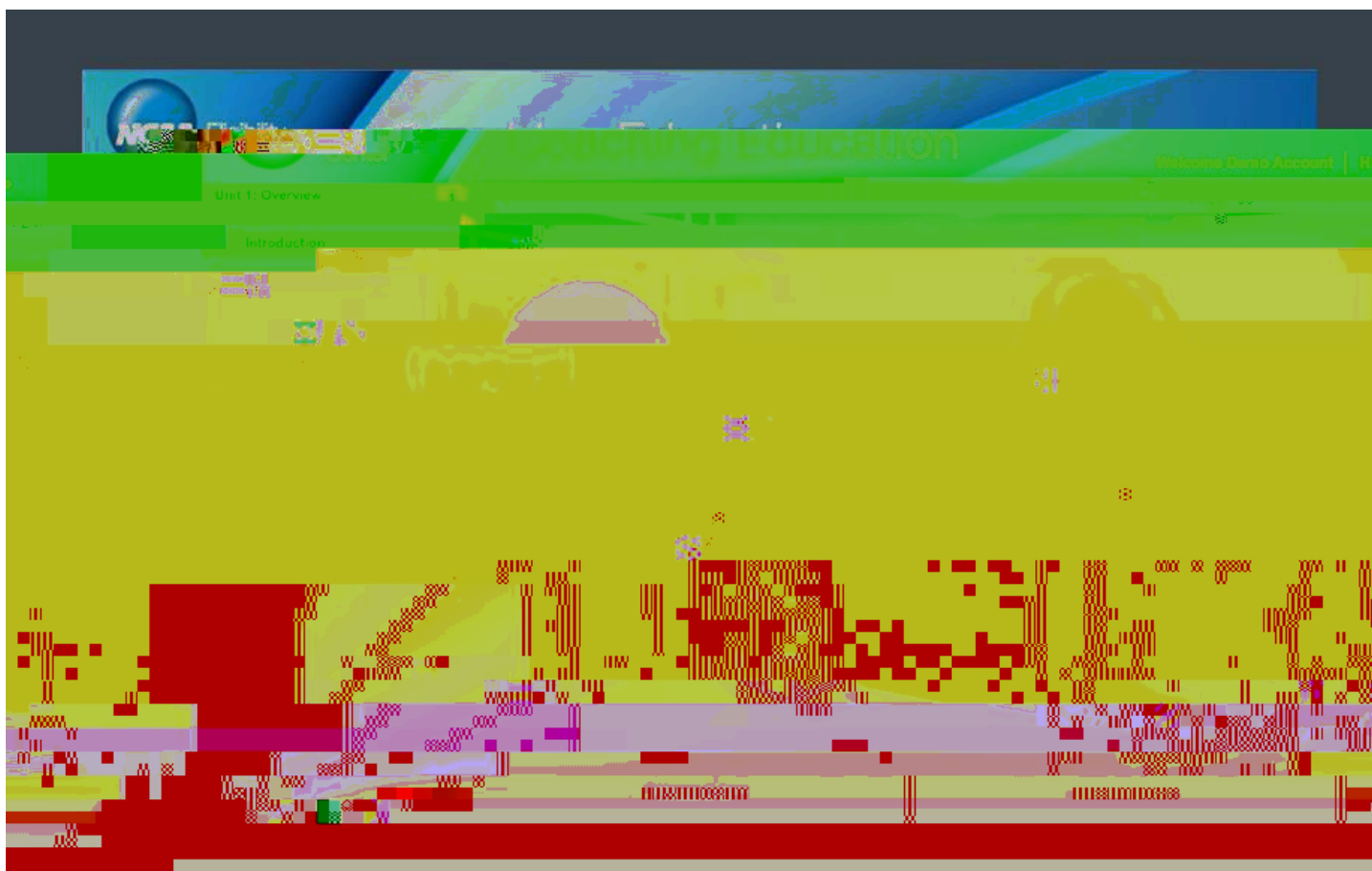
Quick Reference Guide.

Initial Eligibility Brochure.



# Resources

## NCAA Initial Eligibility Online Course



[www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com)

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[www.2point3.org](http://www.2point3.org)

