

NCAA FRESHMAN-ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS QUICK REFERENCE SHEET

KNOW THE RULES:

Core Courses

NCAA Division I requires 16 core courses as of August 1, 2008. This rule applies to any student first entering any Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2008. See the chart below for the breakdown of this 16 core-course requirement.

NCAA Division II requires 14 core courses. See the breakdown of core-course requirements below. Please note, Division II will require 16 core courses beginning August 1, 2013.

Test Scores

Division I has a sliding scale for test score and grade-point average. The sliding scale for those requirements is shown on page two of this sheet.

Division II has a minimum SAT score requirement of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.

The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes **only** the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.

The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a **sum** of the four sections on the ACT: English, mathematics, reading and science.

All SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center by the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will not be used. When registering for the SAT or ACT, use the Eligibility Center code of 9999 to make sure the score is reported to the Eligibility Center.

Grade-Point Average

Only core courses are used in the calculation of the grade-point average.

Be sure to look at your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses on the Eligibility Center's Web site to make certain that courses being taken have been approved as core courses. The Web site is www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

Division I grade-point-average requirements are listed on page two of this sheet.

The Division II grade-point-average requirement is a minimum of 2.000.

DIVISION I

16 Core-Course Rule

16 Core Courses:

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 nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

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 nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning August 1, 2013, students planning to attend an NCAA Division II institution will be required to complete 16 core courses.

**NCAA Division I Sliding Scale
Core Grade-point average/test-score**

Core GPA – SAT – ACT
Verbal and Math Only

GPA	SAT	ACT		GPA	SAT	ACT
3.550 & Above	400	37		2.750	720	59
3.525	410	38		2.725	730	59
3.500	420	39		2.700	730	60
3.475	430	40		2.675	740-750	61
3.450	440	41		2.650	760	62
3.425	450	41		2.625	770	63
3.400	460	42		2.600	780	64
3.375	470	42		2.575	790	65
3.350	480	43		2.550	800	66
3.325	490	44		2.525	810	67
3.300	500	44		2.500	820	68
3.275	510	45		2.475	830	69
3.250	520	46		2.450	840-850	70
3.225	530	46		2.425	860	70
3.200	540	47		2.400	860	71
3.175	550	47		2.375	870	72
3.150	560	48		2.350	880	73
3.125	570	49		2.325	890	74
3.100	580	49		2.300	900	75
3.075	590	50		2.275	910	76
3.050	600	50		2.250	920	77
3.025	610	51		2.225	930	78
3.000	620	52		2.200	940	79
2.975	630	52		2.175	950	80
2.950	640	53		2.150	960	80
2.925	650	53		2.125	960	81
2.900	660	54		2.100	970	82
2.875	670	55		2.075	980	83
2.850	680	56		2.050	990	84
2.825	690	56		2.025	1000	85
2.800	700	57		2.000	1010	86
2.775	710	58				

Commonwealth of Virginia’s Division I, II, and III Colleges and Universities

Division I	Division II	Division III
George Mason University	St. Paul’s College	Mary Baldwin College
Hampton University	Virginia State University	Marymount University
James Madison University	Virginia Union University	Mary Washington University
Liberty University		Randolph College
Longwood University	Division III	Randolph Macon College
Norfolk State University	Averett University	Roanoke College
Old Dominion University	Bridgewater College	Shenandoah University
Radford University	Christopher Newport University	Sweet Briar College
Richmond University	Eastern Mennonite College	Virginia Wesleyan College
University of Virginia	Emory and Henry College	Washington and Lee University
Virginia Commonwealth University	Ferrum College	
Virginia Military Institute	Hampden Sydney College	
Virginia Tech University	Hollins University	
College of William and Mary	Lynchburg College	

National Junior College Athletic Association information can be found at the following web-site: www.njcaa.org