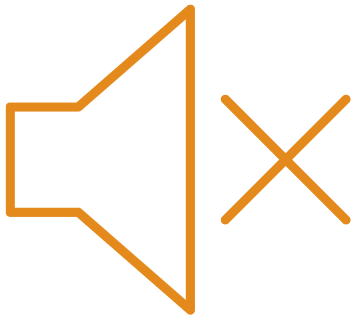
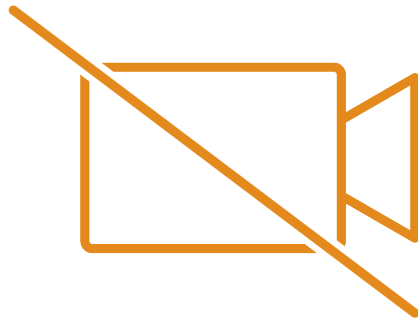


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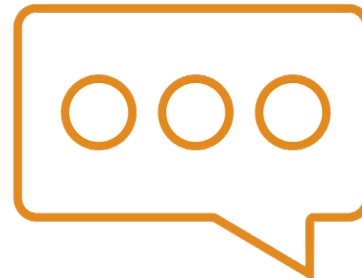
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# ***NAVIGATING INITIAL ELIGIBILITY DURING COVID-19***

For College-Bound Student-Athletes



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## NCAA Eligibility Center COVID-19 Response FAQs

### *For Students Initially Enrolling Full Time in the 2021-22 Academic Year*

Given the continuing impact of COVID-19 on the educational environment, the NCAA Eligibility Center has partnered with the NCAA membership to identify the following changes to the initial-eligibility certification process for students **who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during the 2021-22 academic year**. The Eligibility Center will continue to monitor the environment and make necessary adjustments to prioritize health, safety and fairness for all prospective student-athletes.

#### FAQ Topics—Quick Links

[Academic Evaluations](#)

[Auto Waiver Criteria—2021-22 Enrollment](#)

[Subsequent Classes](#)

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[Timing](#)

#### COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Criteria for 2021-22 Enrollment

- Q1:** Given the unique circumstances due to COVID-19, will there be any flexibility in the initial-eligibility standard for students who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during 2021-22?
- A1:** Yes. Students who **initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during 2021-22** will receive an automatic initial-eligibility waiver in the academic certification process that provides the highest level of relief for which they are eligible, per the criteria below:



View the EC  
COVID FAQ





# ***AGENDA***

- ▶ What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?
- ▶ Registration.
- ▶ Core Courses.
- ▶ Alternative Standards.
  - ▶ Division I.
  - ▶ Division II.
- ▶ Distance or E-Learning.
- ▶ Academic Evaluations.
- ▶ Sports Participation.
- ▶ Resources.



A group of lacrosse players in purple jerseys and white shorts are huddled together on a field. The player in the center has the number 10 on his back. They are wearing helmets and holding lacrosse sticks. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators.

***WHAT IS THE NCAA  
ELIGIBILITY CENTER?***

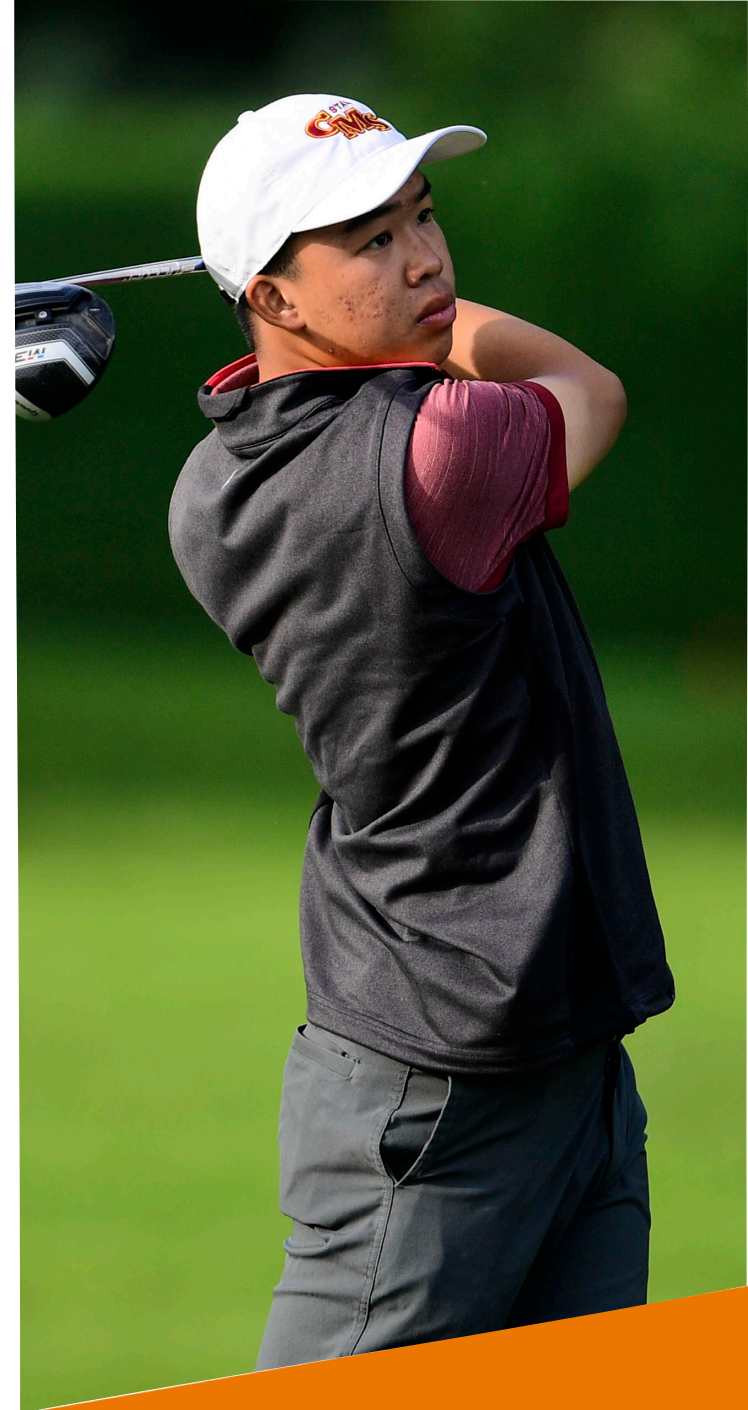
# ***WHAT IS ELIGIBILITY CENTER?***

- ▶ A unit within the NCAA responsible for evaluating and certifying you for collegiate competition at Division I and II schools.
- ▶ We focus on:
  - ▶ Academic preparedness.
  - ▶ Sports participation.
  - ▶ High school courses.
  - ▶ Customer service.
- ▶ If you want to compete at a Division I or II school, you must meet NCAA Eligibility Center:
  - ▶ Academic initial-eligibility requirements.
  - ▶ Amateurism requirements.



# ***NCAA FAST FACTS***

- ▶ 1,100+ colleges and universities.
- ▶ 98 voting athletics conferences.
- ▶ 39 affiliated organizations.
- ▶ > 500,000 student-athletes.
- ▶ 19,500 teams.
- ▶ 90 championships.
- ▶ 24 sports.
- ▶ Three divisions.





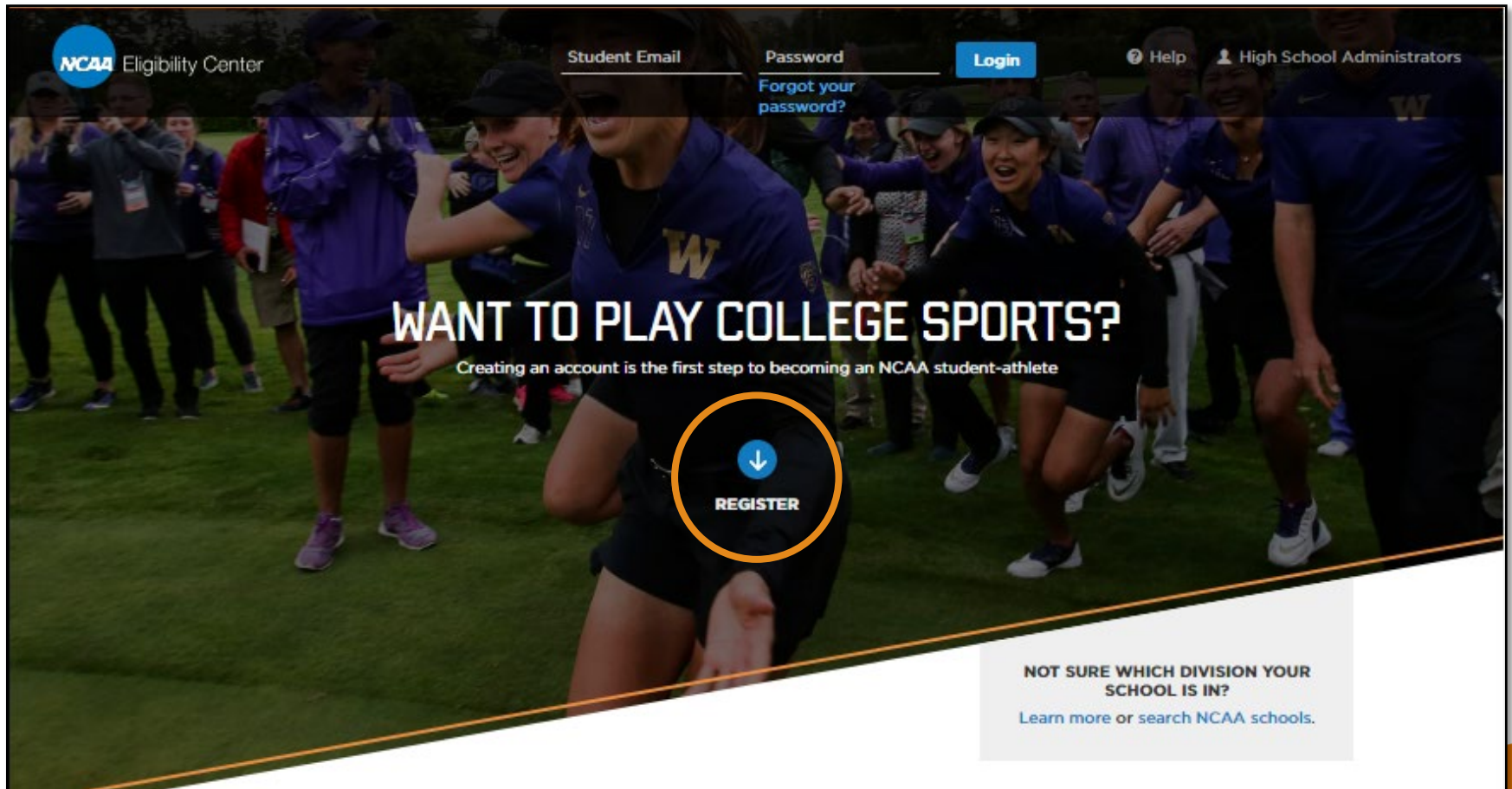


***REGISTRATION***



# TWO ACCOUNT TYPES

- ▶ Register for a Certification or Profile Page account at [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org).



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the NCAA Eligibility Center website. It includes the NCAA Eligibility Center logo, input fields for 'Student Email' and 'Password', a 'Forgot your password?' link, a 'Login' button, and links for 'Help' and 'High School Administrators'. The main content area features a background image of a college sports team in purple and black uniforms. Overlaid on this image is the text 'WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?' in large white letters, followed by the subtext 'Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete'. A prominent orange circle with a white arrow pointing down and the word 'REGISTER' is centered on the page. In the bottom right corner, there is a white box containing the text 'NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR SCHOOL IS IN?' and a link to 'Learn more or search NCAA schools.'

# ***CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT***



You must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at a Division I or II school.



The registration fee for domestic students is \$90. The fee for international students is \$150.



Before you take official visits or sign an NLI, you must have a complete Certification account.

# ***PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT***



You are interested in a Division III school or are not sure in which division you want to compete.



There is no registration fee to create a Profile Page account.



Transition to a Certification account at any time you wish to pursue a Division I or II path.



## CERTIFICATION PROCESS



Account Creation  
We've saved all of your information.

Pick Up Where I Left Off



Send Test Scores and Transcripts  
Ask your testing agency to send us your scores using code 9999. Ask each high school you have attended to submit your transcripts.

Learn more



Request Amateurism Certification

Submit request now

- ▶ Review your Dashboard for open tasks.
- ▶ Update your graduation or enrollment dates if needed.
- ▶ View your receipt of transcripts on file.
- ▶ Edit your account, schools or sports information.

# ***COLLEGE ADMISSIONS***

- ▶ You must apply and be accepted to your NCAA DI or II school before you can compete on campus.
- ▶ Ask your NCAA school for more information about cost of attendance and financial aid.





What is an IRL?

You must be on an NCAA DI or II school's institution request list to get a certification.



Shared  
Responsibility

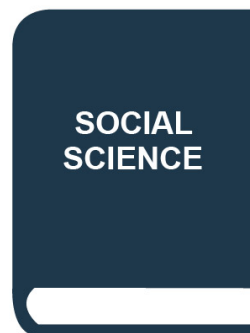
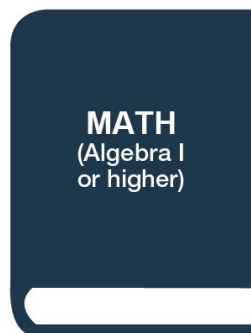
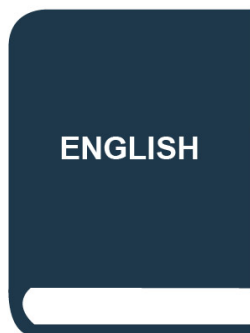
Communicate closely with your high school counselors, coaches, parents/guardians, college compliance office and mentors as you transition to college.





***WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?***

# ***WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?***



- ▶ **NCAA core courses are:**
  - ▶ On your school's list of NCAA-approved core courses.
  - ▶ Taught at or above the high school's regular academic level.
  - ▶ Taught by a qualified instructor.
  - ▶ Considered four-year college preparatory.



Find your school's list of NCAA-approved core courses by going to [eligibilitycenter.org/courselist](https://eligibilitycenter.org/courselist).

Core-Course List





***COVID-19  
ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS***





# ***DIVISION I: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS***

- ▶ Four possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:
  - ▶ Early Academic Qualifier.
  - ▶ Qualifier.
  - ▶ Academic Redshirt.
  - ▶ Nonqualifier.

# ***DIVISION I EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice



Compete

Note: DI Early Academic Qualifier status is based on your pre-seventh semester academic record.



Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 3.0$  in the required subject areas.

# ***DIVISION I EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice

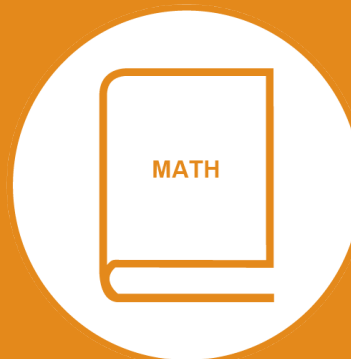


Compete

## ***SUBJECT AREAS***



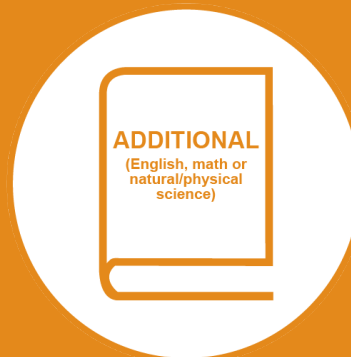
3 Years



2 Years



2 Years



2 Years



5 Years

# ***DIVISION I QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice



Compete



Meet core-course progression before starting the 7th semester.

*Note:* Students certified based solely on international credentials are exempt from core-course progression.



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.3$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

# ***DIVISION I QUALIFIER 2021-22***

 Athletics Aid

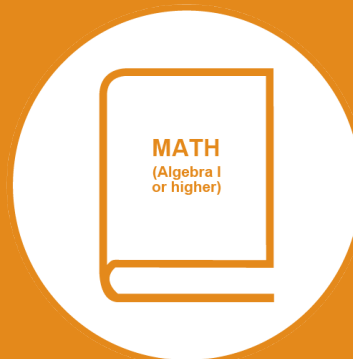
 Practice

 Compete

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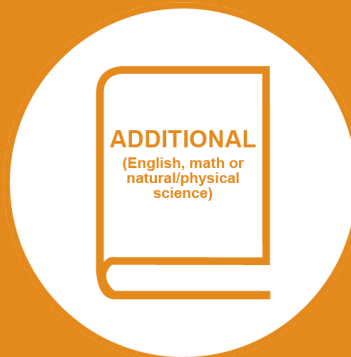
4 Years



3 Years



2 Years



1 Year



2 Years



4 Years

# ***DIVISION I ACADEMIC REDSHIRT 2021-22***



First Year  
Athletics Aid



First Term  
Practice



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.0$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

# ***DIVISION I ACADEMIC REDSHIRT 2021-22***



First Year  
Athletics Aid



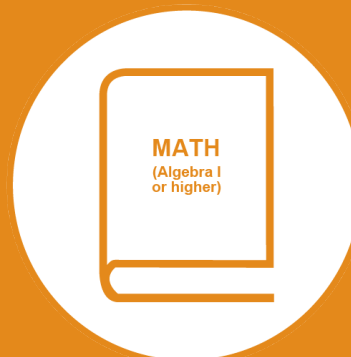
First Term  
Practice

## ***SUBJECT AREAS***



ENGLISH

4 Years



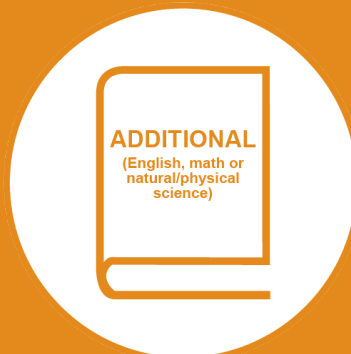
MATH  
(Algebra 1  
or higher)

3 Years



NATURAL/  
PHYSICAL  
SCIENCE  
(Including one  
year of lab,  
if offered)

2 Years



ADDITIONAL  
(English, math or  
natural/physical  
science)

1 Year



SOCIAL  
SCIENCE

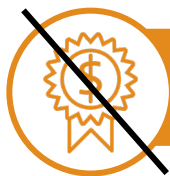
2 Years



ADDITIONAL  
COURSES  
(Any area listed  
foreign language  
or comparative  
religion/philosophy)

4 Years

# ***DIVISION I NON- QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice

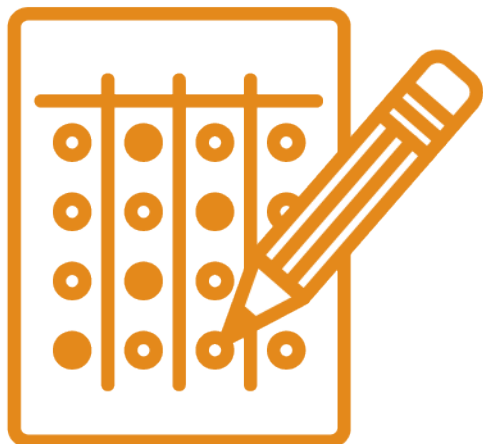


Compete



DI Nonqualifiers are not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete their first year.



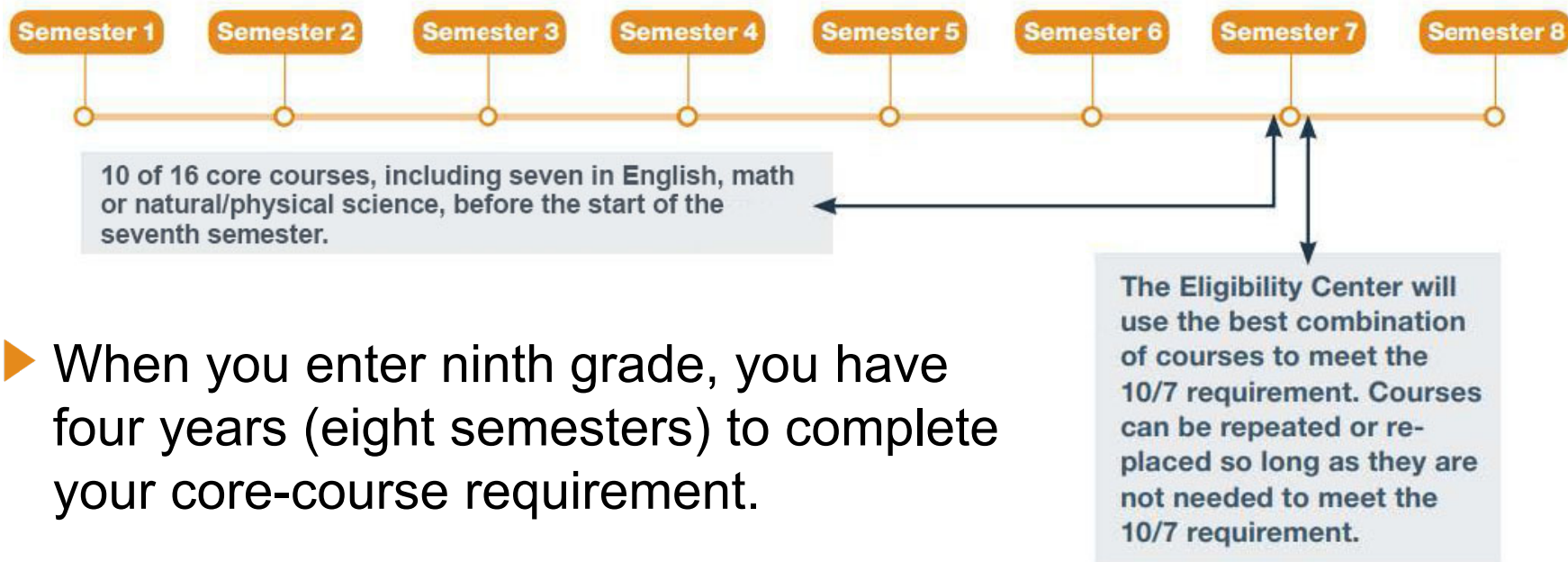


Test Scores

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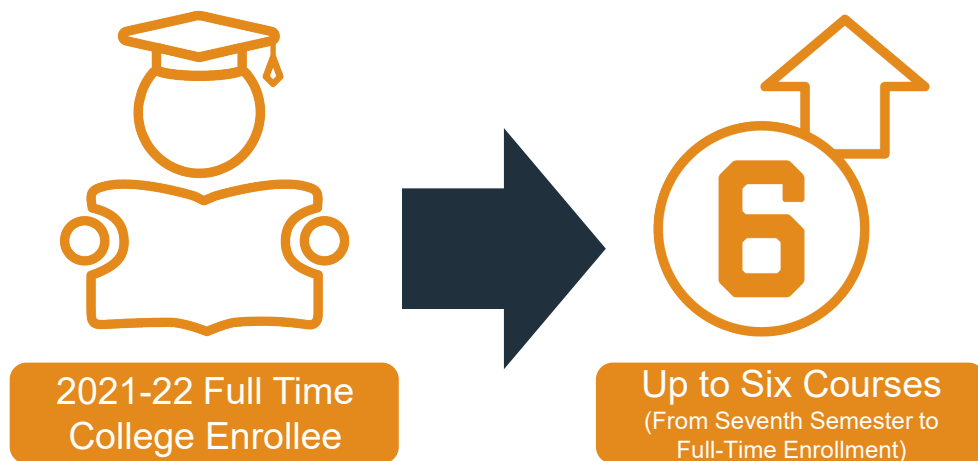
However, colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores.

# ***DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION***



- ▶ When you enter ninth grade, you have four years (eight semesters) to complete your core-course requirement.
- ▶ You must graduate on time, with your class.

# ***DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION***



- ▶ **Note:** This approach will allow students impacted by school closures to complete additional core courses toward their initial eligibility.

# ***EXAMPLE SCHEDULE***

How to plan your high school course to meet the 16 core-course requirement:

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

## **9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science  
and/or additional

**4 CORE COURSES**

## **10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science  
and/or additional

**4 CORE COURSES**

## **11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science  
and/or additional

**4 CORE COURSES**

## **12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science  
and/or additional

**4 CORE COURSES**



## ***DIVISION II: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS***

- ▶ Four possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:
  - ▶ Early Academic Qualifier.
  - ▶ Qualifier.
  - ▶ Partial Qualifier.
  - ▶ Nonqualifier.

# ***DIVISION II EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice



Compete

*Note:* DII Early Academic Qualifier status is based on your pre-seventh semester academic record.



Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.5$  in the required subject areas.

# ***DIVISION II EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice

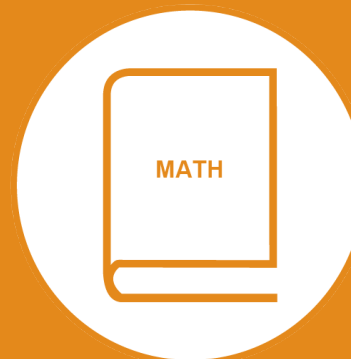


Compete

## ***SUBJECT AREAS***



3 Years



3 Years



2 Years



6 Years

# ***DIVISION II QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice



Compete



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.2$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.



# ***DIVISION II QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice



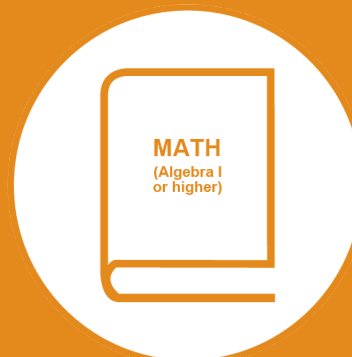
Compete

## ***SUBJECT AREAS***



ENGLISH

3 Years



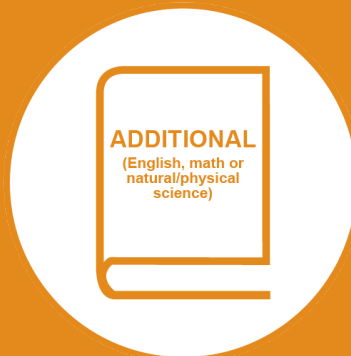
MATH  
(Algebra I  
or higher)

2 Years



NATURAL/  
PHYSICAL  
SCIENCE  
(Including one  
year of lab,  
if offered)

2 Years



ADDITIONAL  
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natural/physical  
science)

3 Years



SOCIAL  
SCIENCE

2 Years



ADDITIONAL  
COURSES  
(Any area listed  
foreign language  
or comparative  
religion/philosophy)

4 Years

# ***DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.0$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

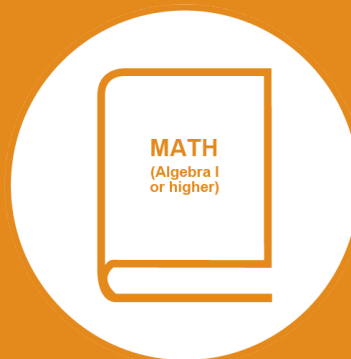
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## ***SUBJECT AREAS***



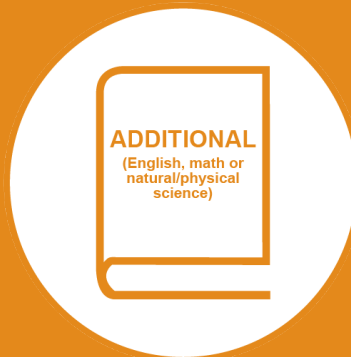
3 Years



2 Years



2 Years



3 Years

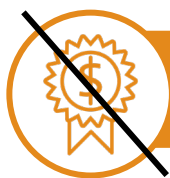


2 Years



4 Years

# ***DIVISION II NON- QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



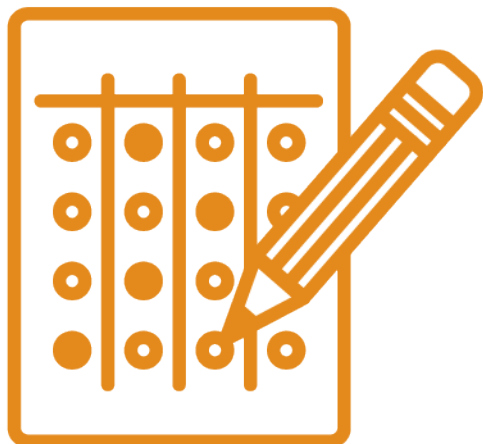
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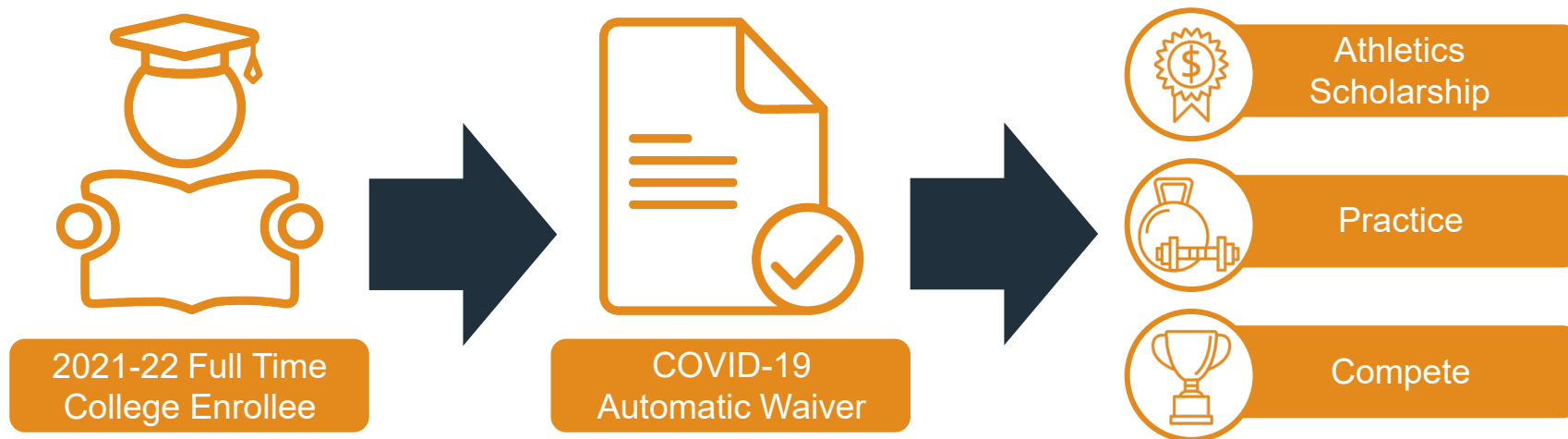


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However, colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores.

# ***FLEXIBILITY IN INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY***



- ▶ Students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during 2021-22 must meet specific criteria to be eligible.

# ***HOW WILL THIS LOOK IN YOUR ACCOUNT?***

- ▶ Your account will show “Final Nonqualifier” with “COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved” in the Academic Status field, as shown in the example student account below:

<b>DIVISION I</b> Academic Status Final Nonqualifier  (COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved)	Amateur Status Pending Review	<b>DIVISION II</b> Academic Status Final Nonqualifier  (COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved)	Amateur Status Pending Review
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# ***INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL OTHER CLASSES***



DI Academic  
Requirements



DII Academic  
Requirements





## ***DIVISION III***

- ▶ Each Division III college or university determines its own eligibility for:
  - ▶ Admission.
  - ▶ Financial aid.
  - ▶ Practice and competition.
- ▶ The NCAA EC does not perform certifications for Division III college-bound student-athletes.
- ▶ Division III student-athletes may register for a free Profile Page, but it is not required.

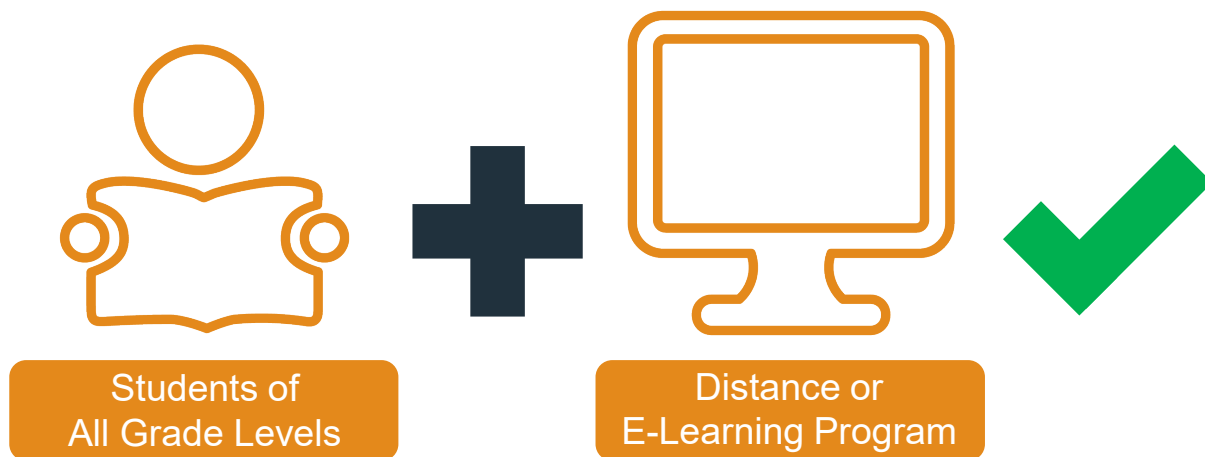




***DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING***

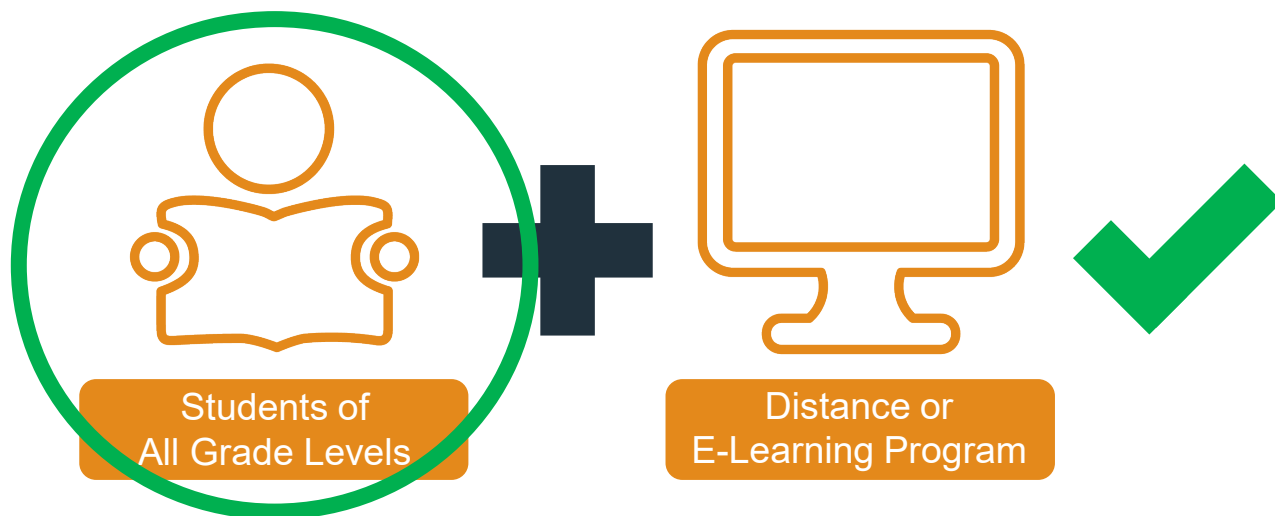
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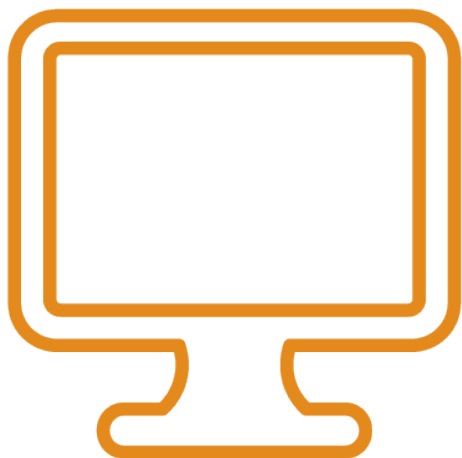
- ▶ The Eligibility Center will not require a separate review of distance or e-learning programs used during the 2020-21 academic calendar in response to closures due to COVID-19.



# ***DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING***

- ▶ *Note:* This policy will apply to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who complete distance or e-learning courses during the 2020-21 academic year.





Distance or  
E-Learning Program

Taking online or hybrid courses does not necessarily mean you are home schooled.



Home School

Home school students can also meet the COVID-19 Automatic Waiver criteria for 2021-22 enrollment. Review our [Home School Toolkit](#) for questions about home schooling.

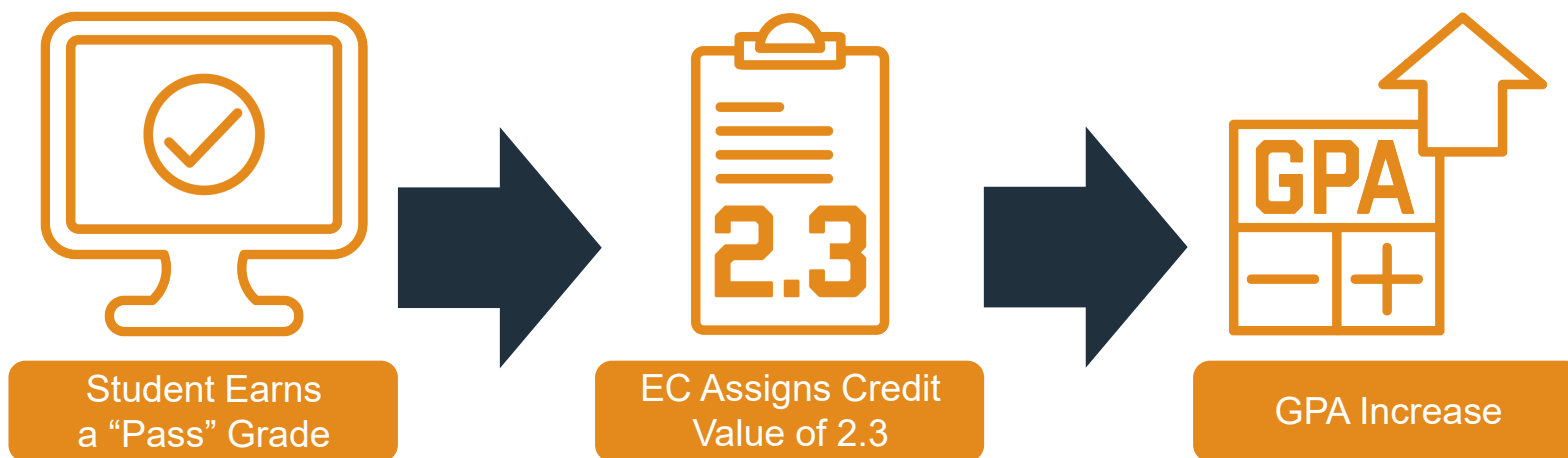


# ***ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS***



# ***PASS/FAIL GRADES***

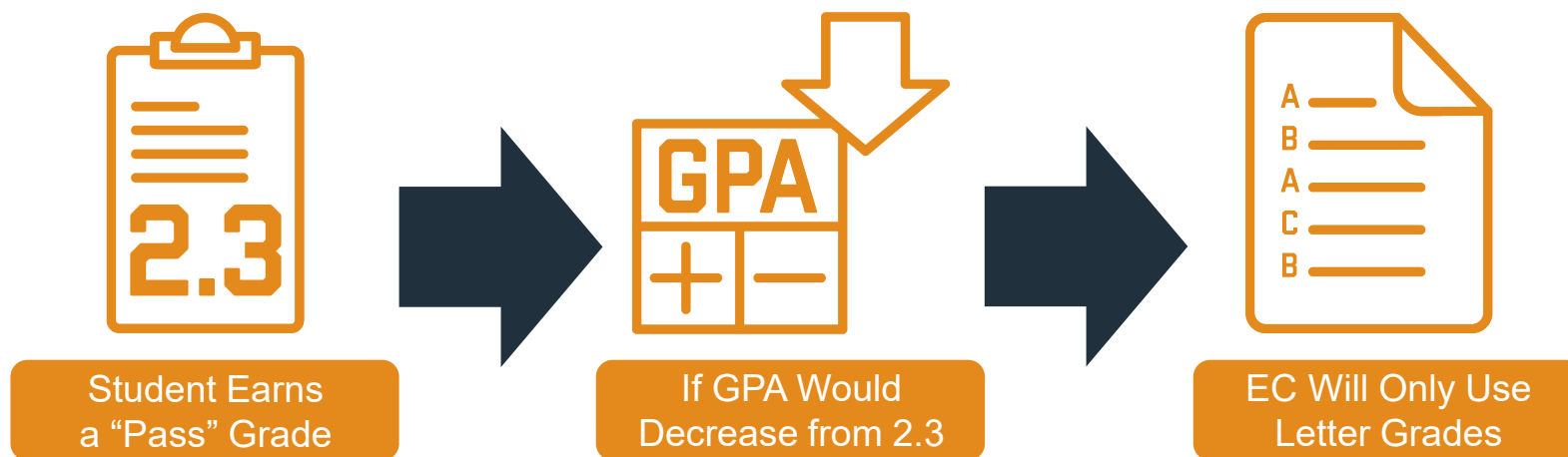
- ▶ If your core-course GPA would increase by assigning a value of 2.3, this value will be assigned to the passed courses.





## ***PASS/FAIL GRADES***

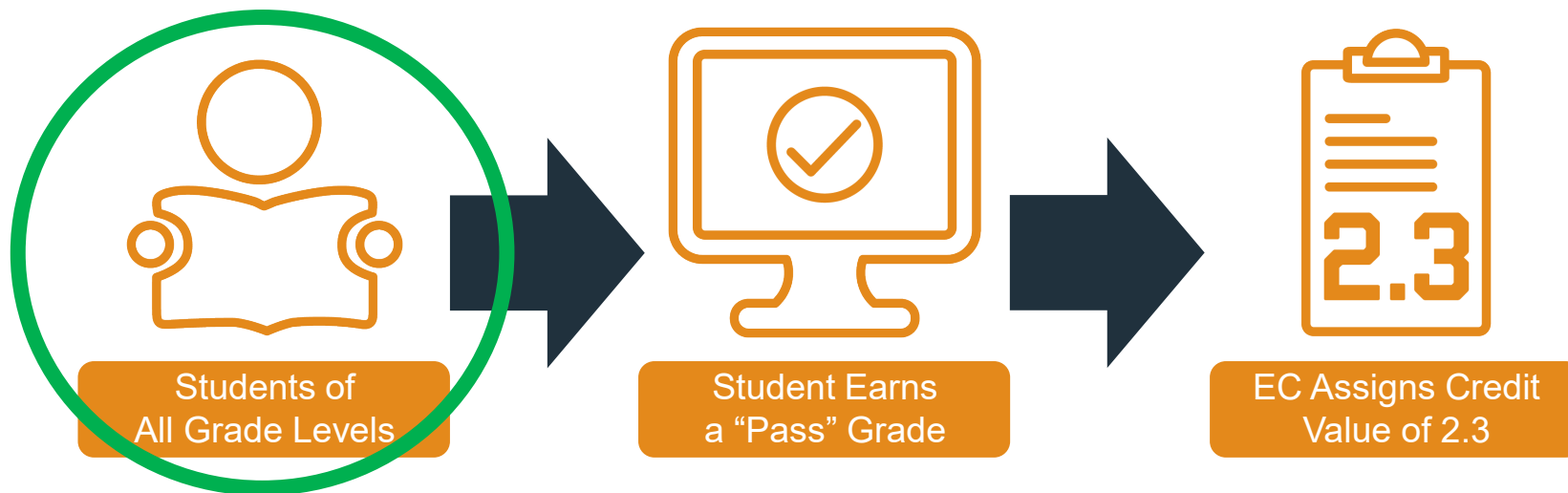
- ▶ If your core-course GPA would decrease by assigning a value of 2.3, the EC will only use letter grades.



- ▶ *Note*: Credit from these courses will still be applied toward your core-course requirements.

# ***PASS/FAIL GRADES***

- ▶ *Note:* This policy will apply to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who successfully complete NCAA-approved pass/fail courses during the 2020-21 academic year.





***SPORTS PARTICIPATION***

# ***AMATEURISM***

- ▶ In general, amateurism requirements do not allow:
  - ▶ Contracts with professional teams.
  - ▶ Salary for participating in athletics.
  - ▶ Prize money above actual and necessary expenses.
  - ▶ Play with professionals.
  - ▶ Tryouts, practice or competition with a professional team.
  - ▶ Benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
  - ▶ Agreement to be represented by an agent.
  - ▶ Delayed initial full-time collegiate enrollment to participate in organized sports competition.



Ask the EC

If you have questions,  
contact us before acting.  
Your actions may impact  
their future NCAA eligibility.



# ***SPORTS PARTICIPATION***

- ▶ When you register for a Certification account, you must:
  - ▶ Select the sport(s) you would like to play in college.
  - ▶ Update your information frequently if you play for multiple teams or attend events outside the traditional high school setting.
  - ▶ Request final amateurism before you enroll full time at a DI or II school.
- ▶ **Note: Over 94%** of students do not require additional questions from the EC after they request final amateurism.



# ***PROACTIVE STUDENT ACTIONS***

- ▶ If you want to play sports in college, you must:
  - ▶ Share your NCAA ID with schools recruiting you.
  - ▶ Apply to schools of your choosing to be accepted.
  - ▶ Request final amateurism certification before you enroll full time in college.
    - Starting April 1 (Fall).
    - Starting Oct. 1 (Winter/Spring).
  - ▶ Ask your counselor to submit your final transcript with proof of graduation.
- ▶ Know that considerations are given to students with documented [education-impacting disabilities](#).



***RESOURCES***



# RESOURCES

- ▶ Review our [COVID-19 FAQ](#).
- ▶ Visit our websites:
  - ▶ [ncaa.org/playcollegesports](http://ncaa.org/playcollegesports).
  - ▶ [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org).
- ▶ Visit [nationalletter.org](http://nationalletter.org) to learn about the NLI.
- ▶ Download our resources:
  - ▶ [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#).
  - ▶ [Initial-Eligibility Brochure](#).
  - ▶ [DI Academic Requirements](#).
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# QUESTIONS?

[ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org)



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@playcollegesports  
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[ncaa.org/playcollegesports](http://ncaa.org/playcollegesports)  
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# ***SOCIAL MEDIA***



Follow the EC  
on Instagram



Follow the EC  
on Twitter



Like the EC  
on Facebook



Ask the EC

***“What if I still have questions?”***

- ▶ You and your family can call:  
877-262-1492.

# ***THANK YOU***

- ▶ Contact the NCAA Eligibility Center  
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern.
  - ▶ Students and parents: 877-262-1492.



Register for a  
Free Profile Page



Let Us Know  
How We Did Today

