

16 Core Courses Now Required for Prospective NCAA Division I Student-Athletes

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High school administrators, parents and students should remember that the NCAA now requires prospective student-athletes who desire to participate in Division I athletics must have 16 core courses in addition to graduation from high school, a minimum required grade point average in those 16 core-courses; and a combined SAT (on the Critical Reading and Math only) or ACT sum score that corresponds with the core-course grade-point average and the sliding scale (see sliding scale). The core-course breakdown is as follows:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of math (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (one lab)
- 1 year of additional English/math/science
- 2 years of social science
- 4 years of additional core courses (any of the areas above or foreign language, non-doctrinal religion/philosophy)

These changes took effect on August 1 and must be met by student-athletes who enter an NCAA Division I college or university as a full-time student in August of 2008. It should be noted that the core-course requirements for prospective student-athletes who seek to participate in Division II intercollegiate athletics remains at 14. (*Source: NCAA Bylaw 14.3.1.1, 2007-08 NCAA Division I Manual, pp. 140 and 141.*)



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