

NCAA Passes Core-Curriculum Time Limitation

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In April, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors adopted a proposal that requires prospective student-athletes to complete his or her graduation and core-curriculum requirements within four years after initial enrollment in the ninth grade. Further, if the prospective student-athlete graduates within this required time frame, he or she may use one core-course completed within the year after graduation to count toward academic eligibility. This proposal becomes effective on August 1, 2007 and affects those who were expected to graduate in 2007.

This legislation which is applicable to prospective student-athletes who want to participate in Division I intercollegiate athletics, was adopted because NCAA Division I administrators believed that earlier legislation permitted students to purposely delay high school graduation to meet NCAA requirements which they felt was not an appropriate academic practice.

This legislation adversely affects prospective student-athletes who after four year in high school, don't graduate with their classes, prospective student-athletes who after four years in high school don't graduate and plan to attend a prep school for a "13th year" and prospective student-athletes who repeat a year of high school for medical or academic reasons. Prospective student-athletes with these circumstances may not use core-courses completed after the high school graduation date of their respective classes.

It should be noted that prospective student-athletes with a documented learning disability and whose documentation is on file with NCAA Disability Services are not impacted by this legislation and as such will be able to use all core-courses taken prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment. *(Source: NCAA Educational Column, May 23, 2007, Item 1.)*



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