



The NCAA's core purpose is to govern competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner, and to integrate intercollegiate athletics into higher education .

You need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school. The following website leads to the NCAA Eligibility Center to Create a Certification Account and to create a Profile Page if you plan to compete at a Division III school or are not yet sure where you want to compete.

[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

In Division I and Division II, the NCAA sets academic initial-eligibility standards that take into account GPA, standardized test scores, core courses taken in high school and the grades earned in those core courses. Division III schools hold student-athletes to the same overall standards for the institution in which they're enrolling.

All student-athletes also must meet the unique acceptance requirements of the college or university they plan to attend (which may exceed NCAA standards).

- To review the NCAA academic requirements, click here: [Academics](#) (or scroll to "Academics" on the bottom of the [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) page).