



## NCAA ELIGIBILITY FOR CANADIANS

### What Canadian high-school credits will count for NCAA Eligibility

Each province in Canada has a list of core courses approved for use towards NCAA eligibility. Ensure you carefully review the approved core course list for your province.

- [NCAA Core Courses for Canadians](#)
- [List of NCAA Canadian Core Courses for Eligibility](#)
- [NCAA Core Courses for Ontario](#) (Use Code **998003**)

### NCAA Initial Eligibility vs University Admission

It's important to understand that this is a **separate process**. Each university will have its own admissions process and it's important to check the websites of the University/Colleges you are considering. You must send your transcript and SAT or ACT test scores to BOTH the NCAA Eligibility Center AND the Admissions office of the universities. Be sure to contact the post secondary admissions office early to make yourself aware of all the requirements.

### **What are the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Academic Requirements?**

To play Division 1 or 2 sports you need to meet the following academic requirements:

- Present an acceptable form of proof of secondary school graduation
- Complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses in the correct subjects
- Earn a minimum core-course GPA: 2.300 for D1 / 2.200 for D2
- Earn an SAT/ACT score that matches your core-course GPA on the Division 1 or 2 sliding scale

### **What's an NCAA core course?**

#### **Division 1 Core Course Eligibility**

To compete at an NCAA Division 1 university, 16 core-course credits must be completed in the following areas:

- English/Native Language – 4 credits
- Natural/Physical Science – 2 credits
- Math (Algebra I or higher) – 3 credits
- Social Science – 2 credits
- Additional (English, or native language, math, or natural/physical science) – 1 credit
- Additional (English, or native language, math or natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion, or philosophy) – 4 credits

#### **Division 2 Core Course Eligibility**

To compete at an NCAA Division 2 university, 16 core-course credits must be completed in the following areas:

- English/Native Language – 3 credits
- Natural/Physical Science – 2 credits
- Math (Algebra I or higher) – 2 credits
- Social Science – 2 credits
- Additional (English, or native language, math, or natural/physical science) – 3 credit
- Additional (English, or native language, math or natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion, or philosophy) – 4 credits

#### **Classes that are not NCAA core courses include:**

- Classes in non-core areas, fine arts, or vocations such as driver education, typing, art, music, physical education, or welding.
- Personal skill classes such as personal finance or consumer education.
- Classes taught below grade level, at a slower pace or with less rigor or depth. These classes are often titled basic, essential, fundamental, or foundational.
- Classes that are not academic in nature such as film appreciation, video editing or greenhouse management.