



Mount Mercy Academy Counseling Center

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE ELIGIBILITY

What is the NCAA?

- Ⓢ The Association was founded in 1906. It is made up of 977 schools classified in three divisions (Division I has 321 schools; Division II has 260; and Division III has 396). Schools in Division I, which is divided into two subdivisions for football (Divisions I-A and I-AA), compete at the so-called major-college level.
- Ⓢ The NCAA sponsors 87 championships in 22 sports. Almost 24,500 men and women student-athletes annually compete for NCAA titles.

What is Academic Eligibility?

- Ⓢ In order to play in the NCAA you must first graduate from high school

FOR DIVISION I:

If you want to participate in athletics or receive an athletics scholarship during your first year, you must:

- Complete these 16 core courses:
 - - 4 years of English
 - - 3 years of math (Algebra 1 or higher)
 - - 2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if offered by your high school)
 - - 1 extra year of English, math, or natural or physical science
 - - 2 years of social science
 - - 4 years of extra core courses (from any category above, or foreign language, nondoctrinal religion or philosophy);
- Earn a minimum required grade-point average in your core courses; and
- Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches your core-course grade-point average and test score sliding scale (for example, a 2.400 core-course grade-point average needs an 860 SAT).
- Meet the core GPA and SAT requirements (see the NCAA Clearinghouse Website)
- MOUNT MERCY STUDENTS MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS BY VIRTUE OF MEETING MOUNT MERCY'S REQUIREMENTS

FOR DIVISION II:

If you enroll in a Division II college and want to participate in athletics or receive an athletics scholarship during your first year, you must:

- Complete these 14 core courses:
 - 3 years of English
 - 2 years of math (Algebra 1 or higher)
 - 2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if offered by your high school)
 - 2 additional years of English, math, or natural or physical science
 - 2 years of social science
 - 3 years of extra core courses (from any category above, or foreign language, nondoctrinal religion or philosophy);
- Earn a 2.000 grade-point average or better in your core courses; and
- Earn a combined SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.

- For individuals enrolling at a college or university in Puerto Rico, earn a combined Prueba de Aptitud Academica score of 730.
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- Have a GPA (on a 4.0 scale) of 2.0, and have at least an 820 on SAT Is

FOR DIVISION III:

- Currently if a student graduates from high school they are eligible to play Division III sports

HOW TO APPLY FOR NCAA ELIGIBILITY

- ④ Go to <http://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/> and fill out the form
- ④ Request your transcript (from each high school you have attended) be sent to the NCAA Clearinghouse by handing the Counseling Center the printed release form from the website

WHEN TO APPLY FOR NCAA ELIGIBILITY

- ④ NCAA suggests that you should apply for eligibility in the summer after your Junior year of high school

WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR NCAA ELIGIBILITY

- ④ All those who are even *thinking* about playing collegiate sports in college

** Information taken from NCAA's *Guide for the College Bound Student Athlete*

**NCAA Clearinghouse website is www.ncaaclearinghouse.net