



Core course requirements

To be eligible to play in Division I, the NCAA requires the completion of 16 core courses in Years 9-12:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of maths
- 2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if offered by your school) (e.g. general science in years 9-10, chemistry, physics, biology in years 11-12)
- 1 extra year of English, maths or natural or physical science
- 2 years of social science (e.g. history, geography, economics, international relations, psychology)
- 4 years of extra core courses (from any category above, or foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy)

Australian subjects not recognized as NCAA core courses:

Information technology, physical education, health and human movement, business studies, accounting, graphics, performing/visual arts/drama/music, technology, English as a second language (ESL) and VET courses.

Calculating your core courses

The NCAA Eligibility Center cannot review your 16 core courses until the end of Year 12 when they have all official transcripts from Years 9–12 on record. It is important you keep track of your own continuing eligibility throughout high school.

- Refer to the worksheets on pages 21–22 of the [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#)

Tips:

- If semesters - A single semester class will be recognized as .50 credit; a full year (two semester) class will be 1.0 credit
- If terms - normally 4 terms make up 1 year. E.g. 1 term = .25, 2 terms = .5
- You can find a handy transcript template on this USB to help you keep track of your core courses. This can also help you provide a pre-graduation academic transcript to college coaches you're in touch with and the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Helpful links

NCAA - [Core Courses](#)

[EducationUSA Australia Facebook](#) links:

NCAA - [Some Courses reviewed](#)

[Core Courses - NCAA Requirements](#)