

# NCAA FRESHMAN-ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS QUICK REFERENCE SHEET KNOW THE RULES:

## Core Courses

**Starting August 1, 2008, 16 core courses** will be required for **NCAA Division I only**. This rule applies to any student first entering any Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2008. See the chart below for the breakdown of this 16 core-course requirement.

**14 core courses are required in NCAA Division II.** See the breakdown of core-course requirements below.

## Test Scores

**Division I** has a sliding scale for test score and grade-point average. The sliding scale for those requirements is shown on page two of this sheet.

**Division II** has a minimum SAT score requirement of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.

The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes **only** the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.

The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a **sum** of the four sections on the ACT: English, math, reading and science.

**All SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center by the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will no longer be used. When registering for the SAT or ACT, use the Eligibility Center code of 9999 to make sure the score is reported to the Eligibility Center.**

## Grade-Point Average

Only core courses are used in the calculation of the grade-point average.

**Be sure** to look at your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses on the Eligibility Center's Web site to make certain that the courses being taken have been approved as core courses. The Web site is [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).

**Division I** grade-point-average requirements are listed on page two of this sheet.

**The Division II** grade-point-average requirement is a minimum of 2.000.

**PLEASE NOTE:** For students first entering any NCAA college or university on or after August 1, 2005, **computer science** courses may only be used for initial-eligibility purposes if the course receives graduation credit in mathematics or natural/physical science and is listed as such on the high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses.

## DIVISION I 16 Core-Course Rule

### 16 Core Courses:

4 years of English.

3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).

2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).

1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.

2 years of social science.

4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or non-doctrinal religion/philosophy).

## DIVISION II 14 Core-Course Rule

### 14 Core Courses:

3 years of English.

2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).

2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).

2 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.

2 years of social science.

**3** years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

