

Division I Academic Eligibility Requirements (NEW standards)

(For those prospects first entering a Division I college on or after August 1, 2003)

Qualifier Standards

A “qualifier” is eligible to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during his or her first year at a Division I school. In addition, a qualifier has four seasons of competition.

If you’re first entering a Division I college on or after August 1, 2003, you may either utilize these initial eligibility standards OR the “old” initial eligibility standards (see Division I Academic Eligibility Standards (OLD standards)).

If you’re first entering a Division I college on or after August 1, 2005, in order to be classified as a “qualifier” you **MUST** meet the “new” standards.

Under the “new” standards, in order to be classified a “qualifier,” you’re required to:

- Graduate from high school;
- Successfully complete a core curriculum of at least 14 academic course units as follows:
 - 4 years of English
 - 2 years of mathematics (two years of mathematics courses at level of Algebra 1 or above)
 - 2 years of natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course, if offered by the high school)
 - 1 year of additional courses in English, mathematics, or natural or physical science
 - 2 years of Social science
 - 3 years of additional academic courses [in any of the above areas or foreign language, computer science, philosophy or nondoctrinal religion (e.g., comparative religion) courses]
 - ***Students first entering college on or after August 1, 2005 **WILL NOT** be permitted to use computer science courses.
- Have a core-course grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.000) and a combined score on the SAT verbal and math sections or a sum score on the ACT based on the qualifier index scale below:

Division I Qualifier Index

Core GPA	SAT+	Sum ACT*	Core GPA	SAT+	Sum ACT*
3.550 & above	400	37	2.75	720	59
3.525	410	38	2.725	730	59
3.5	420	39	2.7	730	60
3.475	430	40	2.675	740-750	61
3.45	440	41	2.65	760	62
3.425	450	41	2.625	770	63
3.4	460	42	2.6	780	64
3.375	470	42	2.575	790	65
3.35	480	43	2.55	800	66
3.325	490	44	2.525	810	67
3.3	500	44	2.5	820	68
3.275	510	45	2.475	830	69
3.25	520	46	2.45	840-850	70
3.225	530	46	2.425	860	70
3.2	540	47	2.4	860	71
3.175	550	47	2.375	870	72
3.15	560	48	2.35	880	73
3.125	570	49	2.325	890	74
3.1	580	49	2.3	900	75
3.075	590	50	2.275	910	76
3.05	600	50	2.25	920	77
3.025	610	51	2.225	930	78
3	620	52	2.2	940	79
2.975	630	52	2.175	950	80
2.95	640	53	2.15	960	80
2.925	650	53	2.125	960	81
2.9	660	54	2.1	970	82
2.875	670	55	2.075	980	83
2.85	680	56	2.05	990	84
2.825	690	56	2.025	1000	85
2.8	700	57	2	1010	86
2.775	710	58			

* Previously, ACT score was calculated by averaging four scores. New standards are based on sum of scores.

+ For SAT tests taken on or after April 1, 1995

Nonqualifier Standards

A “nonqualifier” is a student who has not graduated from high school or who has presented neither the core-curriculum grade-point average and SAT/ACT scores required for a qualifier.

A nonqualifier is not eligible for regular-season competition or practice during the first academic year in residence and then has three seasons of competition remaining. A nonqualifier during the first academic year in residence is eligible for nonathletics institutional financial aid that is not from an athletics source and is based on financial need only.

A nonqualifier may earn a fourth year of competition, provided that at the beginning of the fifth academic year following the student-athlete’s initial, full-time collegiate enrollment, the student-athlete has received a baccalaureate degree.

A student with a diagnosed disability who was not a qualifier may earn a fourth season of competition, provided the student-athlete has satisfied specified procedures and has completed at least 75 percent of his or her degree program at the beginning of the fifth academic year after the student-athlete’s full-time collegiate enrollment.