

Division I Academic Eligibility Requirements (OLD standards)

(For those prospects first entering a Division I college on or after August 1, 1996, and prior to August 1, 2005)

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, 1996, and prior to August 1, 2005, you may either utilize these initial eligibility standards OR the “new” initial eligibility standards (see Division I Academic Eligibility Standards (NEW standards)). Under the “old” standards, in order to be classified a “qualifier,” you’re required to:

- Graduate from high school;
- Successfully complete a core curriculum of at least 13 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
 - 2 years of additional academic courses [in any of the above areas or foreign language, computer science, philosophy or non doctrinal religion (e.g., comparative religion) 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.

Division I Qualifier Index

Core GPA	ACT* sum of scores	SAT+ on or after 4/1/95
2.500 & above	68	820
2.475	69	830
2.450	70	840-850
2.425	70	860
2.400	71	860
2.375	72	870
2.350	73	880
2.325	74	890
2.300	75	900
2.275	76	910
2.250	77	920
2.225	78	930
2.200	79	940
2.175	80	950
2.150	80	960
2.125	81	960
2.100	82	970
2.075	83	980
2.050	84	990
2.025	85	1000
2.000	86	1010

* 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

Partial Qualifier Standards

A “partial qualifier” is eligible to practice with a team at its home facility and receive an athletics scholarship during his or her first year at a Division I school and then has three seasons of competition remaining.

A partial qualifier 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.

In order to be classified a “partial qualifier,” you have not met the requirements for a qualifier but you’re required to:

- Graduate from high school;
- Successfully complete a core curriculum of at least 13 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
- 2 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]

- Present 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 partial qualifier index scale.

Partial Qualifier Index

Core GPA	ACT sum of scores	SAT on or after 4/1/95
2.750 & above	59	720
2.725	59	730
2.700	60	730
2.675	61	740-750
2.650	62	760
2.625	63	770
2.600	64	780
2.575	65	790
2.550	66	800
2.525	67	810

* 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.