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| **CORE MATTERS** |

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| **A periodic newsletter from CoreCourseGPA.com** |

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| Designed to keep you informed on issues impacting NCAA and NAIA initial-eligibility and provide helpful software tips and best practices for increased student-athlete engagement. |

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| **Last Chance for Juniors to Meet 10/7 Core Credit Standard** |

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| https://files.ctctcdn.com/e520d728001/3c1c7c6d-24e1-46be-aa19-d63fcaf1eb76.jpgThe calendar may have just turned to 2015, but the 2016 NCAA initial-eligibility changes **start now** for your juniors.To be a full qualifier and play as a freshman at a DI school, **your juniors must complete 10 NCAA core courses, including 7 in English, math or science, prior to the start of their senior year**. This semester is their last regular semester to complete the 10 required core course credits. For those who fall short, only summer school would remain as a final opportunity to make up credit deficiencies. Also, the 10 credits completed are then "locked in" for NCAA core course GPA calculations, meaning **no senior year retakes** for a better grade.This rule will likely trip up more athletes than the minimum GPA increase to 2.30, because it cuts across the entire GPA spectrum. A student with a 4.0 GPA but only 9 core course credits completed would fall short and lose DI full qualifier status.If any of your junior, sophomore or freshman student-athletes are not yet tracking their core course credits, the time to start is now! |

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| **Freshmen First to Face Higher NCAA DII Standards** |

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| https://files.ctctcdn.com/e520d728001/6f301bf1-66bb-4b7f-9793-6f050b506f79.jpgIn addition to the 2016 changes for DI, your current **freshmen are the first class required to also meet increased standards for NCAA DII initial-eligibility**.For the class of 2018 and beyond, the DII minimum core GPA increases from a **2.00 to a 2.20**. In addition, the previously static **820 SAT or 68 ACT minimum test score requirements are replaced by test score sliding scales** based on the core course GPA. The new sliding scales used by DII are different than the scales used for DI eligibility. |

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| **4 Classes/3 Rules Summary Table** |

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| https://files.ctctcdn.com/e520d728001/9b3b1c31-af24-4166-a59b-c17fe02fcfcb.jpgWith three different sets of NCAA DI/DII initial-eligibility rules currently in place for the four graduating classes in your school, it's easy to get confused!To help out, we have a put together a [summary table](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001KZEX9qJ5jGyLWZzFrO7yZussQ8XoTxg-AxALkSn_o3BnUiaGeHrTHw-Ox8ttQrwcKi0jQfLrcyJcrEZbAZXPRXe9vAj6hlz1CRrTWeQlPfL3uQt95ySIvMawDxp9D6HvTnYTMkeayk-FFD3GXArpLdEv_hpEfujCuSLegC5VQwvPYl67N9ht8VauCboGPa00CvbS-kFyBFiBlz1lL-7g5O7VW5hVbkdFnReLYz--l4469oWRezutVDQDahvcf5sv&c=5gYSRoolBCLP_yI324GpYD4ghO4fyFOkyvKkeJ0ILB8-Ytc-QL4sRA==&ch=RF7wuMx2SMsmkZKi4F7LP0q0zetZ-U9yv7oacluvHMJwBBiPQ5ol1g==) for the classes of 2015-2018. All of these changes are incorporated into our software, so each student-athlete gets an accurate report no matter when they graduate.  |

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| **Is Your List of NCAA Core Classes Up-to-date?** |

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| https://files.ctctcdn.com/e520d728001/59e24bae-ec9f-4e7d-a3b4-40405ea4cecb.jpgKeeping your school's List of NCAA Courses current is a critical step in accurately calculating core course credits. At least annually, you should review your school's [published course list](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001KZEX9qJ5jGyLWZzFrO7yZussQ8XoTxg-AxALkSn_o3BnUiaGeHrTHw-Ox8ttQrwcQff87OYadLb62l3svOIeynAPRbxPr3naPSukmZVlR5SKJuf78kLRabaTLKXO5byvI4SMbYoeGjNf7AGWW0YR-PI_Lv9RShDTBtJTbKWgfBIUvs1-2G_-d424QyOq6Xczfv7-idcoHuRjiaIvEVVR5bDpH4mDKhz0KNK-8u7P5GfdRAz4gBxDxha_6aELchFd&c=5gYSRoolBCLP_yI324GpYD4ghO4fyFOkyvKkeJ0ILB8-Ytc-QL4sRA==&ch=RF7wuMx2SMsmkZKi4F7LP0q0zetZ-U9yv7oacluvHMJwBBiPQ5ol1g==) on the NCAA EC website. Then, whenever changes are published, send a quick email to support@corecoursegpa.com and we will update your course list in our software. . |

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