

2002 -2003 NCAA Academic standards - All sports:

Eligibility for competition

To be **eligible to compete**, you must:

- Have been admitted as a regularly enrolled, degree seeking student according to the published entrance requirements of your institution;
- Be in good academic standing according to the standards of your institution; and
- Be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time baccalaureate degree program (not less than 12 semester or quarter hours) and maintain satisfactory progress toward that degree, be enrolled in a full-time graduate or professional degree program (not less than eight semester or quarter hours) or be enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate degree at your institution. [Bylaws 14.01.2, 14.1.5.1, 14.1.6.2 and 14.1.6.2.1.4]
- If you are enrolled in less than a full-time program, you are **eligible to compete** only if you are enrolled in the last term of your degree program and are carrying credits necessary to finish your degree. [Bylaw 14.1.6.2.1.3]
- You are **eligible to compete** between terms if you are continuing enrollment, provided you have been registered for the required minimum full-time load at the conclusion of the term immediately preceding the date of competition, or if you are either continuing enrollment or beginning enrollment, provided you have been accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student for the regular term immediately following the date of competition. [Bylaw 14.1.6.2.1.2]

Eligibility for practice

- You are **eligible to practice** if you are enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the regulations of the certifying institution. [Bylaw 14.1.6.1]
- You are **eligible to practice** during the official vacation period immediately preceding initial enrollment, provided you have been accepted by your institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of your initial participation, you no longer are enrolled in your previous educational institution and you are eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements. [Bylaw 14.1.6.1.1]
- You also are **eligible to practice** if you are enrolled in the final semester or quarter of a baccalaureate program while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies and your institution certifies that you are carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements, as determined by the faculty of the institution. [Bylaw 14.1.6.1.3]

Continuing eligibility - All sports:

- If you have transferred to your current institution midyear, or you have completed one academic year in residence at your current institution or used one season of eligibility in a sport at your current institution, your eligibility shall be determined by your academic record in existence at the beginning of the fall term or at the beginning of any other regular term of that academic year, and you must satisfy the following requirements for academic progress to be **eligible** to compete:
 - You satisfactorily must have completed at least an average of 12 semester or quarter hours of academic credit during each of the terms in each of the academic years in which you have been enrolled, or you satisfactorily must have completed 24-semester hours or 36-quarter hours of academic credit since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of your school's preceding regular two semesters or three quarters. [Bylaw 14.4.3.1]
 - You must earn at least 75 percent of the semester or quarter hours required for satisfactory progress during the regular academic year. You may not earn more than 25 percent of the semester or quarter hours required for satisfactory progress during the summer or through correspondence courses taken during the 1993-94 academic year and thereafter. [Bylaw 14.4.3.1.3]
 - You must choose a major that leads to a specific baccalaureate degree by the beginning of your third year of enrollment. (This includes transfer students who have not yet completed an academic year in residence or used one season of eligibility in a sport at their current institution.) [Bylaw 14.4.3.1.4]
 - If you are entering your third year of collegiate enrollment, you must have completed successfully at least 25 percent of the course requirements in your specific degree program and you must present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.000) that equals at least 90 percent of the cumulative minimum grade-point average required for graduation. [Bylaws 14.4.3.2 and 14.4.3.3.1]
 - If you are entering your fourth year of collegiate enrollment, you must have completed successfully at least 50 percent of the course requirements in your specific degree program and you must present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.000) that equals 95 percent of the cumulative minimum grade-point average required for graduation. [Bylaws 14.4.3.2 and 14.4.3.3.1]
 - If you are entering your fifth year of collegiate enrollment, you must have completed successfully at least 75 percent of the course requirements in your specific degree program and you must present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.000) that equals 95 percent of the cumulative minimum grade-point average required for graduation. [Bylaws 14.4.3.2 and 14.4.3.3.1]

Freshmen:

You are referred to as a qualifier and are eligible to practice and compete in your sport and to receive financial aid (institutional and athletically related) during your first academic year under Bylaw 14.02.9.1, if you:

- Graduate from high school;
- Attain a minimum high-school grade-point average of 2.000 in 13 core-curriculum courses as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1; and

- Achieve a corresponding sum ACT or SAT score as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1.1.

You are referred to as a partial qualifier if you fail to meet the criteria for a qualifier, but have graduated from high school and achieved a minimum grade-point average of 2.525 in 13 core-curriculum courses as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1; and achieved a minimum corresponding sum ACT or SAT score as specified in Bylaw 14.3.2.1.

As a partial qualifier:

- You may practice during your first academic year at your institution only at the institution's home practice facility.
- You will have three seasons of eligibility after your first academic year in residence. You may earn a fourth season of competition provided you receive a baccalaureate degree before beginning your fifth academic year of enrollment and you are within five years of your initial, full-time collegiate enrollment. [Bylaw 14.3.3]
- You may not compete in your sport during your first academic year in residence; you may receive institutional financial aid, including athletically related financial aid. [Bylaws 14.02.9.2 and 14.3.2.1.1]

As a nonqualifier:

You are referred to as a nonqualifier if you fail to meet the criteria above. In addition to being ineligible for practice and competition during the first academic year in residence, a nonqualifier is not permitted to receive any institutional financial aid, except as stated below. [Bylaws 14.02.9.3 and 14.3.2.2.1]

- You are eligible to receive non-athletics institutional financial aid based on need only, consistent with institutional and conference regulations.
- You will have three seasons of eligibility after your first academic year in residence. You may earn a fourth season of competition provided you receive a baccalaureate degree before beginning your fifth academic year of enrollment and you are within five years of your initial, full-time collegiate enrollment. [Bylaw 14.3.3]

Transfer students only:

You are a transfer student if:

- The registrar or admissions officer from your former institution certified that you officially were registered and enrolled at that institution in any term in a minimum full-time program of studies and you were present on the opening day of classes; or
- The director of athletics from your former institution certified that you reported for the regular squad practice that any staff member of the athletics department of your former institution announced before the beginning of any term. [Bylaw 14.5.2]

If you are a transfer student from a four-year institution, you are **not eligible** during your first academic year in residence unless you meet the provisions of one of the exceptions specified in Bylaw 14.5.5.2 or one of the waivers specified in Bylaw 14.8.1.2.

If you are a transfer student from a two-year institution, you are **not eligible** during your first academic year in residence at your new institution unless you meet the academic and residence requirements specified in Bylaw 14.5.4 or the exceptions specified in Bylaw 14.5.4.7.

If you transferred from a four-year college to a two-year college and then to your new institution, you are **not eligible** during your first academic year in residence at your new institution unless you meet the requirements specified in Bylaw 14.5.6.

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Differing academic regulations – SEC

1. Limits the number of partial and non-qualifiers per year
2. Limits the acceptance of transfer students to those who have at least 2-years of eligibility remaining
3. Student-athletes must pass a minimum of 6 credits in an academic term prior to the post season championship for that sport
4. Limits the number of correspondence/extension courses in any given 12 month period to 6 hours per semester or 9 hours per quarter.