

INFORMATION ABOUT NCAA ATHLETICS CERTIFICATION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION! PLEASE READ!

The NCAA Division I initial-eligibility rules are changing.

For your information, please be aware that your seniors (12th grade) this academic year 2007-2008, must present 16 core courses to the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse upon graduation in order to qualify for aid, practice and competition in their first year of collegiate enrollment of 2008-2009.

The new rule and present rule are outlined below.

After graduation from high school in the spring of 2008, the final certification report, which is based on the academic record from grades nine through 12, will be evaluated under the new rule. **It is not possible to mix-and-match rules.**

THE NEW RULE:

- **INCREASES** the number of core courses from 14 to **16**. The additional core courses must come from the following areas: English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, nondoctrinal religion/ philosophy, or computer science. The breakdown of core course requirements is listed below.

2007-08 RULE

14 Core Courses:

- 4 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).
- 1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 3 years of additional courses (from any area above or foreign language, nondoctrinal religion/ philosophy, computer science*).

NEW RULE

(ENTERING COLLEGE 2008-09)

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 or foreign language, nondoctrinal religion/ philosophy, computer science*).

* **PLEASE NOTE:** Computer science has been **eliminated** as an acceptable core-course area for students first entering any college or university on or after August 1, 2005. Students entering college on or after August 1, 2005, may not use any computer science courses in meeting the core-course requirements.