



NCAA Sports

**What you need to know:
May 30th, 2018**

Plan for the session:

- Overview of Different Divisions
- What your experience as a college athlete can look like at different levels.
- NCAA Clearinghouse- How it affects your course planning
- What should you be doing now
- Resources

Overview of Divisions:

DIVISION I

Division I schools, on average, enroll the most students, manage the largest athletics budgets, offer a wide array of academic programs and provide the most athletics scholarships.

PARTICIPATION

- 179,200 student-athletes
- 351 colleges and universities

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

59 percent of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid

ACADEMICS

2017 Graduation Success Rate: 87 percent*

OTHER STATS

Median Undergraduate Enrollment: 9,629
Average Number of Teams per School: 19
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: 4 percent
Division I National Championships: 26

DIVISION II

Division II provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, high-level athletics competition and community engagement. Many participants are first-generation college students.

PARTICIPATION

- 121,900 student-athletes
- 308 colleges and universities

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

62 percent of all student-athletes receive some level of athletics aid

ACADEMICS

2017 Academic Success Rate: 72 percent*

OTHER STATS

Median Undergraduate Enrollment: 2,485
Average Number of Teams per School: 16
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: 9 percent
Division II National Championships: 25

DIVISION III

The Division III experience provides an integrated environment that focuses on academic success while offering competitive athletics and meaningful nonathletics opportunities.

PARTICIPATION

- 190,900 student-athletes
- 443 colleges and universities

FINANCIAL AID

80 percent of all student-athletes receive some form of academic grant or need-based scholarship; institutional gift aid totals \$17,000 on average

ACADEMICS

2017 Academic Success Rate: 87 percent*

OTHER STATS

Median Undergraduate Enrollment: 1,748
Average Number of Teams per School: 18
Average Percentage of Student Body Participating in Sports: 26 percent
Division III National Championships: 28

- Probability of playing after high school.
- ***Division 1:***
 - You are basically an employee of the college.
 - Much of your time/day/experiences will revolve around your sport and your team.
 - It is a year round commitment- even out of season there are team and individual workouts.
 - It is very rare to get a “full ride”.

What you can expect:

- ***Division 2:***
 - Less money distributed.
 - A lot of your time/day/experiences will revolve around your sport and your team.
 - You will have time for other interests.
 - You have some team activity year round, most your team work is in your “traditional” season, however there are many session including individual workouts year round.

What you can expect:

- ***Division 3:***
 - No Athletic \$ is given out.
 - Your team and sport will be a priority in season, but you will have plenty of free time for other interests.
 - Not unusual to play another sport.
 - Coaches DO NOT have access to “train” you in the off season except for a 4-6 week “non traditional” season on many sports. Total season equals 19 weeks.

What you can expect:

NCAA Clearinghouse:

This is necessary if you are planning on playing D1 or D2.
If you haven't signed up yet, you must do so now.

[NCAA Eligibility Center](#)

This will allow them to track your SAT scores & the classes you are taking. There are requirements you must plan for.

Film as Literature is not recognized as an English Class

How do I get recruited?:

- 1- Identify the schools you are interested in.
 - Contact the coach- email/phone/handwritten note
 - Fill out Prospective Student Athlete Forms
- 2- Put together a short recruit video (they will want one)
- 3- Get your transcript/resume together (they will want one)
- 4- Contact the coach again- you are interested in their school, their program, can you come for a visit.
- 5- Plan a visit

Resources:

[NCAA Guide for the College Bound Athlete](#)

[NCAA Eligibility Center](#)

[Prospective Student Athlete Form](#)

<http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future>