Division II supports the educational mission of college athletics by fostering a balanced and inclusive approach in which student-athletes learn and develop through their desired academic pursuits, in civic engagement with their communities and in athletics competition. Division II gives student-athletes the unique opportunity to compete in the classroom, on the field, in their career, for their causes, and on their terms.

**Composition of Enrollment***

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<th>Women 58%</th>
<th>Men 42%</th>
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<td>Undergraduate enrollment 566,201</td>
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<td>Student-athletes</td>
<td>53,184 (9%)</td>
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*Based on 2021-22 IPEDS enrollment data and 2022-23 NCAA participation data.

**Graduation Rates**

- **53%** Student body federal rate
- **60%** Student-athlete federal rate
- **76%** Academic Success Rate

**Championships***

- **12** Men’s championships
- **13** Women’s championships
- **7,456 participants total** (Men)
- **7,170 participants total** (Women)

*Based on 2022-23 Division II championships.

**Division II’s access ratio to championships is the best of any division: 1:8.93***

*Based on 2021-22 NCAA Financial Reporting System data.

**Median Total Expenses***

- **1st quartile of schools** (with football): $12.1 million
- **2nd quartile of schools** (with football): $9.0 million
- **3rd quartile of schools** (with football): $6.9 million
- **4th quartile of schools** (without football): $4.7 million

*Based on 2021-22 NCAA sport sponsorship and participation data.

**Average Number of Student-Athletes***

| Schools with football | 314 men | 196 women |
| Schools without football | 174 men | 164 women |

*2022-23 NCAA sport sponsorship and participation data.

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**2023-24 Division II Facts and Figures**

**Life in the Balance**

Division II gives student-athletes the unique opportunity to compete in the classroom, on the field, in their career, for their causes, and on their terms.
What is Division II?
Division II is a collection of nearly 300 colleges and universities that operate their athletics programs as part of the parent National Collegiate Athletic Association. Any response to “What is Division II?” should emphasize:
• The commitment to academic success;
• The ability to award athletics scholarships;
• The abundant access to NCAA championships; and
• The balanced approach that allows student-athletes to “Make It Yours” – to experience all the campus and surrounding community has to offer.

DII Distinctions
NCAA studies of graduation rates, undergraduate experiences and post-college outcomes for Division II student-athletes have revealed the following:
• Overall Division II student-athlete graduation rates (Academic Success Rate and federal graduation rate) and many subgroup rates are at or near their highest-ever levels.
• Using the federal graduation rate to examine student-athlete vs. student body graduation from their initial school in Division II, higher rates are seen for student-athletes within every demographic subgroup studied.
• 82% of former Division II student-athletes agreed or strongly agreed they were challenged academically in college, compared with 76% of nonathletes who felt that way.
• 49% of former Division II student-athletes held a leadership position in a club or organization, compared with 29% of nonathletes.
• More than 90% of Division II student-athletes report that their college athletics experience had a positive or very positive effect on personal competencies such as work ethic, responsibility, teamwork and goal setting.
• Most Division II student-athletes (about 70%) agree or strongly agree that their coaches and teammates create an inclusive environment for all team members.