



ELIGIBILITY CENTER'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

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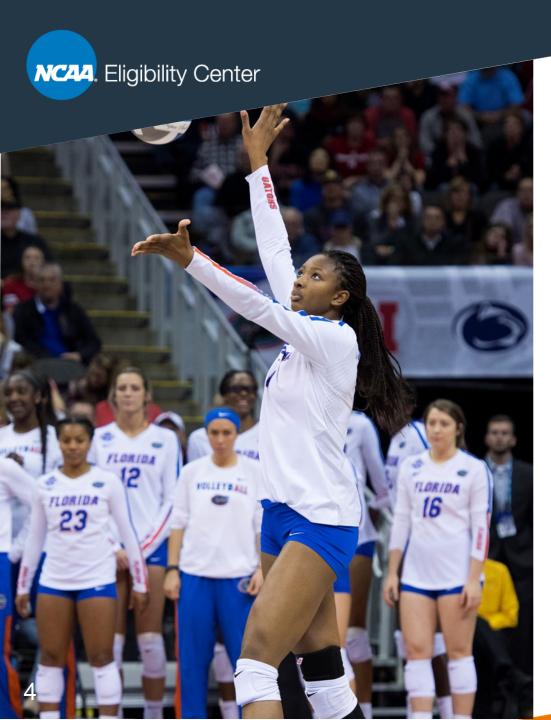
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ELIGIBILITY CENTER COVID-19 RESPONSE

We are committed to:

- Providing adequate support.
- Flexibility in application of initial-eligibility standards/legislation.
- Working closely with our member institutions and making progress toward national solutions and issues that have not yet surfaced.



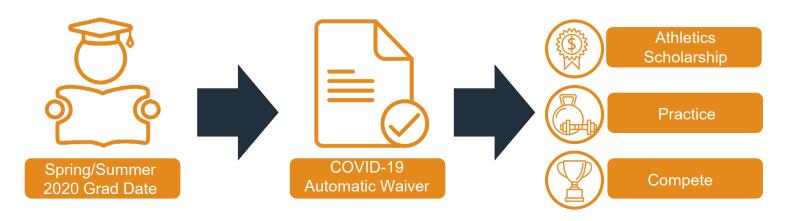
AGENDA

- COVID-19 Automatic Waiver.
- Submission of Academic Documents.
- Academic Evaluations.
- International Issues.
- Case Studies.
- Questions.





COVID-19 AUTOMATIC WAIVER

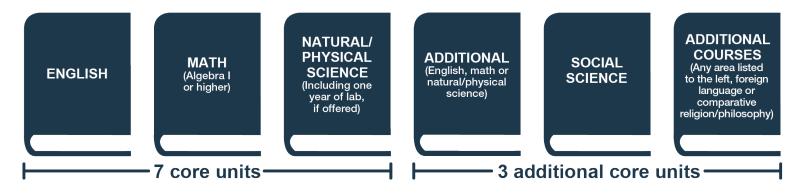


Spring/Summer 2020 students must meet specific criteria to be eligible.



DIVISION I

- Meet the core-course progression requirement for NCAAapproved core courses before start of the seventh semester.
 - ▶ 10 core units, seven of which must be in English, math or science.



Present a 2.300 or higher core-course GPA in such courses.



DIVISION II

Complete 10 NCAA-approved core course units before start of the seventh semester.



- Present a 2.200 or higher core-course GPA in such courses.
- Note: Division I and II legislated requirements can be found on the Initial-Eligibility flyer.

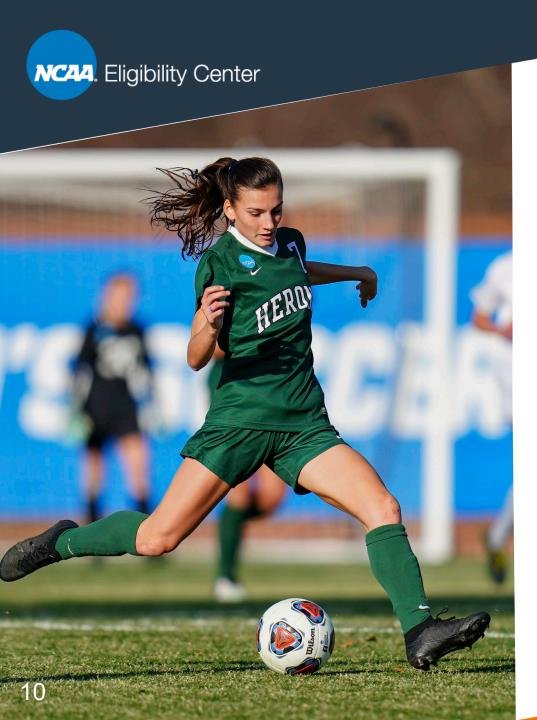


AID AND PRACTICE AUTOMATIC WAIVER

Complete 10 NCAA-approved core course units before start of the seventh semester.



- Present a 2.00 or higher core-course GPA in such courses.
- Division I student-athletes will need to earn practice in the second term.



TEST SCORES

- Note: These criteria do not include SAT/ACT scores.
- The criteria also do not apply to students who are expected to graduate after Spring/Summer 2020.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY



International March-December 2020 graduates must meet specific criteria to be eligible.



DIVISION I AND II INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Successfully complete at least 10 core-course units before starting the seventh semester.



Present a 2.300 (DI)/2.200 (DII) or higher core-course GPA in such courses.



FILE STATUS IN YOUR STUDENT'S ACCOUNT

The student's account will show "Final Nonqualifier" with "COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved" or "Partial COVID-19 Waiver – Athletics Aid and Practice" in the Academic Status field, as shown in the example student account below:

DIVISION I ACADEMIC STATUS Final Nonqualifier

Partial COVID-19 Waiver - Aid: 1st yr & Practice: 1st term

You are immediately eligible to receive athletics aid in your first year and practice in your first term of full-time enrollment. Contact your institution's Compliance Department for details.

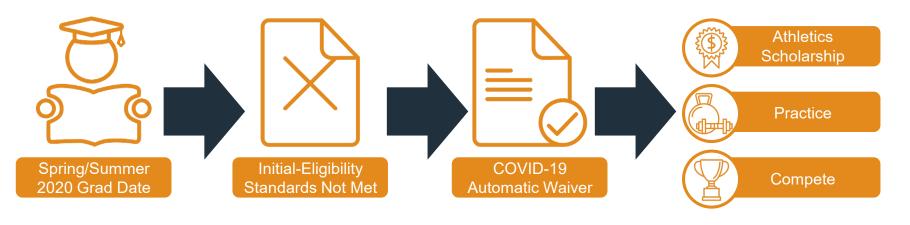
DIVISION II ACADEMIC STATUS Final Nonqualifier

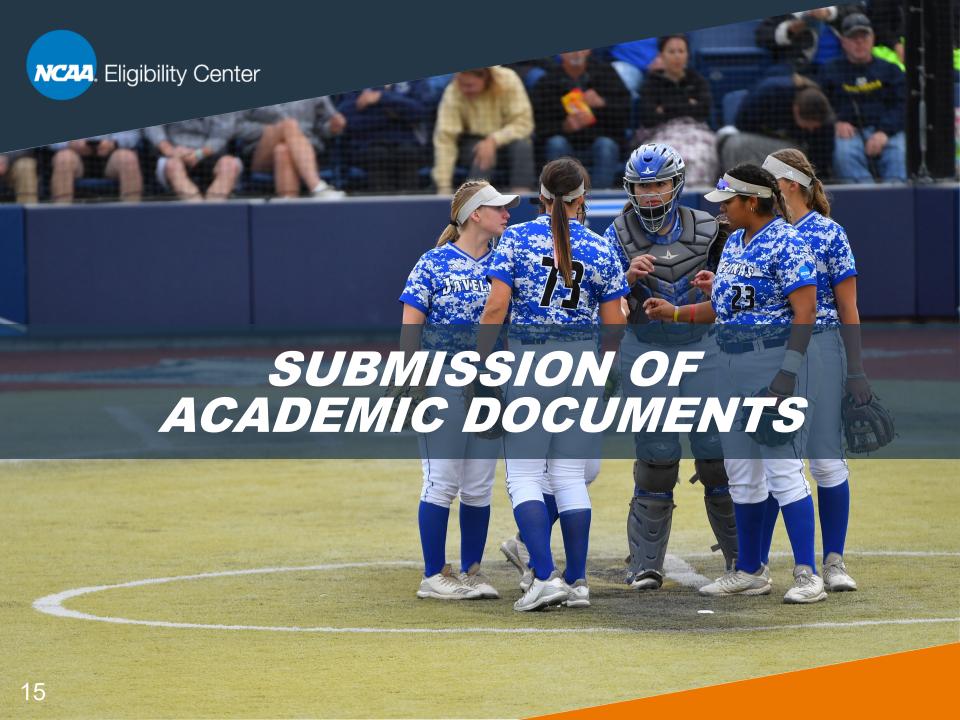
Partial COVID-19 Waiver - Athletics Aid and Practice

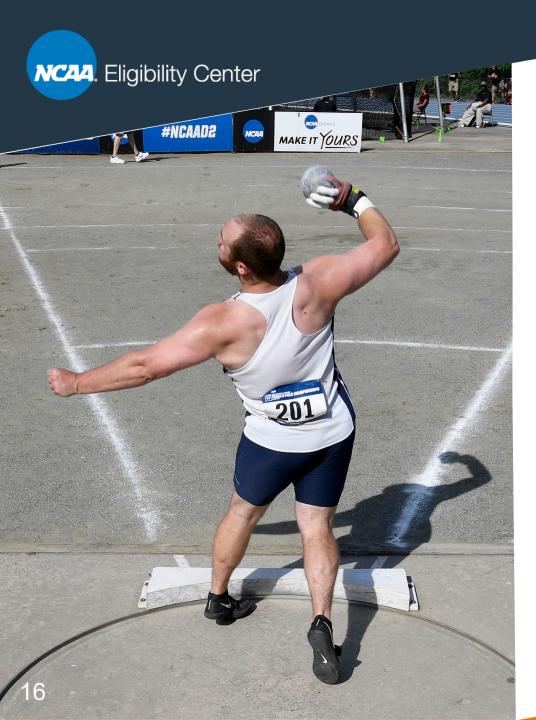
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FLEXIBILITY IN OFFICIAL ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS

Official academic records are necessary to ensure accurate initial-eligibility certifications and should be submitted via an approved channel whenever possible.



FLEXIBILITY IN INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY



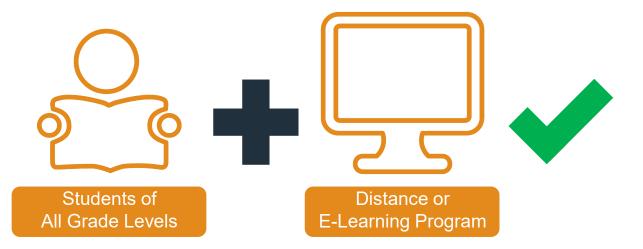
Note: When emailing unofficial records to us, the email address must be the same email associated with the student's Eligibility Center account.





DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING

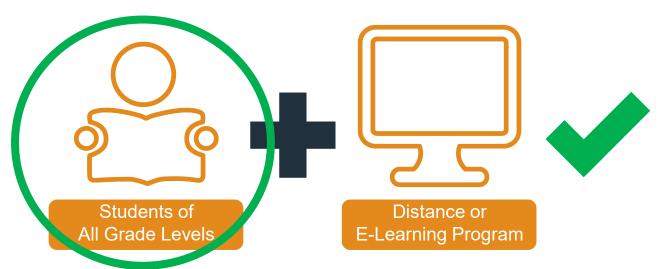
The Eligibility Center will not require a separate review of distance or e-learning programs used for Spring/Summer 2020 in response to closures due to COVID-19.





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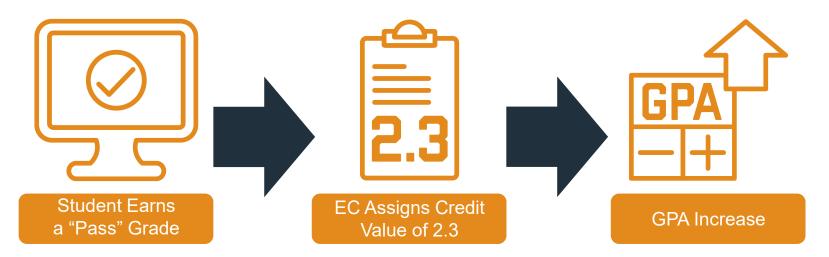
Note: This policy will apply to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who complete distance or e-learning courses in Spring/Summer 2020.





PASS/FAIL GRADES

▶ If the student's core-course GPA would increase by assigning a value of 2.300, this value will be assigned to the Passed courses.





PASS/FAIL GRADES

▶ If the student's core-course GPA would decrease by assigning a value of 2.300, the EC will only use letter grades.

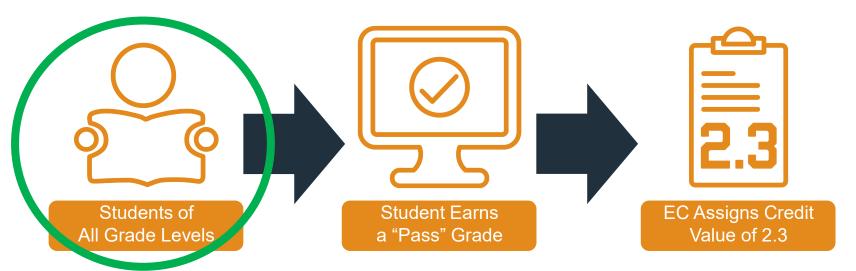


Note: Credit from these courses will still be applied toward the student's core-course requirements.



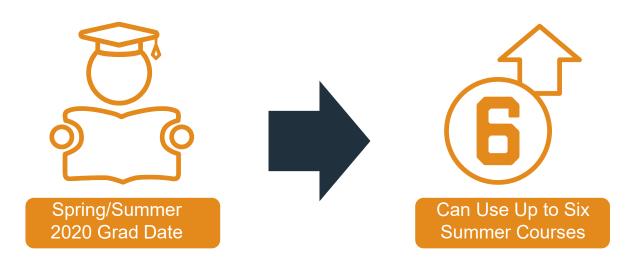
PASS/FAIL GRADES

Note: This policy will apply to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who successfully complete NCAA-approved Pass/Fail courses in Spring/Summer 2020.





DIVISION I CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION



Note: This approach will allow students impacted by school closures to complete additional core courses toward their initial eligibility.



INTERNATIONAL LEAVING EXAMS

The EC encourages submission of official year-byyear transcripts for evaluation of international students.



INTERNATIONAL LEAVING EXAMINATIONS



► The Graduation Timeline Confirmation Form may also be submitted, as appropriate, to extend the graduation timeline.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

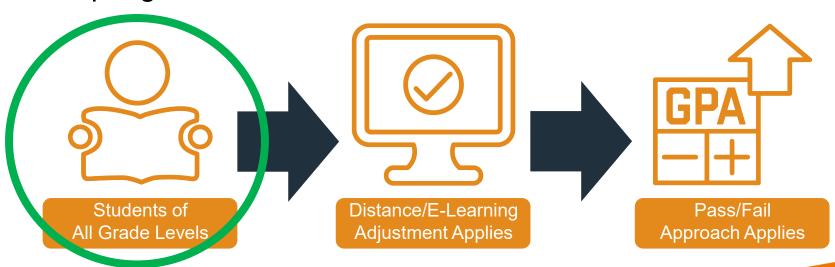
- Regular and ongoing contact with the U.S. State Department regarding travel and student visas.
- Regular meetings with the International Alliance.
- Created online training modules in collaboration with the U.S. State Department for Education USA advisors.
- Webinars with UK Fulbright Commission, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Ghana.
- International newsletter.





FLEXIBILITY IN OTHER CLASSES

► The approach to Pass/Fail and distance/e-learning courses will apply to all students, including subsequent classes, who complete NCAA-approved core courses in Spring/Summer 2020.







- David is an expected Spring 2020 graduate. Prior to the start of his seventh semester he has:
 - Completed 10 core courses (seven in English, math and natural/physical science).
 - ▶ Earned a 2.35 in those courses.
- After his final semester, David's core-GPA and test score do not meet the sliding scale requirement.
- Will David receive the COVID-19 automatic waiver?
- Yes; David's account will indicate "Final Non-Qualifier with COVID-19 Automatic Waiver."



- ► Alexis is an expected Spring 2021 graduate. She decides to reclassify and graduate in Spring 2020 to enroll at a Division II institution. After six semesters she has:
 - ▶ Completed 10 core courses (seven in English, math and natural/physical science).
 - ▶ Earned a 2.40 in those courses.
- Will Alexis receive the COVID -19 Automatic Waiver if she enrolls in Fall 2020?
- No; the COVID-19 Automatic Waiver is only applicable to students with expected graduation dates of Spring/Summer 2020.



- Moira is an expected Spring 2020 graduate. She does not meet the COVID-19 automatic waiver criteria.
- Can the institution file an IEW now? Her final grades are not posted but the institution knows she will not meet Final Qualifier requirements.
- No; a complete academic record is still required to file an IEW. Moira should work to meet Academic Redshirt or Partial Qualifier requirements and then the institution could file an IEW.



- ▶ Johnny's high school switched to a Pass/Fail format for Spring 2020.
- Johnny passed all his classes but assigning a 2.30 GPA would bring down his overall core-GPA. Will Johnny's spring semester be used in the certification?
- ► The EC will use the core courses that Johnny passed to meet the core-course distribution but since a 2.30 semester GPA would bring down his overall GPA, it will not be calculated into his final GPA.



- Roland does not meet the COVID-19 Automatic Waiver criteria due to his 2019 graduation date.
- ▶ Roland was not able to take an ACT or SAT due to the Covid-19 pandemic, can the institution still file an IEW?
- Yes; the institution can submit an IEW on Roland's behalf.





SOCIAL MEDIA















THANK YOU

- Contact the NCAA Eligibility Center:
 - ▶ 877-544-2950.
 - ▶ 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.
 - ec-processing@ncaa.org document submission only.
 - ecinfo@ncaa.org account inquiries (membership only).



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