

# BEYOND THE STADIUM

Building Your  
Academic Path

# Introduction

- Academics are critical component of a student-athlete's quest to compete at the collegiate level. Student-Athletes should become knowledgeable of the courses that are required to achieve a Virginia high school diploma and NCAA academic eligibility as soon as they are eligible to begin taking high school credit bearing courses.

# Objectives

- Student-Athlete will:
  - Identify the Virginia Department of Education graduation requirements for the Advanced Studies Diploma.
  - Identify the NCAA academic core course requirements for initial eligibility.
  - Develop a map for academic course success.

# New Vocabulary (Click/Reveal)

Throughout this module, you will see the words below used repeatedly. Get to know their meaning by clicking on the word to reveal its definition.

<b>Standard Credit</b>	A credit awarded for a course in which the student successfully completes 140 clock hours of instruction and the requirements of the course.
<b>Verified Credit</b>	A credit awarded for a course in which a student earns a standard unit of credit and achieved a passing score on corresponding end-of-course Virginia SOL test or Virginia Assessment Program.
<b>Core Course</b>	A NCAA-approved course.



# VDOE: Advance Studies Diploma

Virginia Department of Education offers various paths to graduation. The Advance Studies Diploma track aligns best with NCAA academic core course requirements.

Subject Area	Standard Credits	Verified Credits
English	4	2
Math	4	1
History & Social Science	4	1
Laboratory Science	4	1
World Language	3	0
Health & Physical Education	2	0
Fine Arts or Career and Technical Ed	1	0
Economics & Personal Finance	1	0
Electives	3	0
Total Credits	26	5

# NCAA Coursework Requirements

The NCAA requires student-athletes to complete 16 core courses in various subject areas to fulfil the coursework portion for initial academic eligibility.

Subject Area	Division I	Division II
English	4	3
Math (Algebra I or higher)	3	2
Natural/Physical Science (Including on year of lab, if offered)	2	2
Additional (English, math, natural/physical science)	1	3
Social Science	2	2
Additional Courses (Any area listed above, foreign language, or comparative religion/philosophy)	4	4
Total Credits	16	16

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## NCAA Coursework Requirements Continued

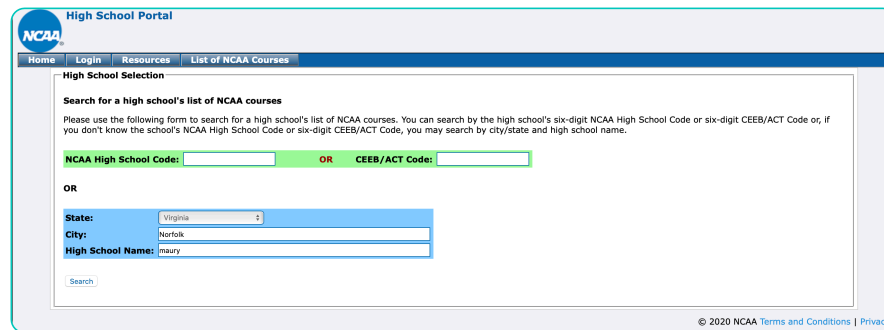
- NCAA Division I Pacing Requirement: Student-Athletes must complete 10 of 16 NCAA core courses, including seven in English, math, or natural/physical science, before the start of their seventh semester.
- NCAA Division II Pacing Requirement: Student-Athletes must complete 16 NCAA core coursed after starting grade nine and before your first-time college enrollment.

# Discovering NCAA Approved Core Courses

You can utilize the **NCAA High School Portal** to search for your school's NCAA approved core courses. Visit <https://web3.ncaa.org/hsportal/exec/hsAction> to research which courses are NCAA approved before meeting with your academic counselor to schedule classes.

Within the portal you will find your high school's:

- NCAA Account Status
- High School Summary
- Grading Scale
- Approved Courses for Each Subject Area



The screenshot shows the 'High School Portal' interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Login', 'Resources', and 'List of NCAA Courses'. Below this, the 'High School Selection' section is active. It contains a search form with the following fields: 'NCAA High School Code' (with a green border), 'OR' (in red), 'CEEB/ACT Code' (with a green border), 'State' (a dropdown menu showing 'Virginia'), 'City' (a text input field with 'Norfolk'), and 'High School Name' (a text input field with 'maury'). A 'Search' button is located at the bottom of the form. The footer of the page reads '© 2020 NCAA Terms and Conditions | Privacy'.

# Assessment

Drag and Drop  
Assessment

Course will appear  
then learner will  
have to drag and  
drop the course  
into proper area.