

# OH CANADA!

## THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER 'S METHOD FOR REVIEWING ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS OF CANADA

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# This Session Will Cover:

- ⦿ A review of the academic credentials of the four Canadian provinces and territories generating the most registrants;
- ⦿ The definition of a "core" course;
- ⦿ Core-course requirements per subject area;
- ⦿ Coding and crediting of courses;
- ⦿ Upcoming changes in academic curriculums;
- ⦿ Top certification issues;
- ⦿ Actions you can take to prepare for future academic certifications; and
- ⦿ Questions.

# Canada's Statistics

- Those enrolling in the 2008-09 academic year.
  - Final international academic certifications = 3,704.
- Final Canadian academic certifications = 1,293.
  - Thirty five percent of academic certifications are for international students.
  - Number one country for international academic certifications.
  - Many Canadian college-bound student-athletes have already committed to attending NCAA Divisions I and II member institutions for the 2009-10 academic year.

# Canada and the NCAA Eligibility Center

- ◎ The Eligibility Center has developed an NCAA List of Approved Core Courses for each province or territory.
- ◎ Ten provinces:
  - Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Saskatchewan.
- ◎ Three territories:
  - Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon Territory.

# Definition of a Core Course

- Qualifies for high school graduation in one or more of the following areas: English, mathematics, natural or physical science, social science, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion or philosophy;
- Is considered academic, four-year university preparatory;
- Is taught at or above the high school's regular academic level;
- For mathematics courses, is at the level of Algebra I or a higher level mathematics course; and
- Is taught by a qualified instructor as defined by the appropriate academic authority.

# Core-Course Requirements

## NCAA Division I

### 16 Core Courses

- 4 years English
- 3 years math (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school)
- 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science
- 2 years social science
- 4 years additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy)

## NCAA Division II

### 14 Core Courses (16 in 2013)

- 3 years English
- 2 years math (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school)
- 2 years additional English, math or natural/physical science
  - \* 3 years 2013 and after
- 2 years social science
- 3 years additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy)
  - \* 4 years 2013 and after

# Alberta

- ⦿ Documents that meet high school graduation requirements:
  - Alberta High School Diploma (General or Advanced).
  - *Diplôme d'Etudes Secondaires de L'Alberta* (Diploma of Secondary Education).
  - Certificate of Achievement.
- ⦿ Eight-semester system (grades nine through 12).
  - In grade nine, only English is awarded a full academic credit. All other academic courses are awarded 0.75 units of credit.
  - For grades 10 through 12, course sequences of 10, 20, 30; 10-1, 20-1, 30-1; 13, 23, 33; and 10-2, 20-2, 30-2 will be used.



# Alberta

Unit credits for grades 10 through 12  
will be awarded as follows:

Grades 10-12 Core- Course Credits	U.S. Equivalent	Course Series
5 Credits	1 Unit	S2 or S3
3 Credits	0.50 Unit	S2 or S3
1 Credit	0.25 Unit	S2 or S3

Alberta Grading Scale:

Numeric Grade	US Equivalent
86-100	A
73-85	B
50-72	C



# British Columbia

- ◎ Documents that meet high school graduation requirements:
  - Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma or Certificate (Dogwood Diploma).
  - *Diplome de fin d'Etudes Secondaires en Colombie-Britannique* (French Dogwood Diploma).
  - Provincial Senior Secondary School Certificate.
- ◎ Eight-semester system (Grades nine through 12).
  - All academic courses in grade nine are awarded one full credit.

# British Columbia

Unit credits for grades 10 through 12 will be awarded as follows:

Grades 10-12 Core-Course Credits	U.S. Equivalent
4 Credits	1 Unit
3 Credits	0.75 Unit
2 Credits	0.50 Unit
1 Credit	0.25 Unit

British Columbia Grading Scale:

Numeric Grade	U.S. Equivalent
86-100	A
73-85	B
50-72	C

\* 50 percent is the lowest passing grade.

# Ontario

- Documents that meet high school graduation requirements:
  - Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)
  - Diplôme d'Études Secondaires/DES* (diploma of secondary education).

## Ontario Grading Scale (Grades nine through 12):

Numeric Grade	U.S. Equivalent
80-100	A
70-79	B
60-69	C
50-59	D

# Ontario

- ◎ Eight-semester system (Grades nine through 12).
  - All academic courses in grades nine through 12 are awarded one unit, except for Civics (CHV20) – awarded 0.5 unit.
  
- ◎ Coding for grades nine through 12:
  - Numerical/alpha coding system.
  - The first three characters indicate the subject of the course (e.g., ENG = English, SBI = Biology).
  - The fourth character indicates the grade of the course.
    - 1 = Grade nine, 2 = Grade 10, 3 = Grade 11 and 4 = Grade 12.
    - English as a Second Language (ESL), classical/native languages and native language only is indicated by letters (A = Level 1, B = Level 2, C = Level 3 and D = Level 4).
  - Fifth character states the academic level.
    - D (Academic), M (College/university prep) and U (University prep) will be used.
    - L (Locally developed courses) will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
    - C (College), O (Open), P (Applied) and E (Workplace preparation) will not be used in the certification process.

# Quebec

## ⦿ Documents that meet high school graduation requirements:

- *Diplôme d'Études Secondaires/DES* (secondary school diploma).
- *Diplôme d'Études Professionnelles/DEP* (diploma of vocational studies).
- *Attestation de Spécialisation Professionnelle/ASP* (attestation of vocational specialization).
- *Attestation de Formation Professionnelle/AFP* (attestation of vocational education).
- *Attestation d'Études Collegiales/AEC* (attestation of collegial studies) from a *College d'Enseignement Général et Professionnel/ CEGEP*.
- *Diplôme d'Études Collegiales/DEC* (diploma of collegial studies) from a *College d'Enseignement Général et Professionnel/CEGEP*.
- Pre-university grade 12 certificate.

# Quebec

- High school is a six-semester system (Secondary 3-5 is grades nine through 11).
- After grade 11, the student graduates with his/her *Diplome d'Etudes Secondaires* (DES).
  - The Ministry of Education produces a *Releve' de notes*, which lists proof of graduation and Secondary 4-5 course grades.
  - Will also need to request official Secondary 3 report card.

# Quebec

- After graduating on time with the DES (2007 or later), students have three options for continuing their education assuming continuous full time enrollment:
  1. Complete the one year pre-university grade 12 program on time. Graduate with the pre-university grade 12 certificate.
  2. Complete the two (academic) or three (career) year CEGEP program and graduate on time with *Diplome d'Etudes Collegiales* (DEC).
  3. Complete the first year of CEGEP, successfully passing 14 courses in fall and spring semesters.



# Quebec

## ● Crediting

Unit credits for Secondary 3-5 (grades nine through 11) will be awarded as follows:

DES Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent
6 Units	1 Unit
4 Units	0.75 Unit
3 Units	0.50 Unit
2 Units	0.34 Unit
1 Unit	0.25 Unit

- Core courses that are awarded "Equ" will be awarded the lowest passing grade of 60 percent.

# Quebec

## ● Crediting

Unit credits for DEC/CEGEP will be awarded as follows:

DEC/CEGEP Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent
1 CEGEP Unit	0.34 Unit
1.33 – 1.66 CEGEP Units	0.50 Unit
2 CEGEP Units	0.75 Unit
2.25 CEGEP Units or higher	1 Unit

Pre-university grade 12 unit of credit:

Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent
1 Unit	1 Unit

# Quebec

Quebec grading scale for DES, CEGEP  
and pre-university grade 12:

Numeric Grade	U.S. Equivalent
80-100	A
70-79	B
60-69	C

# Upcoming Curriculum Changes

## ⦿ Western and Northern Canadian Protocol (WNCP).

- Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Saskatchewan and Yukon Territory.
- Development of common curriculum frameworks with learning outcomes in mathematics, language arts and international languages.

## ⦿ Quebec.

- New math and science curriculum being implemented in Secondary 3-5 (grades nine through 11).
- Students can choose what "track" they want to study (e.g., Cultural and Social Math, Technical and Scientific Math).

# Top Certification Issues

- ⦿ The file is not complete.
- ⦿ Do not advise a high school to change a transcript.
- ⦿ Are the classes core courses?
- ⦿ Nontraditional courses. (Online courses – are they still core courses?)
- ⦿ Is the amateurism section complete? Has final amateurism certification been requested?
- ⦿ Is your Institutional Request List accurate?

# Actions to Take to Prepare for Future Certifications

- Encourage athletics department staff to inform admissions/international programs of incoming college-bound student-athletes.
- Obtain all official student transcripts and test scores.
- Complete a preliminary academic evaluation before college-bound student-athletes arrive on campus to enroll in classes.
- Do not issue I-20 or encourage travel until final academic and amateurism certifications are rendered.
- Call the Eligibility Center if you need assistance evaluating college-bound student-athletes.

# Resources

- ⦿ Eligibility Center home page.
  - [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
- ⦿ Information and Resources for Prospective-Student Athletes.
  - Accessible from the “General Information” page on the Eligibility Center's Web site.
- ⦿ Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility.
  - Accessible from the “Information and Resources” page on the Eligibility Center's Web site.



# Questions

