Considering a US COLLEGE PATHWAY? What you need to know

ELIGIBILITY:
• 2.3 GPA
• SAT/ACT
• AMATEUR STATUS (No agents, No payments from a professional team)

BE PREPARED: COURSES REQUIRED
How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:
4 x 4 = 16
4 x English courses (one per year)
4 x Math courses (one per year)
4 x Science courses (one per year)
4 x SOSE/humanities courses (one per year)
16 core courses

These are the steps (see additional fact sheets for specific information)

YEAR
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PLAN
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REGISTER
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STUDY
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GRADUATE

FUTURE

be ACCOUNTABLE for your future
Basketball Australia would like to support you in your athletic and academic pathway. By being aware of opportunities available to you, you can control what you need to achieve to ensure your options can remain open.

More information can be found at the below websites.

NCAA.org/playcollegesports
eligibilitycenter.org
NCAA.org/StudentFAQ

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Take the right courses and get the best grades possible

BE PREPARED:
COURSES REQUIRED
4 x English courses (one per year)
4 x Math courses (one per year)
4 x Science courses (one per year)
4 x SOSE/humanities courses (one per year)

16 core courses over 4 years

Recognised Science Courses
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- General Science

Recognised SOSE/ Humanities Courses
- History
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Economics
- Legal Studies
- Geography

2.3 GPA

What is a GPA?
GPA stands for Grade Point Average.
A = 4.0
B = 3.0
C = 2.0
D = 1.0
If you received ALL B’S for all 16 classes you will receive a 3.0 GPA

What is your GPA?
1. Turn your letter grade to numbers (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1)
2. add all CORE course grades together
3. divide by total number of core classes

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Being ELIGIBLE to attend a US COLLEGE is your responsibility. Basketball Australia is here to support your decision making, and offer as much information as possible, however, it is up to each individual athlete to be responsible and accountable for your grades and meeting the requirements if this is a pathway you may take.

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Considering a US COLLEGE PATHWAY?
Register now as a prospective student-athlete

Register Now
NCAA requires every prospective student-athlete to REGISTER with the NCAA Eligibility centre in order for any college to recruit you as a student-athlete.

Follow directions to register a new account
Fill out AMATEURISM section and pay the registration fee

What is amateurism?
Not receiving any material reward for taking part in sport

The following activities may impact your amateur status:
• Signing a contract with a professional team.
• Accepting payments for playing sports.
• Accepting prize money above your expenses.
• Agreeing to be represented by an agent.

REPORTS
Have your highschool send official copies of your reports (transcripts) from Year 9 - 12 to the NCAA Eligibility center.

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Continue to check how your GPA is progressing each semester. If you feel you are sitting at a 2.0, how can you ensure over the next two years you can bring that up to at least a 2.5?

Time to take action is NOW. Take responsibility for your eligibility.
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**SAT TESTING - Be Accountable**

- **Prepare**
  - Make sure you are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved courses. Register @ www.collegeboard.org

- **STUDY**
  - **RESOURCES**
    - (a) SAT study guides available to purchase online
    - (b) iPhone Apps available to support your studying needs

- **SAT ACT**
  - Take the ACT or SAT and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
  - Results need to be checked against the NCAA Sliding Scale:
    - GPA | SAT | ACT
    - 2.3 | 900 | 75
    - 3.5 | 420 | 39

- **Test**

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**COLLEGE CONTACT**

- Colleges may start contacting you later in year 11
- NEVER feel pressured to sign any contract, you have plenty of time!
- Speak to your Support Network (family, coaches) about what options are best for you

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**be ACCOUNTABLE for your future**

College life is still 1.5 - 2 years away. Know and understand you have enough time to learn more about the US College opportunity. Start to talk to your support network about your opportunities, and keep yourself educated with the up-to-date NCAA criteria.

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Questions to ask your potential colleges

**Academic**
To make an informed decision it is important you have an understanding of all aspects involved with your College experience. Make it a priority to ask questions relating to your studies, life outside of Basketball and additional support available to you if required.

**Life off the court**

**Questions to ask**

**ACADEMIC**
Does the College offer courses of interest to you?

What types of support is there for student athletes with their academics?

What subjects/courses do the school offer?

Once graduated, are you able to transfer your degree to Australia?

What are the academic minimum standards in place for student athletes?

Do most players in the school complete their full degree and if not, why?

**LIFE**
Where do you live? What is the accommodation like?
Are you able to move off campus in future years if you want? Is there nutritional support?

**SUPPORT**
Is there a support network available? Would you support me if I were given the opportunity to try out, or play with a National Team?

**SCHOLARSHIP**
Is the scholarship year-to-year or guaranteed for 4 years? What is covered by the scholarship?
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What to ask  When to ask  Who to ask
Choosing to go to the USA as a student-athlete is a big decision, as well as choosing what college you feel is the best fit for YOU. To support you during this decision, take some time to ask these questions so you are as aware and knowledgeable as you can be.

Questions to ask Basketball Specific

Playing Opportunities
Understanding that I have to earn my opportunities, what are your expectations for my role in the team, and opportunity to play in the first 2 years?
What other players at your school play in my position?

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING
What is the basic outline of your S&C program?
Who is the coach?
What’s their background?
Do you offer a recovery program?
What are the facilities like?

Development
What do you specifically think I need to improve?
How will we improve these things?
Will I be able to see some examples of individual development you do on the court? Do you have any film of workouts that I can watch?

COMPETITION
What conference are you in?
How competitive is this conference?
How do we travel?

Style of Play
What is your offensive system? What do you envision to be my role in it?
Specific positional question relative to you.
What is your defensive system?

ENVIRONMENT
What are the support facilities and staff like?
Medical support, Training facilities, Recovery?
What are the coaches background and history?

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