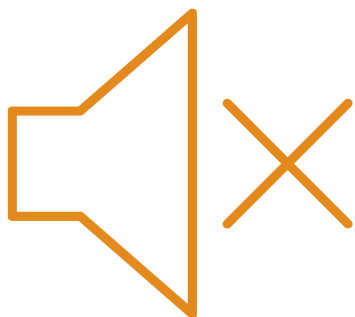




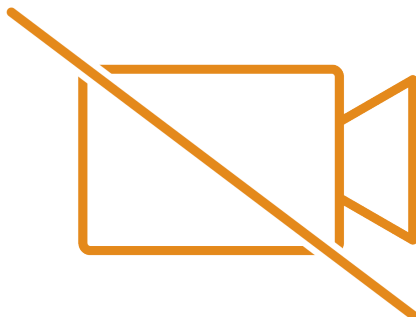
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***Thank you for joining us!***  
*We will be starting promptly at 2 p.m. Eastern time.*

# ***NAVIGATING INITIAL ELIGIBILITY DURING COVID-19***



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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.
- ▶ Prior Classes.
- ▶ Academic Evaluations.
- ▶ Delayed Enrollment.
- ▶ Questions.

# ***DIVISION I QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice



Compete



Meet core-course progression before starting the 7th semester.

*Note:* Students certified based solely on international credentials are exempt from core-course progression.



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.3$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

# ***DIVISION I QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice

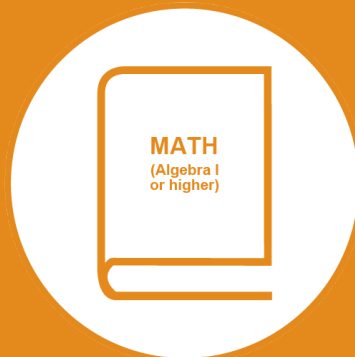


Compete

## ***SUBJECT AREAS***



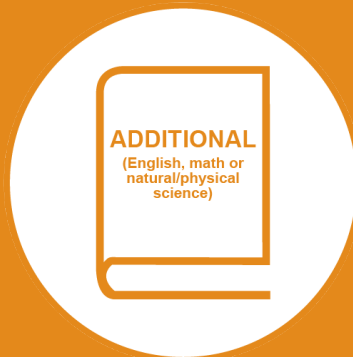
4 Years



3 Years



2 Years



1 Year



2 Years



4 Years

# ***DIVISION I ACADEMIC REDSHIRT 2021-22***



First Year  
Athletics Aid



First Term  
Practice



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.0$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.



# ***DIVISION I ACADEMIC REDSHIRT 2021-22***



First Year  
Athletics Aid



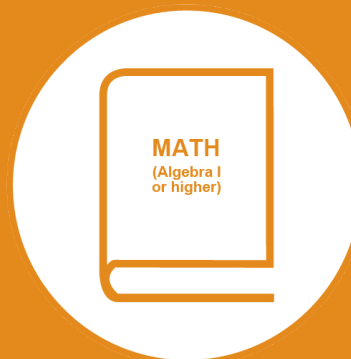
First Term  
Practice

## ***SUBJECT AREAS***



ENGLISH

4 Years



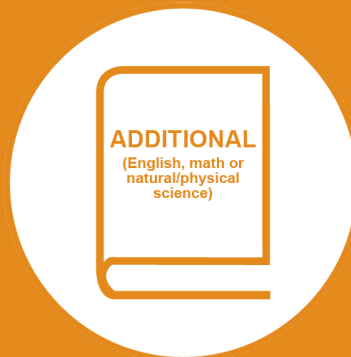
MATH  
(Algebra 1  
or higher)

3 Years



NATURAL/  
PHYSICAL  
SCIENCE  
(Including one  
year of lab,  
if offered)

2 Years



ADDITIONAL  
(English, math or  
natural/physical  
science)

1 Year



SOCIAL  
SCIENCE

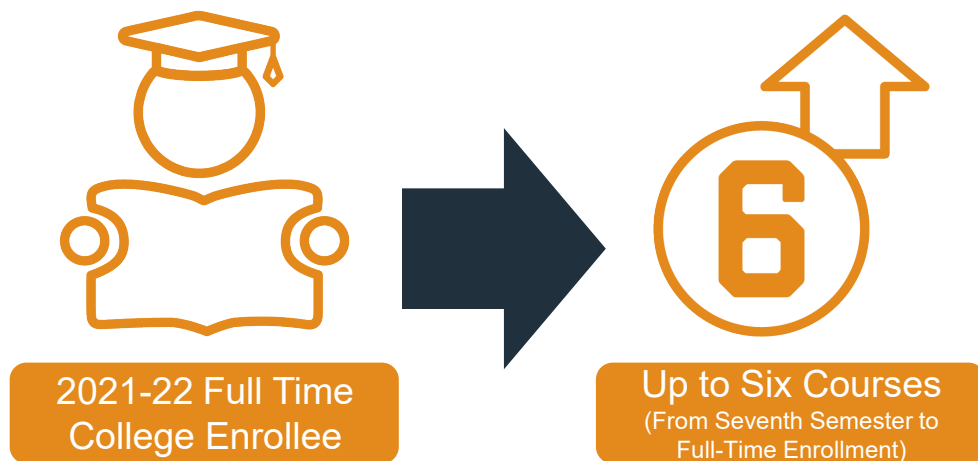
2 Years



ADDITIONAL  
COURSES  
(Any area listed  
foreign language  
or comparative  
religion/philosophy)

4 Years

# ***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.

# ***DIVISION I EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice



Compete

Note: DI Early Academic Qualifier status is based on your student's pre-seventh semester academic record.



Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 3.0$  in the required subject areas.

# ***DIVISION I EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice

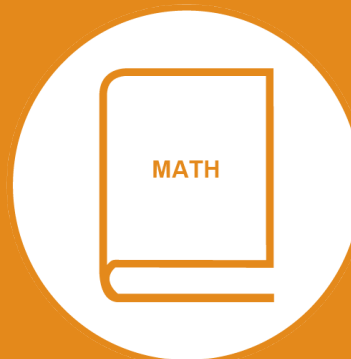


Compete

## ***SUBJECT AREAS***



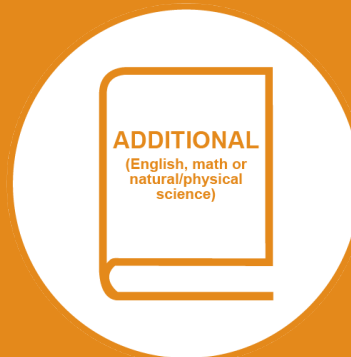
3 Years



2 Years



2 Years



2 Years



5 Years

# ***DIVISION I NON- QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice



Compete



DI Nonqualifiers are not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete their first year.

# ***DIVISION II QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice



Compete



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.2$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

# ***DIVISION II QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice



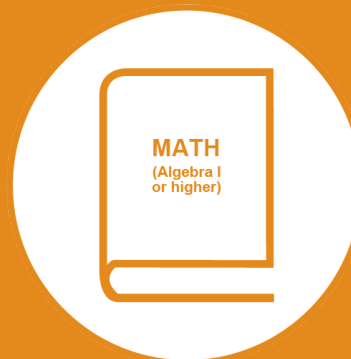
Compete

## ***SUBJECT AREAS***



ENGLISH

3 Years



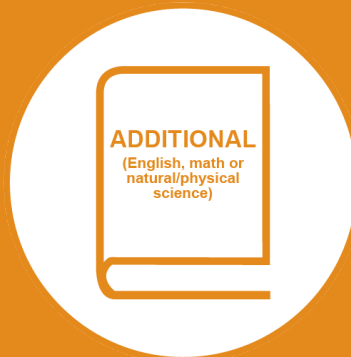
MATH  
(Algebra I  
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2 Years



NATURAL/  
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2 Years



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3 Years



SOCIAL  
SCIENCE

2 Years



ADDITIONAL  
COURSES  
(Any area listed  
foreign language  
or comparative  
religion/philosophy)

4 Years

# ***DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.0$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.



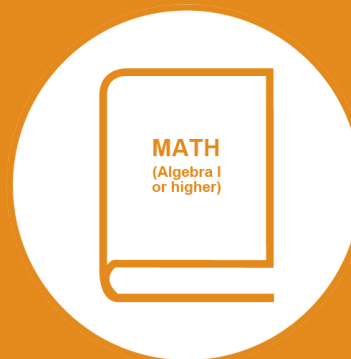
# ***DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER 2021-22***



## ***SUBJECT AREAS***



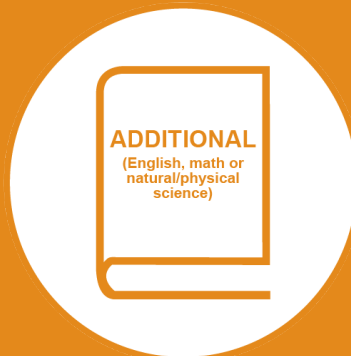
3 Years



2 Years



2 Years



3 Years



2 Years



4 Years

# ***DIVISION II EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice



Compete

*Note:* DII Early Academic Qualifier status is based on your student's pre-seventh semester academic record.



Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.5$  in the required subject areas.

# ***DIVISION II EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice

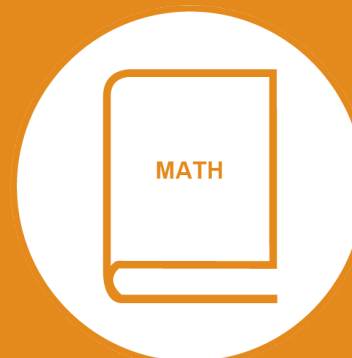


Compete

## ***SUBJECT AREAS***



3 Years



3 Years

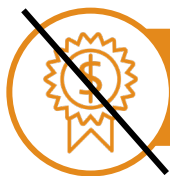


2 Years



6 Years

# ***DIVISION II NON- QUALIFIER 2021-22***



Athletics Aid



Practice



Compete



DII Nonqualifiers are not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete their first year.



Test Scores

Standardized test scores are excluded from DI and II initial-eligibility criteria for students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during the 2021-22 academic year.

# ***FILE STATUS IN YOUR STUDENT'S ACCOUNT***

- ▶ Student's account will show "Final Nonqualifier" with "COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved" or "Partial COVID-19 Waiver – Athletics Aid and Practice" in Academic Status field.

## **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

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



# ***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.



# ***INTERNATIONAL LEAVING EXAMS***

- ▶ The Eligibility Center encourages submission of official year-by-year 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 LEAVING EXAMINATIONS***

- ▶ Will this automatic waiver be applied to international leaving exam-based certifications?

Yes. Often referred to as “old model certifications,” these are eligible for the Covid-19 Automatic Waiver if the 16 core-course distribution is met and the minimum 2.3 GPA (D1) or 2.2 GPA (2.2)

A group of five softball players in blue and white uniforms are huddled on a field. One player in the center is wearing a catcher's mask and chest protector. The uniforms have "JAVELIN" and "TEXAS" visible on them. The background shows spectators in bleachers.

***PRIOR CLASSES***

# ***COVID-19 AUTOMATIC WAIVER***



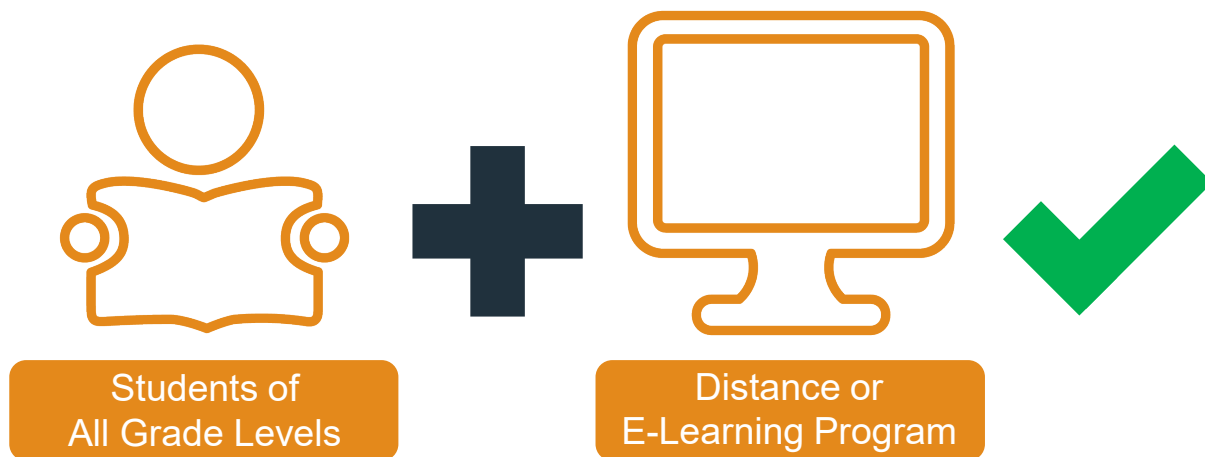
- ▶ Fall 2020 and Winter/Spring 2021 enrollees are eligible for the new Automatic Waiver.



# ***ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS***

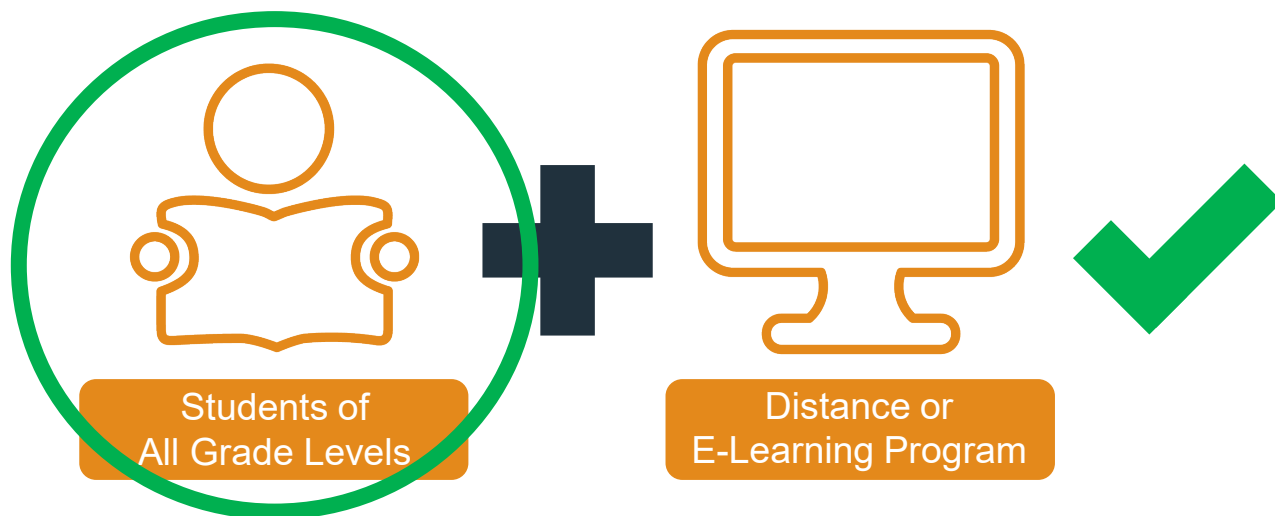
# ***DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING***

- ▶ The Eligibility Center will not require a separate review of distance or e-learning programs used during the 2020-21 academic calendar in response to closures due to COVID-19.



# ***DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING***

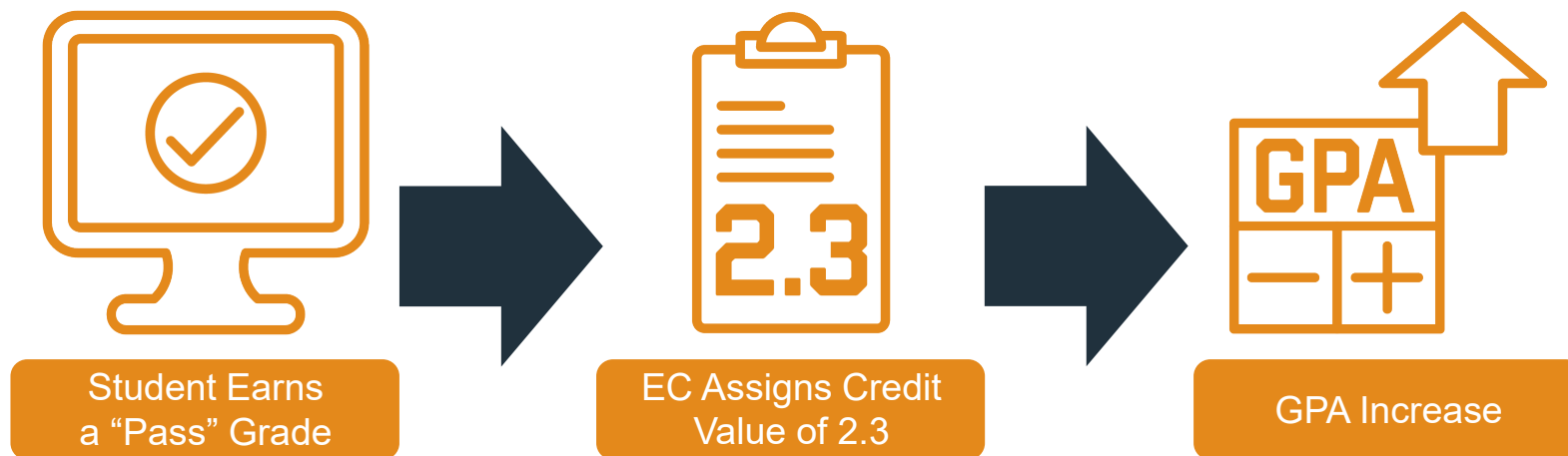
- ▶ *Note:* This policy will apply to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who complete distance or e-learning courses during the 2020-21 academic year.





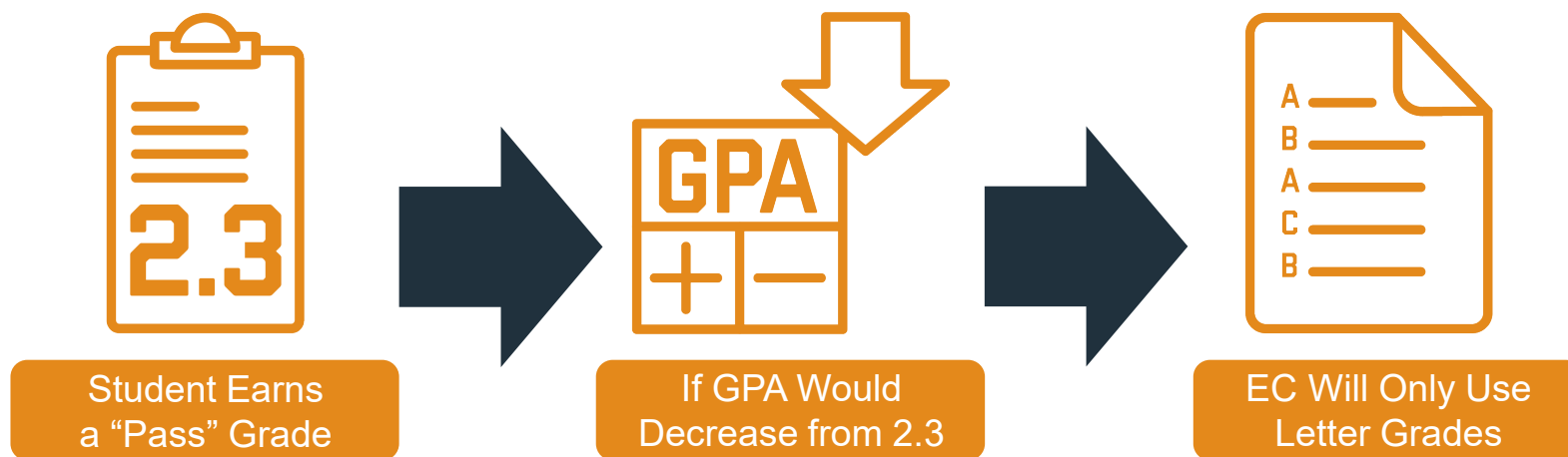
# ***PASS/FAIL GRADES***

- ▶ If the student's core-course GPA would increase by assigning a value of 2.3, this value will be assigned to the passed courses.



## ***PASS/FAIL GRADES***

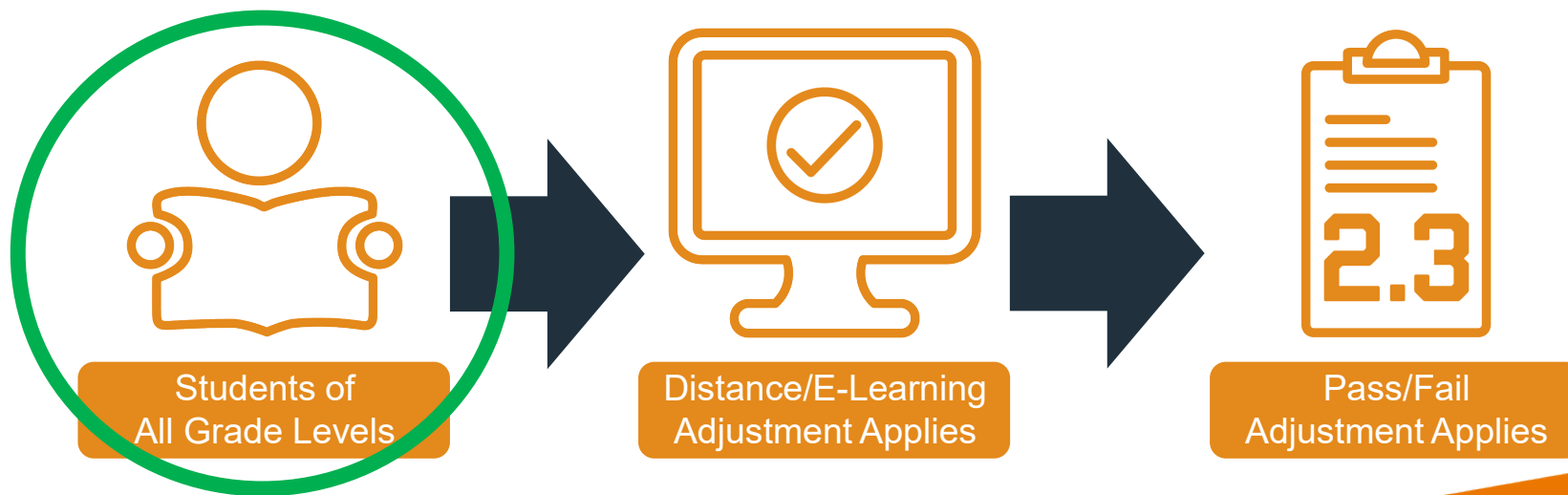
- ▶ If the student's core-course GPA would decrease by assigning a value of 2.3, the EC will only use letter grades.



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

# ***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 the 2020-21 academic year.





# ***DELAYED ENROLLMENT***

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## ▶ Division I:

- ▶ First time enrollees with grace periods ending ***immediately prior to or during*** the 2020-21 academic year may engage in organized competition during the 2020-21 academic year without using a season of competition.

## ▶ Division II:

- ▶ First time enrollees with grace periods ending ***before or during*** the 2020-21 academic year may engage in organized competition during the 2020-21 academic year without using a season of competition.

## ***CASE STUDY #1***

*Men's soccer PSA with an expected May 2019 high school graduation date. The PSA's grace period is the 2019-20 academic year.*

- ▶ If the PSA engages in organized competition during the 2020-21 academic year, will the PSA be subject to the loss of a season of competition/serve a year in residence?

No, under the new policy the PSA would not be subject to any organized competition penalties for DI or DII.

## ***CASE STUDY #2***

*Men's basketball PSA with a May 2018 expected high school graduation date.*

The PSA delays initial full-time collegiate enrollment until 2021-22 and participates in organized competition during 2019-20 and 2020-21.

▶ What would the PSA's amateurism status be for DI and DII?

**DI** – PSA would be charged two seasons of competition and have to serve a year in residence.

**DII** – PSA would be charge one season of competition for the 2019-20 academic year but not during the 2020-21 academic year. PSA would have to serve a year in residence.

## ***CASE STUDY #3***

*DI men's ice hockey PSA turns 21 in January 2021.*

- ▶ PSA competes after his 21st birthday and prior to enrolling full time in Fall 2021.
  
- ▶ Will PSA be charged a season of competition for competing after his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday?

No, because PSA turns 21 during the 2020-21 academic year, he is not charged a season of competition for competing after his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.



# QUESTIONS?

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# ***THANK YOU***

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