

Get in the Game Supporting Student Athletes

Session Block 5: Thursday, July 11
1:45pm - 2:55pm



Supporting Student-Athletes

Panelists

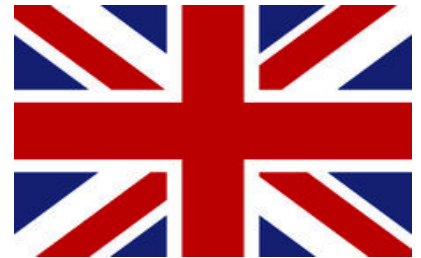
Matthew Bowie – Ridley College

Jorge Delgado – Brandeis University

Iain Harris – Northumbria University

Samantha Jackson - EducationUSA

Susan Whipple – Marquette University



What is BUCS?

- British Universities & Colleges Sport (**BUCS**)
 - **National Governing body** for Higher Education (HE) sport in the UK
 - Believed to be **second largest HE sporting structure** (behind US & Canada)
 - **Membership Organisation** (170 member institutions , 4800 teams, 100 championships)

Vision is simple

“enhance the student experience through sport”



Key Differences Between US/UK Uni Athletics

- **No eligibility restrictions** (3 year undergraduate degrees and 1 year postgraduate)
- **No age limit**
- **No limit on number** of Varsity teams per sport
- **48 Varsity Sports**
- Varsity played **alongside** National Club activity
- Very **few** 'full-ride' scholarships
- All **study abroad** students are eligible to compete at **Varsity level**

**SIGNIFICANTLY MORE PLAYING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS THAN IN
THE U.S. !**



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The BUCS System

- **Any number of teams** from each sport (male/female)
- Each team awarded points for final league position and post season competition
- Points collated
- **Clear linear ranking** (from c.200 institutions)



Institution	Points
Loughborough	6578
Durham	4873
Edinburgh	4302
Nottingham	4098
Exeter	3435
Bath	3429
Birmingham	3168
Northumbria	3044
Bristol	2676
Newcastle	2206



Northumbria ranking equivalent

	UK ranking		NCAA equivalent		US NCAA Grads	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
Basketball	7	1	Div 2 (high)	Div 1 (mid)	5+	5+
Soccer	8	1	Div 1 (mid)	Div 2 (high)	2	1
Volleyball	9	7	Div 1 (mid)	Div 1 (high)	3	3
Waterpolo	6	14	Div 2 (high)	Div 2 (high)	5	0



BUCS Sports



- American Football
- Archery
- Athletics (Track & Field)
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Boxing
- Canoeing
- Clay Pigeon Shooting
- Climbing
- Cricket
- Cycling
- Equestrian
- Fencing
- Football (Soccer)
- Futsal
- Gaelic Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Field Hockey
- JuJitsu
- Judo
- Karate
- Korfball
- Lacrosse
- Modern Biathlon/Pentathlon
- Netball
- Orienteering
- Pool
- Rifle
- Rowing
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Sailing
- Snooker
- Snowsports
- Squash
- Suring
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Trampolining
- Triathlon
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Wakeboarding
- Water Polo
- Windsurfing



Athlete applicant and student experience

- Parallel to academic **application process**
 - Email to engage with sport teams
- **Selection** varies as per institution
 - Electronic application
 - Review footage/in-person where possible
 - Once applied and eligible offer is made
- We **won't adjust grades** based on athletic profile
- Academic/attendance monitoring during study

- 850+ Athletes / 10%+ international / 63 countries
- Athletic and pastoral support
- **Dedicated timetable** for competition
- **Sept – March** BUCS (April - National)
- T&F, Boxing, Swimming, Tournament based twice a year
- **No Fees** for participation once committed to squad





Options for Play: Canada

U Sports

(Formerly CIS: Canadian Interuniversity Sport)



- 4 divisions (Ontario University Athletics, Canada West, Atlantic University Sport, RSEQ)
- 12 sports with 56 member Universities
- Athletic Scholarships are known as Athletic Financial Awards (AFA) and cannot exceed tuition costs (\$4500 in ON)
- Athletic Scholarship requires an academic threshold (80% in Ontario)
- Additional non-athletic grants/bursaries can be obtained, as well as private funding.
- Simon Fraser University competes in NCAA Div II in 17 sports
- UBC and University of Victoria compete in NAIA





The parallel process in Canada

Academic Application Process

- Step 1: research your options
 - - define priorities
- Step 2: Finance your studies
- Step 3: Complete your Application
 - - complete application
- Step 4: Apply for student visa
- Step 5: Prepare for your departure
- The process takes 6-10 months

Athletic Application Process

- Step 1: research your options
 - - U Sports
 - - schools that offer your sport
- Step 2: Finance your studies
 - - sports scholarships
 - - additional scholarships?
- Step 3: Finalize recruitment with coaches and gain acceptance to University
- Step 4: Apply for student visa
- Step 5: Prepare for your departure
- The process 10-24+ months





Options for Play: USA



NAIA – National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics: www.naia.org



NJCAA – National Junior College Athletic Association: www.njcaa.org



NCAA – National Collegiate Athletic Association: www.ncaa.org - Division I, II, III



	Academic Minimums	Amateurism Requirements	Age is a factor	High level of competitive play	Athletic Scholarships
NAIA	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
NJCAA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
NCAA D1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
NCAA DII	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
NCAA DIII	No	Yes	No	Possible	No

Options for Play: NCAA



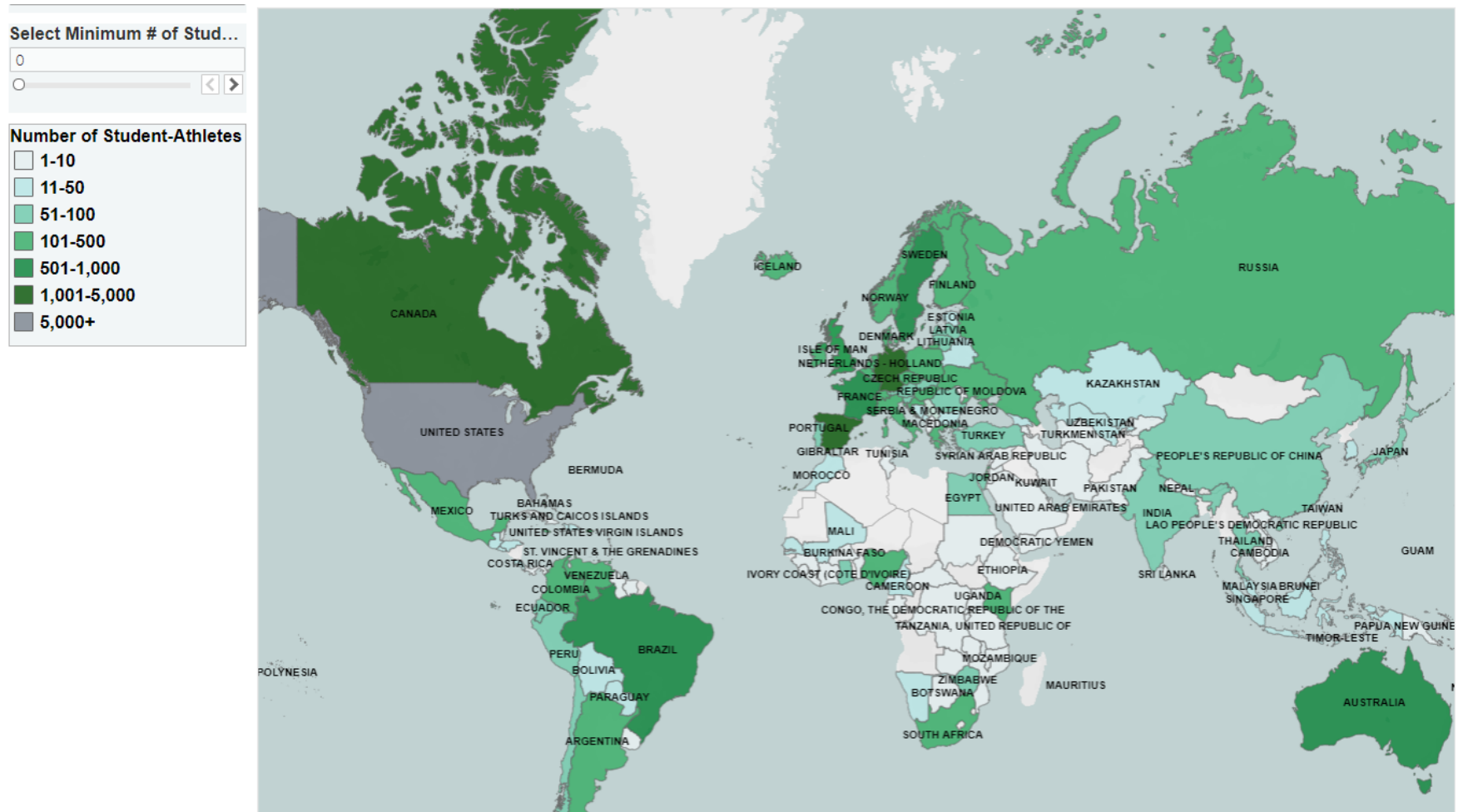
NCAA – National Collegiate Athletics Association: www.ncaa.org

	Division I	Division II	Division III
Schools	351	308	443
Teams	~6,500	~4,600	~8,000
Student-Athletes	179,200	121,900	190,900
Conferences	32	24	44
Avg UG enrollment per institution	9,629	2,485	1,748
Avg teams per school	19	16	18
Avg student athletes per school	~500	~370	~420
% of students who participate in NCAA sports	4%	9%	26%



NCAA Student-Athletes

<http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/research/number-student-athletes-country-divisions-i-and-ii>



NCAA 16 Core Courses (DI)



Full Qualifier (May practice, compete and receive athletic scholarship during their first year of enrollment at NCAA D I institution)	Academic Redshirt (May receive athletic scholarship during 1 st year of enrollment and may practice during 1 st regular academic term but may NOT compete during 1 st year of enrollment)
Complete 16 Core Courses 10 of the 16 core courses must be completed before the 7 th semester (senior year) of high school 7 of the 10 courses must be in English, Math or Natural/Physical Science	Complete 16 core courses
Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.300 Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale Graduate High School	Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000 Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale Graduate High School



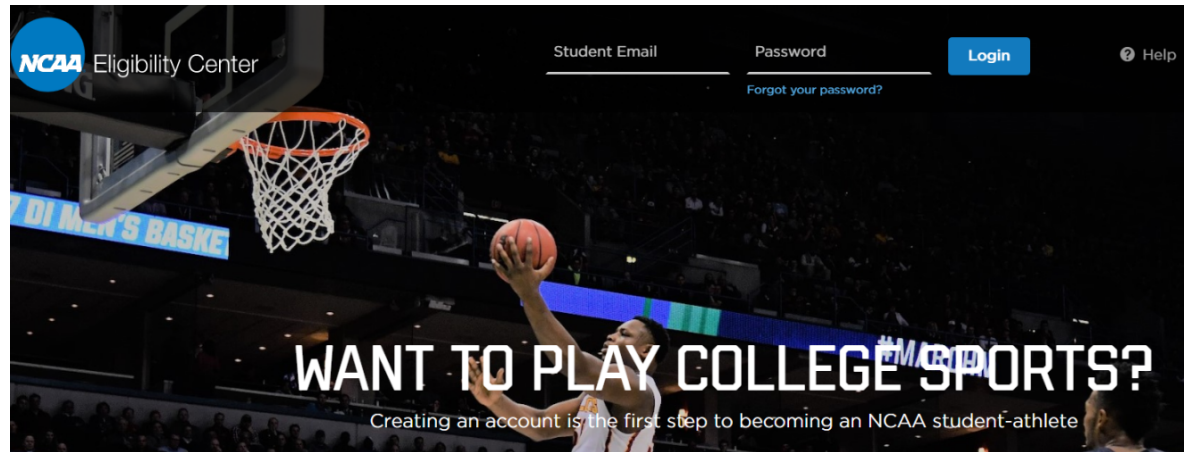
NCAA 16 Core Courses (DII)



<u>Full Qualifier</u> (May practice, compete and receive athletic scholarship during their first year of enrollment at NCAA D II institution)	<u>Partial Qualifier</u> (May receive athletic scholarship during 1 st year of enrollment and may practice during 1st regular academic term but may NOT compete during 1 st year of enrollment)
Complete 16 core courses Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.200 Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale Graduate High School	Complete 16 core courses Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000 Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale Graduate High School



NCAA Eligibility Center



Eligibility Center: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

NCAA Profile - Free \$0, Year 9

Required for DI and DII

Method to report Academic and playing experiences

USD \$150 certification fee

Take advantage of strong academic profile (early qualifier)

Submitting transcripts electronically (*new!*)





Amateurism



When an international student registers with the NCAA Eligibility Center, they will also be asked a series of questions about their sports participation to determine amateur status.

The following may impact amateur status:

- **Signing a contract/playing with a professional team**
- **Participating in tryouts or practices with a professional team**
 - **Accepting payments or preferential benefits for playing**
 - **Accepting \$\$ above expenses**
 - **Accepting benefits from an agent or prospective agent**
- **Agreeing to be represented by an agent (for athletics)**
- **Delaying full-time college enrollment to play in organized sports competitions**

For specifics, see page 24 of the NCAA's Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete:

<http://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/CBSA17.pdf>



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The Parallel Process

Athletic Application Process

- Step 1: Research your options
- NCAA, NAIA, NCJAA
 - schools that offer your sport
- Step 2: Finance your studies
- sports scholarships
 - additional scholarships?
- Step 3: Complete your application
- Register NCAA Eligibility Centre
 - Send standardized test scores to NCAA and NAIA
 - Complete/send sports CV and cover letter
 - Sign letter of intent
- Step 4: Apply for student visa
- Step 5: Prepare for your departure

Timeline: 18-24 + months!

Academic Application Process

- Step 1: Research your options
- define priorities
 - study for tests
- Step 2: Finance your studies
- Step 3: Complete your Application
- complete application
 - Take standardized tests
- Step 4: Apply for student visa
- Step 5: Prepare for your departure

Timeline: 12-18 months.



Making the Move – How to get started

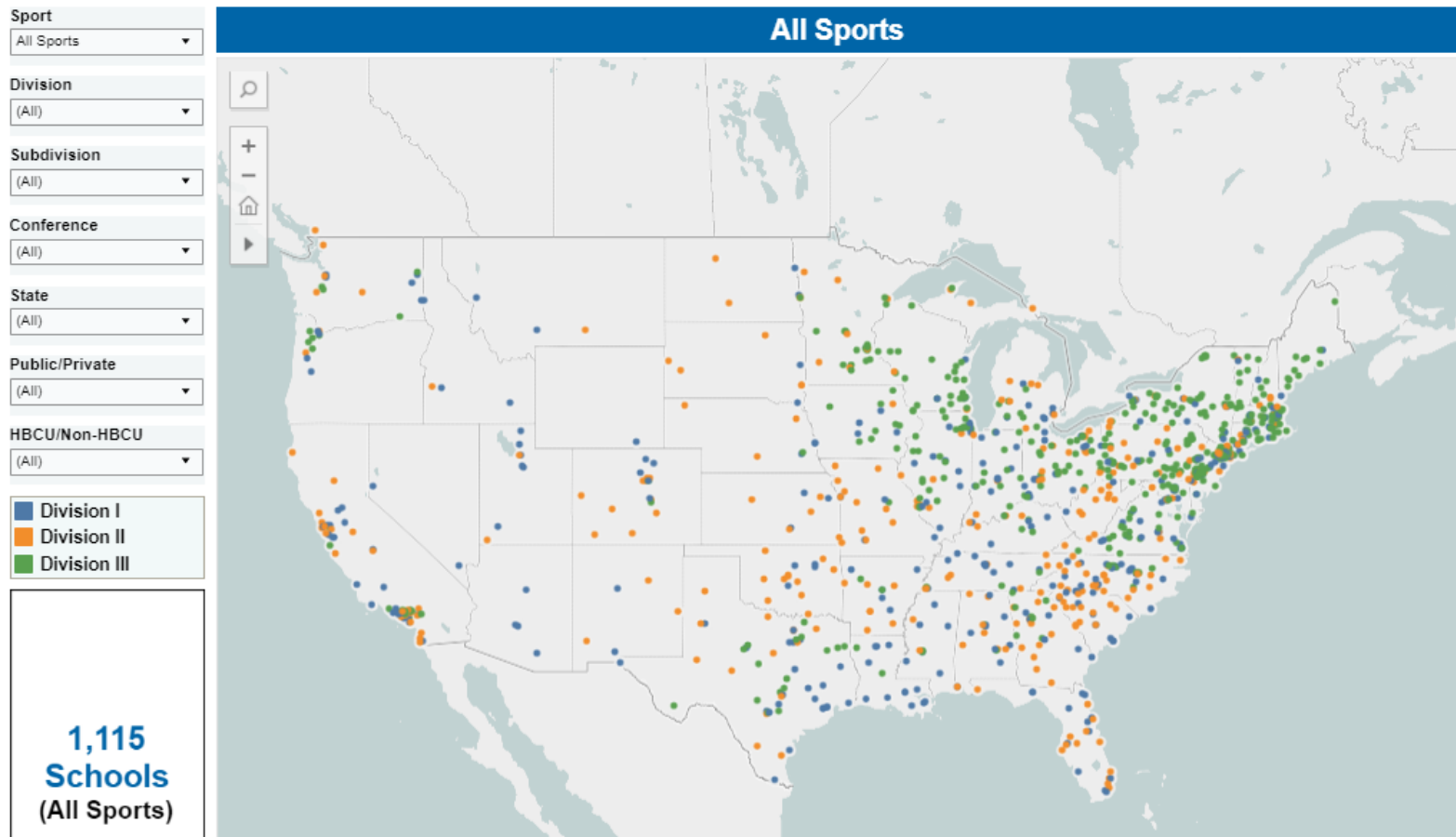
- **Ask your coach if you are “recruitable”, eg do you have the potential required?**
- **Find out what the competitive standard is for your sport and if you meet that, don’t be afraid to email coaches and ask what you need to be “in the running”**
- **Search your sport on the NAIA, NJCAA and NCAA sites; who offers your sport; your major; scholarships?**
- **Start emailing universities (both reach & possible), don't worry about contacting too many coaches, reach out to many (and keep track on a spreadsheet)!**
- **Discuss financial parameters with parents; set realistic expectations. Which universities offer academic + athletic scholarships you might qualify for? (Update spreadsheet)**



Finding Your NCAA Athletic Program

<http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/research/ncaa-member-schools>

NCAA MEMBER SCHOOLS



Resources: Mapping Your Education

<http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/international-student-athletes>

Just getting started?

[Click here](#) to learn more about the steps in the NCAA initial-eligibility process.

Questions about academic requirements?

[Click here](#) to review the standards you must meet for NCAA initial eligibility.

Need to submit documentation?

[Click here](#) to review our document submission policies and recommendations.

Looking for specific information about your country?

[Click here](#) for our country-specific information.

Seeking answers about amateurism?

[Click here](#) to learn more about amateurism requirements.

[our frequently asked questions.](#)



International Guide

[Click here](#) for more information on the international eligibility process.



Resources: EducationUSA

<https://au.usembassy.gov/education-culture/educationusa-australia/>

Playing sports at U.S. Colleges

U.S. College Sports

- [Overview](#) (PDF 65KB)
- [Athletic Associations](#) (PDF 66KB)
- [Where to start](#) (PDF 78KB)
- [The NCAA pathway](#) (PDF 81KB)
- [Setting a timeline](#) (PDF 67KB)
- [NCAA 16 core courses](#) (PDF 72KB)
- [Your sport profile](#) (PDF 78KB)
- [Promoting yourself to coaches](#) (PDF 82KB)
- [Contacting coaches](#) (PDF 88KB)

Resources

- NCAA Intl Student Academic Eligibility Standards
- <http://www.ncaapublications.com/p-4416-international-standards-2015-2016-guide-to-international-academic-standards-for-athletics-eligibility-updated-october-2015.aspx>
- NCAA Intl Document Submission
- <http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/submitting-international-documents>
- NAIA School Search
<http://www.playnaia.org/schoolsearch.php>
- Eligibility Center:
<http://www.playnaia.org/>
- International Student Section:
<http://www.playnaia.org/internationalstudents>
- International Credential Evaluation Service: <http://www.playnaia.org/InCred>

Contact: Garrett Seelinger,
Manager of Eligibility Services
International: GSeelinger@naia.org

- EducationUSA Resources
<https://au.usembassy.gov/education-culture/educationusa-australia/>

NCAA help line 1-317-917-6222
NCAA International Credentials
ec-processing@ncaa.org

Talent Assessment Tools

- Track and Field www.tfrrs.org
- Swimming www.usaswimming.org
- www.collegeswimming.com
- Tennis www.collegetennisonline.com
- Golf www.rankings.golfweek.com
www.golfstat.com
- Rowing www.americancollegiaterowing.com
- Cycling www.usacycling.org
- Rifle www.ncaarifle.org



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