For parents and family of student-athletes competing on a University of Massachusetts varsity intercollegiate athletic team

ACADEMIC SUPPORT IN ATHLETICS
VARSITY SPORTS TEAMS

- BASEBALL
- MEN’S BASKETBALL
- FOOTBALL
- ICE HOCKEY
- MEN’S LACROSSE
- MEN’S SOCCER
- MEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING
- MEN’S TRACK AND FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY
- WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
- CREW
- FIELD HOCKEY
- WOMEN’S LACROSSE
- WOMEN’S SOCCER
- SOFTBALL
- WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING
- TENNIS
- WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY

For any additional questions about joining a team, please refer to umassathletics.com for coach’s contact information
INTRODUCTIONS

- Introduction

- Audience introductions – sport, student-athlete, hometown

- Academic Staff – Director, 4 Counselors, 1 Learning Specialist, 2 Interns
WHAT WE DO:

- Academic Support Services - Tutoring, Counseling
- Monitor NCAA eligibility and work with the Compliance Office
- Monitor grades, inform coaches
- Maroon Connections - provides guest speakers and service area introductions
- Review Student-Athletes’ schedules

**Attention Athletes** – the Athletic Department's Academic Services Office, 251 Boyden Gymnasium, is open on Day 2 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Stop by after your advising appointment to meet with an Academic Services Counselor to review your schedule.
WHAT WE CANNOT DO:

- We cannot pull strings for getting into classes or majors.

- We cannot share academic information with a Student-Athlete’s Parent/family member without the student’s consent and written permission.
Available to all student-athletes

Boyden Building – Has 4 areas:
- Counselor’s Offices
- Assistive Technology Lab
- Tutoring Area
- Computer Lab
- Quiet Study Area

Open from 9am-10pm Monday-Thursday, and 9am-5pm Friday

Students required to complete required study hours during the day (between 9am-6pm), some exceptions made for tutoring and busy course schedule
Student-Athlete Management System

Course Schedule, Practice Times, Contact Info

All academic appointments (tutoring and counseling)

Tutor requests and scheduling

Progress reports
  - For all Student-athletes, twice a semester
  - Sent electronically, shared with coaches
Tutoring is student and/or counselor driven:
- How does it work?
- Strict missed appointment policy

Study Hall requirements:
- Freshmen should be attending 6-8 hours per week
- After that, the requirement depends on the student’s GPA
- Student-athletes must attend before 6pm unless they have permission from a counselor to do otherwise
COUNSELING

MASS Program

- For At-Risk Student-Athletes, based on college/HS data
- Individual counselor meetings, help with planning/organizing
- Objective-based study hall
- Weekly reports sent to coaches

Educational Support Program

- Student-athletes with learning disabilities or challenges
- Educational assistants/Learning Specialist
- Must register with Disability Support Services, meet with a consumer manager
- Bring copy of documentation to school or mail it now
COUNSELING

Dual Advising

- Meetings with major advisor and academic counselor
- Takes place in fall and spring semester
- Be aware of holds!

Class Excuses

- Letter at beginning of each season to be delivered to Professor by Student Athlete in-person
- Student expected to make up all work missed and catch up on any material covered
LIFE SKILLS

Maroon Connections
- Career development sessions
- Academic Skills workshops
- CHAMPS Cup competition
- Your Winning Season class

Your Winning Season:
- UNIVERSITY 193A
- Academic Study Skills
- Resources available on campus
- Graded, 1 credit class
Committee decision based on factors such as eligibility, graduation, and learning disabilities

Only for Student-Athletes on full/partial scholarship

Awarded on same percentage basis as regular scholarship
Student-athletes should introduce themselves to their professors

Most classes have an online portion (Moodle), important to view and consult syllabus on daily basis

There are advantages/disadvantages to being a Student-Athlete (i.e. missed class for travel)

Professors won’t make you do your work or attend class

Become engaged in academic/campus life
MISTAKES STUDENTS MAKE

- Overload/underload of credits
- Signing up for wrong classes/not meeting with advisor
- Poor time management
- Poor class attendance
- Unpreparedness for class/class format
- Don’t check email
PARENTS/FAMILY! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- You are still their lightning rod – 5 or 500 miles away

- Ask about class progress in detail- pointed questions about assignments, grades, feedback will get you more meaningful results.

- Ask to see grades, GPAs on SPIRE – the University does not mail grades.

QUESTIONS?
Enjoy the remainder of orientation!

GO UMASS!