



UMassAmherst | Student Affairs
& Campus Life

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

UMass Athletics

For family and relatives of student-athletes competing on a University of Massachusetts Division I Varsity Intercollegiate Athletic program

21 VARSITY PROGRAMS

- BASEBALL
- MEN'S BASKETBALL
- FOOTBALL
- ICE HOCKEY
- MEN'S LACROSSE
- MEN'S SOCCER
- MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING
- MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD (I/O)/CROSS COUNTRY
- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
- WOMEN'S ROWING
- FIELD HOCKEY
- WOMEN'S LACROSSE
- WOMEN'S SOCCER
- SOFTBALL
- WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING
- TENNIS
- WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD (I/O)/CROSS COUNTRY



▪ *For questions about joining a team, please refer to umassathletics.com for coach contact information*

INTRODUCTIONS – SPORT, HOMETOWN

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WHAT WE DO:

- Services - Tutoring, Counseling
- Monitor NCAA eligibility with the Compliance & Governance
- Monitor grades, inform coaches
- Maroon Connections- provides guest speakers and service area introductions
- Review Student-Athletes' schedules

Please let your students know – the Athletic Department's Academic Success Office, 251 Boyden Gymnasium, is open on Day 2 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. All should stop by after their advising appointment to meet with an Academic Success to review their course schedule.



WHAT WE CANNOT DO:

- We cannot “pull strings” for getting into classes or majors. Each student will be evaluated based on their individual body of work.
- We cannot share academic information with a Student-Athlete’s Parent/family member without the student’s consent and written permission.
- Intervene between faculty and students regarding grades.





OUR OFFERINGS

An overview of
the support
services that
we provide

ROBERT '62 AND MARIANNE '77 FOOTE ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

- Frank L. Boyden Building – completed August 2018

- New Academic Success Office Suite
- New Academic Success Center featuring:
 - Ergonomic furniture
 - Private study areas
 - State of the Art Technology
 - 24/7 printing
 - Power ports for device charging

- Hours of Operation

- Sunday 4pm-10pm
- Monday-Thursday 9am-10pm
- Friday 9am-5pm



EAB NAVIGATE

- UMass Amherst's Student Success Online Platform
- Course Schedule, Practice Times, Contact Portal
- Make all academic appointments – across campus – with advisors, tutors, Learning Resource Center
- Sends email reminders at 6am, text reminders 1 hour prior
- Progress reports
 - For all student-athletes – on a monthly basis
 - Sent electronically, shared with coaches



TUTORING AND STUDY HALL

- Tutoring:

Students request via EAB Navigate and are matched with a tutor for a weekly appointment. Additional resources are provided as needed.

- Strict missed appointment policy
- Appointments last all semester

- Objective Based Study Hall

- Assigned based on incoming data profile
- Establish objectives for the week at start of week
- Students complete objectives and provide supporting evidence
- Check out at end of week with evidence/grades
- Reported to coaches on a weekly basis



PROGRAMS FOR SUCCESS

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
- SLAs – Student Learning Assistants
- Must register with Disability Support Services, meet with a consumer manager
- Bring copy of documentation to school or mail it now



PROGRAMS FOR SUCCESS

Advising & Registration

- 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.
- Students expected to make up all missed work and are responsible for any material covered.



STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

ASPIRE

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

Your Winning Season:

- UNIVERSITY 193A
- Fall of 1st year
- Academic Study Skills
- Resources available on campus
- Graded, 1 credit class



ADDITIONAL (SUMMER/WINTER) FINANCIAL AID

- Committee decision based on factors such as graduation, eligibility, learning disabilities, practice conflicts
- Only for Student-Athletes on full/partial scholarship
- Awarded on same percentage basis as regular scholarship



STRUCTURE OF CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT AT UMASS

- Students should always introduce themselves to their professors.
 - Office hours are a requirement for faculty
- 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). Communication solves most disadvantages.
- Professors won't make students do their work or attend class.
- Students should consider becoming 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
- Not checking email / communicating
- Taking the word of a classmate/teammate



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.
- Help with HOLDS – placed on student records for various reasons – Bursar's/Immunizations/Health Bill/Parking



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