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

ACADEMIC SUPPORT IN ATHLETICS
VARITY 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
An overview of the support services that we provide
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
TUTURING AND STUDY HALL

- 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

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<td>- For At-Risk Student-Athletes, based on college/HS data</td>
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<td>- Individual counselor meetings, help with planning/organizing</td>
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<td>- Objective-based study hall</td>
<td>- Must register with Disability Support Services, meet with a consumer manager</td>
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<td>- Weekly reports sent to coaches</td>
<td>- Bring copy of documentation to school or mail it now</td>
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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
SUMMER/WINTER AID

- 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/under-load 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!