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Student-Athlete Academic Services

The University of Toledo’s Department of Intercollegiate Athletics recognizes the unique needs of student-athletes in regard to academic support and is committed to their overall success. The Student-Athlete Academic Services office (SAAS) provides a variety of assistance, including advising, mentoring, priority registration, graduation planning, study skills training, eligibility certification, progress toward degree, recruiting, admissions, community service engagement, and professional development. Ultimately, our main goal is to see our student-athletes achieve academic success and graduate in a timely manner. See utoledo.edu/saas for more information.

SAAS VISION STATEMENT
The mission of the Student-Athlete Academic Services office is to provide a student-centered resource committed to comprehensive support services designed for academic enrichment, graduation, retention, and life skills development for all University of Toledo student-athletes.
ADVISING

Student-athletes are assigned two academic coordinators (major adviser and athletic coordinator). Academic coordinators complement UT’s departmental advising function by providing information regarding policies, procedures, major and minors. In addition, SAAS academic coordinators ensure the student-athlete follows guidelines set by the NCAA, the MAC and The University of Toledo. Each SAAS coordinator is assigned specific team/s and works individually with student-athletes to develop academic success plans and monitor progress toward graduation. Coordinators also assist with course scheduling and registration, planning and academic conflict resolution; advise students regarding academic major options; and help with personal issues, as appropriate. When needed, coordinators make referrals to additional campus resources.

TUTORIAL SERVICES/ROCKET LAUNCH PROGRAM

To promote success in the classroom, SAAS staff provides opportunities for student-athletes to practice proper study skills and course-specific information. Tutorial assistance is available to all student-athletes through the Rocket Academic Center and the University’s Learning Enhancement Center, which offers free tutoring in the lower level of Carlson Library on Main Campus. The Rocket Launch Academic Coach program is a core group of graduate and undergraduate students assigned to meet one-on-one with student-athletes to provide guidance in the following areas: note-taking strategies, time management skills, academic goal setting, reading comprehension and test-taking tips. The goal is to model time-management skills and develop a comprehensive plan to assist the student-athlete in the transition from high school to college.

STUDY HALL

Structured study sessions are a vital component of comprehensive academic support for student-athletes. These sessions help maximize their use of time for homework, reading or research, tutorial sessions, and/or learning skills development. A number of resources are available, including academic coordinators, a learning specialist, tutors/academic coaches and computer services (full computer lab with more than 20 computers).

SAAC

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is an organization providing student-athletes with a voice in determining athletic policy and direction. SAAC also provides input on athletic policy and programming. Facilitated by the President, SAAC meets monthly in Larimer Athletic Complex to discuss current issues affecting student-athletes, provide feedback on programs and policies, and plan upcoming events. Meetings are open to all student-athletes.

LIFE SKILLS

The University of Toledo is proud to be part of the NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills Program, which offers a variety of programming to fulfill student-athletes’ lives in five focus areas: academic excellence, athletic excellence, personal development, career development and commitment to service. Life Skills projects include: SAAC, bone marrow drives, Rocket scholar recognition, AfterSport, Miracle Network phone-a-thons, Ronald McDonald House and additional community service.

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