

The Office of Academic Support for Athletics

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ABOUT THE OFFICE

The Office of Academic Support for Athletics reports to the Office of the Provost and acts as the liaison between the campus community and the Department of Athletics.

MISSION

Our mission in the Office of Academic Support for Athletics is to provide supplemental academic support for all varsity student-athletes at Villanova University in a manner that addresses their unique academic needs. Primary academic advising and support services are received from the faculty or academic advisor assigned to each student-athlete from his or her home college, school, or department.

Academic progress will be monitored constantly to ensure that NCAA and University rules and regulations are met and progress is being made towards graduation.

WHAT WE DO: OUR SERVICES

ATHLETIC ADVISING

1-on-1 meetings with assigned OAS Athletic Advisor, focusing on academic progress, time management, transition to college, and more.

STUDY HALL

A reserved space where student-athletes can meet with a subject-based tutor, work individually, or meet with the writing tutor on staff.

ATHLETICS TRAVEL & MISSED CLASS

The University policy for class attendance states that excused absences include approved varsity athletic participation. When missing class due to athletics-related travel or varsity competition, student-athletes will notify their professors and the Office of Academic Support will send official notice via travel letters.

PROFESSIONAL & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

OAS partners with departments and resources on campus to host workshops for student-athletes regarding professional and personal development.

TUTORING

Qualified peer tutors are hired, trained, and employed to tutor student-athletes in the course in which they are enrolled, either in-person or online.

SCHEDULE ASSISTANCE

Varsity student-athletes are provided an early registration time to remain in compliance with NCAA academic eligibility and progress toward degree rules. OAS assists with scheduling to avoid practice and class conflicts.

NCAA & INSTITUTIONAL ELIGIBILITY

OAS works in conjunction with Athletics Compliance and the University Registrar's Office to monitor academic eligibility of all student-athletes.

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A TRADITION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The Office of Academic Support for Athletics supports nearly 600 varsity student-athletes across 24 varsity athletic teams. For over 20 straight years, Villanova student-athletes have achieved a semester GPA of at least 3.0, and over the last 13 straight semesters have maintained a GPA of 3.3 or higher.

Villanova student-athletes are enrolled in each of the 4 undergraduate colleges, pursuing 50+ unique majors and minors. Student-athletes are also enrolled in both full-time graduate programs and graduate certificate programs. Top programs, listed alphabetically, include:

- Accounting
- Biology
- Business Analytics
- Communication
- Economics
- Finance
- Master of Business Administration
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nursing
- Psychology

For the last 2 years, Villanova student-athletes achieved a 99% NCAA Graduation Success Rate, a top 5 Division I GSR in the country.

56% of graduating student-athletes in the Class of 2024 earned graduation honors for achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.