Mission Statement
The mission of 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.

Office Information
Primary academic advising is received from the faculty advisor assigned to each student-athlete in his or her home college. Academic progress will be monitored constantly to assure that NCAA and University rules and regulations are met and progress is being made towards graduation. 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. Please contact an Academic Support staff member for any questions or concerns regarding varsity student-athletes.

Programs and Services

Mentoring: The Freshman Mentoring Program serves as an additional method of academic support for all freshmen student-athletes. The overall objective is to aid student-athletes in the development of organizational and time management skills essential for the transition from high school to college. Upon entering Villanova University, every freshman student-athlete is required to meet weekly with an assigned mentor. During mentoring meetings, the student-athlete and mentor are required to complete an academic report which is used to monitor academic progress throughout the year.

Tutorial Assistance Program: The Office of Academic Support for Athletics offers a comprehensive tutoring program for all student-athletes. The Tutorial Assistance Program was created to provide supplemental instruction to classroom lectures for all student-athletes. Student-athletes have the convenience of requesting free tutorial support for any course in which they are enrolled. Student-athletes can schedule a tutor online through their GradesFirst account or by contacting the Office of Academic Support for Athletics.

Study Hall: The Study Hall Program provides a quiet area for student-athletes to study or meet with tutors. Student-athletes that fall below a minimum grade point average are required to complete a designated number of study hall hours each week.

Varsity Excuse Forms and Class Attendance: The university policy for class attendance states that excused absences for students include approved varsity athletic participation. When missing class due to travel or varsity competition, student-athletes should fill out a Varsity Excuse Form in the Office of Academic Support for Athletics and submit it to their professor. Student-athletes are required to make up all work that is missed, but are to receive no academic penalty for their absence.

NCAA Rules and Eligibility: The Office of Academic Support for Athletics works in conjunction with the Department of Athletics Compliance Office and the Registrar’s Office to monitor the academic eligibility of all student-athletes and help ensure adequate progress is being made towards