THE MISSION

THE MISSION of the Office of Academic Support for Athletics (OAS) 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 is received from the faculty or academic advisor assigned to each student-athlete in his or her home college or department. Academic progress is monitored to ensure that NCAA and University rules and regulations are met, and progress is being made towards graduation.

OAS reports to the Office of the Provost and acts as the liaison between the campus community and the Department of Athletics. Please contact OAS for any questions or concerns regarding varsity student-athletes.

SUPPORT & SERVICES

ATHLETIC ADVISING: Every freshman varsity student-athlete is assigned an athletic advisor in OAS and is required to meet with them regularly. Athletic advisors monitor academic progress, assist with developing organizational and time management skills, and support student-athletes’ transitions at Villanova. After freshman year, upperclassmen may continue meetings by choice or at the recommendation of the OAS athletic advisor or coach.

TUTORING: Qualified undergraduate and graduate peer tutors are employed each semester to tutor student-athletes in any course in which they are enrolled. All student-athletes have the convenience of requesting free tutoring through their WConline accounts.

STUDY HALL: Study hall provides an additional space for quiet, individualized studying from Sundays through Thursdays between 4-10 PM. In study hall, student-athletes can meet with a tutor, work individually, or meet with the writing tutor on staff.

VARSITY EXCUSE FORMS: The University policy for class attendance states that excused absences for students include approved varsity athletic participation. When missing class due to athletics-related travel or varsity competition, student-athletes will fill out a Varsity Excuse Form in OAS 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.

SCHEDULING: Varsity student-athletes are provided with an early registration time to remain in compliance with NCAA academic eligibility and progress towards degree rules. OAS assists with scheduling to avoid practice and class conflicts; however, student-athletes are required to meet with their college/department academic advisor to discuss classes and academic plans.

NCAA & INSTITUTIONAL ELIGIBILITY: OAS works in conjunction with the Athletics Compliance Office and the Registrar’s Office to monitor the academic eligibility of all student-athletes, including adequate progress towards graduation.

FAST FACTS

Villanova student-athletes span across all colleges and pursue 45 unique majors. Top majors include:

- Accounting
- Biology
- Civil Engineering
- Communication
- Economics
- Finance
- Marketing
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nursing
- Political Science
- Psychology

In the 2018-19 academic year, 5 Villanova student-athletes were awarded Fulbright scholarships.

For the last 2 years, Villanova Athletics has led all Division I schools in percentage of teams earning NCAA Public Recognition Awards for APR - the NCAA’s metric for academic eligibility and retention.

Villanova student-athletes have achieved a 94% NCAA Graduation Success Rate, compared to the NCAA Graduation Success Rate of 88%.

LOCATION

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