

STUDENT SERVICES

With a refurbished computer lab and a committed staff of counselors, Tulane's Office of Student-Athlete Support Services helps student-athletes achieve their academic goals.

The athletic department of Tulane University is committed to serving the academic and athletic needs of all student-athletes. The primary objective of the Office of Student-Athlete Support Services is to assist student-athletes in their efforts to complete their degree requirements and to develop the skills necessary to be productive citizens.

The academic counselors within the Office of Student-Athlete Support Services assist student-athletes in their pursuit of an undergraduate degree through the development and evaluation of their academic plans based upon educational and career objectives. Furthermore, the office assists student-athletes in the clarification of their life and career goals. The academic staff extends a caring, committed effort in helping students' intellectual, cultural, physical and social development.

Academic Advising Center

The Office of Student-Athlete Support Services is located on the first floor of the James W. Wilson Jr. Center. The suite houses a recently-upgraded computer lab, the offices of the athletic academic counselors, and a quiet study area. The computer lab consists of 18 fully-equipped computers with several software programs, Internet access, and e-mail capabilities. The study area allows student-athletes to study in a quiet and controlled environment.

Academic Counseling

Advising Tulane student-athletes during their pursuit of an undergraduate degree is the single most important function of the Office of Student-Athlete Support Services. The approach that the staff uses to counsel student-athletes involves the collaborative efforts of student-athletes, department and college advisors, and the counselors of the Student-Athlete Support Services unit. Together, this group works to develop a unique plan of action for every Tulane student-athlete which is tailored to the needs and interests of each individual.

Each varsity sport at Tulane is assigned an academic counselor. Each counselor understands the mission of Tulane University and the academic policies and philosophies that govern the University. The academic counselors are able to provide accurate knowledge of university and college degree requirements, as well as NCAA degree requirements. This knowledge includes an understanding of university and department academic courses, professor assignments, course content, and prerequisites needed for academic degrees.

Tulane's athletic academic counselors also possess skills that allow for one-on-one counseling. Student-athletes feel free to discuss their academic interests, personal needs, and crisis situations with their counselors. If referrals to specialists are needed, Tulane's athletics department works closely with various on-campus counseling organizations that provide professional counseling on a confidential basis.

Tutorial Program

The tutorial program for student-athletes at Tulane University is one of the most comprehensive in Conference USA. The tutoring program is designed to supplement the knowledge that students gain in the classroom, with direct one-on-one interaction with a tutor. Only the most qualified tutors are hired to work with Tulane student-athletes, and any scholarship athlete can request a tutor for any course.



Thanks to a generous donation, Tulane's computer lab was upgraded in 2002 with new computers and printers, as well as new chairs and ceiling fans.

CHAMPS/Life Skills

Student-athletes are presented with many challenges in balancing academics and athletics at the Division I level. To meet these challenges, the National Collegiate Athletic Association has developed the CHAMPS / Life Skills program to assist universities with the preparation of their student-athletes for life beyond collegiate athletics. The CHAMPS / Life Skills program helps bridge the gap between participating in intercollegiate athletics and experiencing campus life.

Student-Athlete Advisory Board

The Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) is designed to help team members from all sports face the challenge of being a student-athlete at Tulane University and to represent the students' concerns to the athletic director and athletics administration. The Student-Athlete Advisory Board consists of representatives from each varsity sport. These representatives serve as liaisons to the athletic department and to the teams that they represent.

The board meets once a month to discuss community service projects, campus outreach programs, and issues faced by Tulane University student-athletes on a daily basis. Examples of these programs are coordinating the National Student-Athlete Celebration, planning the Varsity Ball, Tulane's All-Sports Awards Banquet, and organizing donation projects.

Student-athletes at Tulane University recognize that they are role models for youths in the New Orleans metropolitan area. Serving as role models allows student-athletes the opportunity to give back to the greater New Orleans community. During the year, student-athletes on several teams visit children in local hospitals, work camps for underprivileged youths and speak at various elementary and middle schools. One of the most popular community service efforts is the annual "Shadow A Student-Athlete Day," where sixth-grade students from nearby Lafayette Elementary School come to campus for a day and are paired with Tulane student-athletes to learn what it is like to play an intercollegiate sport at Tulane University.