

VT SAASS

STUDENT ATHLETE ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES



ABOUT:

OVERVIEW OF SUPPORT AREAS

Student Athlete Academic Support Services (SAASS) supports student-athletes in balancing their academic and athletic demands. SAASS provides comprehensive academic support to over 550 student-athletes across 22 sports in the following areas: Advising, Tutorial Assistance, Study Hall, Mentoring, Learning Assistance Program (LAP), College Success Strategies, and Computing Services. A SAASS Counselor is assigned to each athletic team. The counselor takes the lead in coordinating the academic support efforts for each team member. All services provided are available to all student-athletes, cheerleaders, high techs, managers and trainers free of charge.

OUR MISSION

The Virginia Tech Student Athlete Academic Support Services (SAASS) office is committed to providing fundamental and supplemental programming, consistent with University and NCAA policy, aimed at enhancing each student-athlete's educational experience.



SERVICES:

ADVISING

Advising at Virginia Tech is a collaborative process between the student and college advisors leading to the exchange of information that encourages the individual student to make responsible academic and career decisions. Student-athletes receive academic advising services from college advisors; the advisement is supplemented with input from SAASS counselors regarding NCAA regulations and practice/competition time concerns.

TUTORIAL ASSISTANCE

The Tutorial Program within SAASS seeks to supplement classroom instruction via individual and group tutoring appointments. The program employs roughly 85 tutors each semester, whose knowledge covers nearly all academic disciplines offered at Virginia Tech. All tutoring appointments take place in the Quillen Family Academic Center for Student Athletes, which is located on the third floor of Lane Stadium. The tutoring program is fully certified by the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA).

MENTOR PROGRAM

The Mentor Program provides a proactive approach to assist student-athletes in adjusting to college life and academics, and/or maintaining acceptable college level academic performance. The goals are to foster independent learning through various skill-building activities, such as time management, organization, and goal setting. The focus of the program is to encourage student-athletes to think critically about their short-term academic coursework while learning research-based strategies that will ensure long-term academic success.



LEARNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LAP)

The Learning Assistance Program (LAP) exists to support the needs of student-athletes with education impacting disabilities and those who are underprepared to meet the academic demands of Virginia Tech. The goal of the program is to help the University and the Athletic Department meet their vision of recognizing a diversity of peoples, creating a welcoming university climate, and increasing the participation and success of underrepresented groups among students. The program's focus is to work within Student Athlete Academic Support Services to provide individualized assistance in the development of independent, successful students who are also notable athletes.

STUDY HALL

The intent of the SAASS study hall program is to provide a structured approach to studying. Study hall sessions are monitored and quiet so that students can work uninterrupted. Student-athletes who participate in study hall sessions are expected to come to study hall on time with all of the materials necessary for completing assignments and studying. The overarching mission of the SAASS study hall program is support the student athlete and help instill and reinforce appropriate and consistent study habits.

COMPUTING SERVICES

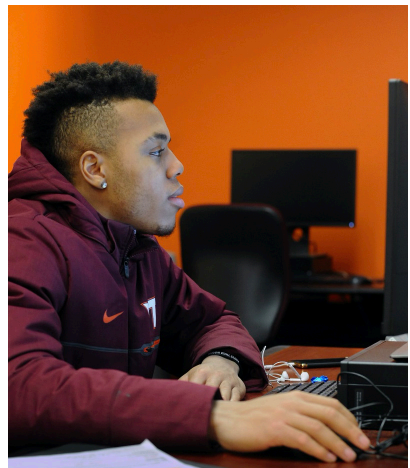
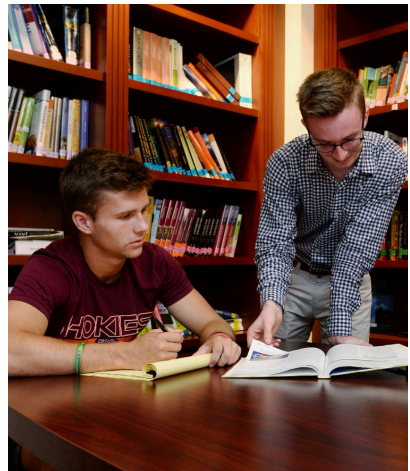
SAASS Computing Services is a combination of one of the finest computer labs that Virginia Tech has to offer and a multitude of computing services for student-athletes and SAASS staff. The SAASS Computer lab is equipped with free wireless printing, 24 desktop computers and 10 large study stations that are furnished with laptop charger capability. Wireless network service is provided in the building as well as throughout Virginia Tech's campus.

TRAVEL LETTERS

It is the student-athlete's responsibility during the first week of classes each semester to communicate their sport travel commitments with each of their faculty members. The purpose of the travel letter is to ensure faculty are fully informed that the student-athlete has been selected for the travel team and will be absent from class.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Faculty Academic Progress Reports are sent out to each student-athletes respective faculty members twice a semester. These academic reports allow for faculty to provide feedback on student-athletes performance in each class. Additionally, they foster open communication between the student, SAASS counselor, and faculty member.



AWARDS:

SKELETON AWARD

In 1996 Peggy and Bill Skelton established the Skelton Award for Academic Excellence to honor outstanding student-athletes at Virginia Tech. Each year, one male and one female student-athlete are chosen to receive this scholarship award based upon their participation in athletics, their academic excellence, and their demonstrated leadership abilities. The recipients are presented with the award each spring at the annual Athletic Directors Honors celebration. The Skelton Award for Academic Excellence is recognized as the most prestigious award within the Virginia Tech Athletics Department.

AD HONOR ROLL

Each semester, any student-athlete who earns a 3.00 GPA for the semester is recognized on the Virginia Tech Athletic Director's Honor Roll.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

9 COLLEGES AND GRADUATE SCHOOL

125 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

170 MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

14:1 STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

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