THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC SERVICES

TODAY'S HAWKEYES ARE TOMORROW'S LEADERS

INFORMATION GUIDE
MISSION STATEMENT

Academic Services staff assists student-athletes with making timely and satisfactory progress toward their degrees. This can include, but is not limited to, academic advisement, tutorial and instructional support as well as educational programming. The office works in collaboration with coaches, University staff, and various athletic personnel regarding student-athlete academic matters and ensures compliance with all institutional, National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) and Big Ten Conference rules and regulations. The staff is dedicated to the success and development of Iowa student-athletes and encourages students to be active contributors to the campus community.
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The Hawkeye Life Program is an all-encompassing life skills and leadership development model, which seeks to enhance the student-athlete experience at the University of Iowa. There are six pillars highlighted in the Hawkeye Life Program.

**LEADERSHIP**

The Hawkeye Life Leadership pillar prepares student-athletes to be positive role models, active citizens, and successful professionals. Programs within this pillar pave a path for all student-athletes to grow leadership skills during and beyond their time at the University of Iowa.

**Featured Leadership Program**

Iowa Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (ISAAC) - ISAAC is a student-athlete leadership group acting as the voice of student-athletes within the department, campus, conference, and NCAA. The committee also facilitates and engages in various programs, social events, and community engagement activities.

**MID-AMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Mid-American Energy Community Engagement pillar seeks to enhance the growth and development of student-athletes to become Hawkeye leaders and productive citizens. Service is an important piece of the student-athlete experience. Student-athletes participate in community service projects throughout the academic year. These opportunities also promote student-athlete collaboration and support for one another.

**Featured Community Engagement Programs**

UI Stead Family Children’s Hospital and Iowa City Schools Partnership - on a weekly basis, student-athletes volunteer with these two community partners. Through mentorship, hospital visits, book readings, and classroom engagement, student-athletes learn the importance of giving back to their community.

Annual Day of Caring - for more than 25 years, Hawkeye student-athletes have collaborated with United Way of Johnson & Washington Counties to participate in a day of service to several area non-profits and community agencies. Over 200 student-athletes participate each year in projects varying from literacy advocacy, sustainability efforts, and community beautification.
The Hawkeye Life Academic Success pillar is dedicated to supporting the intellectual and personal growth of all student-athletes through the coordination of campus-wide initiatives that support the student-athletes’ transition to the University of Iowa and enhance retention and graduation rates.

**FEATURED ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAMS**

**Personalized Academic Support System (P.A.S.S.)** - An academic plan is customized for each student-athlete’s needs based on strengths/weaknesses. An academic profile is built based on admissions criteria, assessments, writing samples and other crucial information like an IEP, 504 Plan, or learning disability documentation. A customized plan is then created to support the academic needs of each student-athlete.

**Advising** - Academic Coordinators consult with both student-athletes and University advisors to develop and maintain Plans of Study. Weekly meetings with student-athletes and monthly meetings with sports teams keep students on track toward a degree program.

**Academic Support** - Free tutorial assistance is available to all student-athletes in most general education courses and select upper-level coursework. Sessions are conveniently located at GALC.

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**CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

Student-Athlete Academic Services, in collaboration with campus career entities, is committed to ensuring student-athletes have a direction during their academic studies and are prepared for careers after graduation. Student-athletes will participate in career readiness programming including, but not limited to; career and major exploration, resume development, professional skill-building, networking, and experiential learning.

**FEATURED CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**Hawks to Professionals (H2P)** - H2P is an 8-week summer job-shadowing program designed to match student-athletes with professionals in the community based on the student’s career goals. While job shadowing, the students will also participate in a four-part lecture series which helps them gain professional development skills including networking, resume building, interviewing, and personal branding. Approximately 50 students-athletes participate in the program each summer.
The Athletics Department seeks to cultivate a safe and accepting environment for all student-athletes regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, or ethnicity. The Hawkeye Life program coordinates various programs that provide all student-athletes with opportunities to learn and understand cultures and communities that differ from their own. The program also provides minority student-athletes with leadership, networking, and career development opportunities.

**FEATURED DIVERSITY & INCLUSION PROGRAMS**

**Multi-Cultural Focus Group (MFG)** - a student-driven committee that strives to offer underrepresented student-athletes a safe and welcoming place to discuss issues and promote a sense of unity.

**DEI Accountability Board** - In 2018, the Diversity Task Force, now known as the DEI Accountability Board, was formed. The goal of this committee is to cultivate meaningful campus and community partnerships; create mentoring and leadership opportunities for minority student-athletes; provide diverse educational opportunities for coaches, and staff; and maintain a positive and inclusive culture within UI Athletics. This committee was instrumental in the creation of the DEI Action Plan and the position of the Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

As Hawkeyes, we pledge to be kind to everyone we encounter, and put aside differences in order to come together as one community.

We pledge to respect, accept, support, welcome, and empower individuals from all backgrounds to pursue athletic, academic, and personal opportunities without discrimination or judgment.

We pledge to be a Big 10 ally to all, and respond to hate by not silently being an oppressor.
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TOOLS FOR HAWKEYE SUCCESS

TEAMWORKS

TeamWorks is the primary collaboration tool for coaches and Hawkeye student-athletes and can be downloaded at any smart phone app store. The platform helps student-athletes navigate and adapt to the demanding schedule of a Division 1 athlete. TeamWorks is a way for Hawkeyes to:

- Connect and engage with teammates and coaches.
- Travel like champions by streamlining competition logistics and itineraries.
- Have information readily available.
- Be at the right place at the right time with scheduling and calendar tools as well as reminders and alerts.

GRADESFIRST

GradesFirst is a web-based tool to help student-athletes manage their academic lives on campus through automated student services and academically related communications. Student-athletes can review academic information, schedule tutor appointments, communicate with professors, counselors, and mentors. Staff at the Student-Athlete Academic Services office also use the tool to alert professors of travel schedules.

HELPER HELPER

Helper Helper is the premier volunteer and event platform for intercollegiate athletics. After downloading from a smart phone app store, the application connects student-athletes to event opportunities within the six pillars of the Hawkeye Life Program. Are you interested in community engagement? The Hawkeye 5 Program recognizes and encourages EVERY student-athlete to volunteer at least five hours of their time in various community engagement events and programs. Student-athletes can sign up for community service opportunities and track their volunteer service with this convenient app. Throughout your collegiate experience, the app can provide a detailed report of volunteerism, track a student’s leadership activities and easily mobilize volunteers — capturing accurate data to include on a resume after graduation.

STATS

- GALC serves 650 student-athletes
- Roughly 38,000 student visits are made to the GALC per year
- About 14,000 tutoring sessions per year

2019-2020 ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Graduation Success Rate: 90%
- Departmental GPA: 3.0
- Academic All-Big Ten Selections: 200+

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UI’s commitment to academic excellence received a tremendous boost in 2018 with the completion of a $6M renovation to the Gerdin Athletic Learning Center (GALC). The renovation project was a 2019 IDEA Educational Design Award Winner by the International Interior Design Association. GALC functions as a hub for student-athlete academic success at the University of Iowa. With over 28,000 square feet of space, the building is conveniently located near UI dormitories and practice facilities and serves as the home for overseeing the educational development and progress toward graduation for all student-athletes. The offices of the academic coordinators are centrally located within the building so students can efficiently meet to discuss schedules, tutoring or class performance. Natural sunlight pours through the three-story building along the entire west side, showing off the comfortable and open study areas. Several features serve to boost academic success for our Hawkeye athletes.

GERDIN ATHLETIC LEARNING CENTER (GALC)

Healthy choices and good nutrition are paramount to the well-being of every student athlete. Amid busy practice and competition schedules, athletes are able to visit the GALC refueling station and take the guesswork out of making healthy nutritional choices. While studying or just passing through, students can conveniently access an array of fresh fruits and vegetables as well as energy shakes and grab-and-go snacks. The UI Sport Nutrition department oversees the fueling station that is located on first floor.

There is no doubt that technology is changing the way that all students study on college campuses. State-of-the-art upgrades and renovations to the GALC help our student-athletes efficiently “plug-in” to the world of higher education. Personal USB outlets dot the many modern ergonomically designed workstations throughout the building, allowing our students to stay connected anywhere, any device, any time. Hawkeye student-athletes benefit as the GALC is keeping pace with technological advancements needed to stay competitive in the classroom. Whether a student is using the GALC computer lab, projecting documents on shared screens in a collaboration room equipped with oversized, wall-mounted high resolution screens, or learning alongside a tutor, they have the tools and resources to be successful.

The architectural and design features of the GALC encourage and facilitate the rigorous academic demands that a Big Ten institution requires. Studying styles, needs, and preferences vary widely among our Hawkeye student-athletes. As a result, the learning and collaboration spaces sprinkled throughout the modern three-level facility are diverse in layout and purpose. There is ample private space for focused study and collaboration rooms of all sizes throughout the building.