gree. To support you in these efforts, the Office for Academic Affairs in conjunction with the Department of Intercollegiate Athletic Student Services seeks to provide quality academic support services that will give you the greatest opportunity to excel in academics while competing in intercollegiate athletics.

The Bill Battle Center for Athletic Student Services (CASS) is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m., Friday until 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. CASS staff provides a number of services that include, but are not limited to, monitoring student-athletes’ academic progress, providing assistance in selecting a major and supervising study hall. You will learn more about each of these services in the pages that follow.

Every effort is made to make the transition to college life as smooth as possible for the student-athlete. It is the goal of CASS staff to see that Alabama’s student-athletes have every opportunity to complete their education. It is a sincere hope that the Center provides a basis for the student-athlete to discover the importance of finding a balance between academic, athletic, social, and personal development.

GOALS OF THE CENTER

• **Support** student-athletes efforts to receive a quality education and graduate from the University of Alabama with their chosen degree;

• **Encourage** and facilitate student-athletes’ goals for their career and for their personal development;

• **Ensure** that the academic integrity of the University is maintained;

• **Comply** with the rules and regulations of the University, the SEC, and NCAA;

• **Help** ensure athletic eligibility during student-athlete’s tenure at the University.

CASS ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Athletic Academic Advisors in CASS are not the student-athletes' primary advisors concerning course selection. Students at The University of Alabama are assigned a divisional advisor upon entering the University. As professional educators, divisional advisors are knowledgeable about the degree requirements of their particular programs of study. Therefore, student-athletes are encouraged to develop and maintain close ties with divisional advisors who assist them in registration and class scheduling. However, it is important to note that each student-athlete retains sole responsibility for becoming familiar with all policies and procedures governing completion of the degree program in which the student is registered.

COUNSELING

The University is concerned about the personal, social, and academic development of students. Occasionally, there may be a need for a student-athlete to talk with a professionally trained counselor. Such assistance is made available to student-athletes by counselors in Counseling and Psychological Services, as well as CASS. Also, a clinical psychologist is available by referral. Contact **Jon Dever**, Assistant Athletics Director for Student Services, for this service.

TUTORIAL & ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT SERVICES

CASS offers individual tutoring, test reviews, and group tutoring sessions. The majority of tutors are available during evening study hall. A limited number of tutors are available by appointment in the morning and mid-afternoon for your convenience.

CASS also offers a personal monitoring program designed to assist student-athletes develop time management skills, note taking skills and test preparation strategies. All tutoring sessions are held in Bryant Hall Athletic Student Services Building. Remember, tutoring is not a substitute for regular class attendance and daily study.
LEARNING SPECIALIST
The Learning Specialist is a resource person for teaching and learning strategies, working closely with student-athletes to assist them with their educational development. The principal duties and activities at CASS include the following: assessing student-athletes and planning developmental instruction for learning needs; teaching study skills; coordinating the accommodations recommended by the University of Alabama Office Of Disability Services (ODS) for at-risk students; facilitating small group study; and connecting students and tutors for academic improvement in specific college subjects. The Learning Specialist assists students during day and evening study hall. For further information on resources available through this service contact **Joy Burroughs**, Learning Specialist, 218 Bryant Hall, 348-5417.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

SUPERVISED STUDY HALL
Study hall is an integral part of our academic support service. Study hall is supervised study times with the purpose of helping student-athletes organize their study time more effectively. Study hall is conducted in Bryant Hall’s Bill Battle Center for Athletic Student Services. It is mandatory for all freshmen and college transfer student-athletes, and upperclassmen with a cumulative GPA below 2.5, to attend study hall. Study hall times are assigned at the discretion of athletic academic program advisors.

The Bill Battle Center for Athletic Student Services is one of the finest academic centers for student-athletes in the country. It has a computer lab with 48 flat screen Dell computers, 2 multi-media classrooms, 30 tutorial rooms equipped with Dell computers and wireless internet, 2 math labs equipped with computers, and a student lounge.

STUDY HALL HOURS
**Monday – Thursday**
7:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Friday**
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Closed Saturday**

**Sunday**
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

STUDY HALL RULES
- The Bill Battle Center for Athletic Student Services and Bryant Hall are for the exclusive use of student-athletes and persons affiliated with the Athletic Department. Others should not use the facilities without permission.
- Cell phone use is prohibited during tutoring sessions.
- Digital audio players are permitted in study hall provided the volume does not disturb others.
- No tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, permitted.
- No pets allowed.
- Modest apparel should be worn.
- Food and beverages allowed in the student lounge, but NOT in tutorial rooms.
- Study groups are NOT permitted unless a test review or group tutoring session is supervised by a tutor.
Athletic Director for Student Services in consultation with the sport specific academic advisor. Each student-athlete will begin the semester with a total of zero (0) points and cannot accumulate positive points.

SANCTION PROCEDURES
The sport specific academic advisor will provide point updates to the coaching staff on a regular basis. Disciplinary action taken against student-athletes with 1-9 negative points will be left to the discretion of each head coach based on the levels below. With the accumulation of nine (9) points, the Assistant Athletic Director for Student Services will call a meeting with the Head Coach and the Sport Oversight Administrator to outline and implement an academic plan for behavior modification and a clear response plan should any additional negative points be incurred. A copy of this plan must be signed by all parties and kept in the student-athlete’s file at the CASS. At ten (10) negative points, the Head Coach and the student-athlete will be required to meet with the Director of Athletics and the Sports Oversight Administrator to be notified of suspension from athletic competition.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS
Level 1 (0-3 points) (any or all of the following may be selected):
- Additional study hall
- Loss of complimentary tickets
- Letter to parents
- Practice limitations

Level 2 (4-6 points) (any of the above and/or one of the following):
- Partial suspension from athletic contest or contests
- Letter to parents
- Suspension from athletic contest or contests

Level 3 (7-9 points) (any of the above and/or one of the following):
- Reduction or revocation of summer aid
- Letter to parents
- Suspension from athletic practice
- Suspension from athletic competition

Level 4 (10 points)
- Suspension from the next scheduled competition for each point
- Letter to parents

Student-athletes who have earned sixty (60) hours or more and have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher are exempt from the above policy with the stipulation the student-athlete maintain the 3.00 GPA.

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM
The Life Skills Program is another student support service offered by the Center for Athletic Student Services. The challenges that today’s college athletes face, both in and out of their athletic arenas, are unparalleled in the history of higher education. Unfortunately, many college athletes are unprepared to face today’s biggest challenge: life after graduation.

To prepare college athletes for life’s challenges beyond their athletic arenas, the NCAA developed the Life Skills Program. The program was designed to help college athletes bridge the gap from college life to professional life in the work world, as well as, make meaningful contributions to their communities.

Five Point Focus Of Life Skills
Academic Excellence
The academic department provides student athletes with all the tools needed to succeed in the classroom:

- Academic support
- Academic advising and counseling
- Study skills programs
- Tutorial services
- Computer labs
- Personal monitoring

**Athletic Experience**

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics provides excellence in:

- Sports Medicine
- Media Relations
- Athletic Facilities

**Career Development**

This commitment helps student-athletes to prepare for life after their career at the University with the following resources:

- Career counseling
- Collaboration with Career Center on campus
- Student-athlete
- Career exploration course
- Career Guide for Student-Athletes
- Bama Career Network

**Community Service**

This allows student-athletes to make valuable contributions to the community:

- Reading to elementary schools
- Outreach (boys and girls club, volunteering with disabled kids)
- Project Angel Tree
- Speaking to kids at various community centers
- Joining Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

**Personal Development**

Personal development helps to improve student-athletes’ awareness of social and personal needs. Examples of workshops for student-athletes include:

- Alcohol and drug education
- Time management
- Personal relationships
- Stress management
- Gambling

**For additional information contact**

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