

STUDENT SUPPORT



Ohio State has literally hundreds of professionals in dozens of campus offices that exist to help students with specific curricular or cocurricular needs and interests. The Office for Disability Services, Office of Minority Affairs, Multicultural Center, ROTC programs, Student Advocacy Center, Student Housing Legal Clinic, and Youngkin Success Center are just a handful of programs and support services committed to student success.

Disability Services

■ ods.osu.edu

The Office for Disability Services (ODS) offers a variety of services and accommodations for students with disabilities including hearing, visual, or mobility disabilities; Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders (ADD/ADHD); and psychiatric, medical, or learning disabilities. Academic accommodations and services include, but are not limited to, exam accommodations (e.g., extended time on tests and quizzes, a reader/scribe, assistive technology, alternative format); disability counseling and advocacy; priority scheduling; alternative media (e.g., scanned text, enlarged print, Braille); sign language interpreters and/or transcribing services; training in accessing services and advocacy; and referral to campus support services.

ODS provides reasonable accommodations, auxiliary aids, and support services that are individualized and based on disability documentation, functional limitations, and a collaborative assessment of needs. Because ODS is the designated campus office to determine appropriate accommodations and auxiliary aids for students with disabilities, documentation of the disability for eligibility determination should be submitted to ODS as early as possible in the accommodation process.

For additional information regarding academic accommodations and services, contact ODS at (614) 292-3307 (V/T) or (614) 292-0901 (TDD), or stop by 150 Pomerene Hall.

Minority Affairs

■ oma.osu.edu

“Research shows that students who get involved in activities and take advantage of the services available to them are the most likely to succeed at any college or university. If you want to succeed at Ohio State, you will,” says Dr. Mac A. Stewart, vice provost, Office of Minority Affairs.

The Office of Minority Affairs (OMA) offers a range of programs and academic support services to help students excel at Ohio State. From scholarships and financial support to programs and activities that bolster personal development, OMA is committed to assisting students in making a successful transition from high school to college and beyond.

Academic Advancement Services

■ oma.osu.edu/aas

Academic Advancement Services (AAS) offers retention counseling, tutoring, and mentoring in an effort to enhance the retention, graduation, and postgraduation preparation of underrepresented minority students at Ohio State. The programming and services provided by AAS are delivered directly to the students through the Minority Advising Program (MAP), the Mentoring Program, the Tutoring Program, and the ACCESS Collaborative program or through collaborations with other offices and units university-wide.

The purpose of the MAP, oma.osu.edu/MAP, is to provide academic and retention counseling designed specifically for underrepresented student populations. The guiding philosophy of MAP is that personal, social, cultural, ethnic, financial, emotional, developmental, and various other factors affect a student’s ability to succeed academically. Therefore, MAP counselors go beyond the traditional academic advising approach to assist students with the issues that affect their academic performance and retention.

MAP counselors are members of the minority groups they serve. These advisors have expertise in working with diverse student populations and have a lower advisor-to-advisee ratio when compared to other Ohio State academic advising units. Easy access to counselors facilitates more face-to-face interaction and results in more in-depth, comprehensive advising. MAP counselors demonstrate sensitivity to and the ability to address the social, cultural, and ethnic issues faced by minority students at Ohio State.

The Mentoring Program, oma.osu.edu/Mentoring, provides students with mentors, resources, and programs to prepare them for life after graduation. This program matches first-year students with mentors who share similar academic and career interests. Activities are designed to provide students with information for postgraduation preparation, including graduate and professional school and entry into the workforce.

The Tutoring Program, oma.osu.edu/Tutoring, offers tutorial assistance in a wide range of general education subjects at no cost to the student. Students may receive tutoring in small groups, one-on-one with a tutor, or on a walk-in basis. As students gain competency in subject content, they may apply to become a tutor and, if selected, they are

paid an hourly wage for their service. The Tutoring Program also offers study skills programming to enhance academic skills necessary for collegiate success.

The ACCESS Collaborative Program (Single-Parent Student Services)

■ oma.osu.edu/Access

The ACCESS Collaborative Program is an academic and social support program whose purpose is to assist low-income, single-parent students who are pursuing a college education at Ohio State. The program strives to increase the retention and graduation rates of all low-income, single-parent students. ACCESS gives attention to the unique circumstances of targeted ethnic minority students who contribute to a diverse student body at Ohio State. The program helps to minimize the barriers that may prevent full academic and social participation by single-parent students. ACCESS coordinates university and community support services to meet low-income, single parents' needs as students and as heads of households.

Frank W. Hale Jr. Black Cultural Center

■ oma.osu.edu/hale

The Frank W. Hale Jr. Black Cultural Center establishes and maintains supportive programs and activities for the development and advancement of African American students. Through academic support such as study spaces and a computer laboratory, as well as cultural activities, lectures, gallery tours, and celebrations, the center provides a rich, diverse environment in which all students can learn and foster friendships.

Minority Scholarship Services

■ oma.osu.edu/mss

Minority Scholarship Services (MSS) offers comprehensive financial aid services to the participants of the Freshman Foundation Program (FFP), the Morrill Scholars Program (MSP), the Young Scholars Program (YSP), and the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP). The intent of MSS is to empower our students to make informed financial decisions.

MSS is also responsible for monitoring the academic progress and performance of the OMA scholars to ensure students are in compliance to retain and renew their OMA funding.

Todd A. Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male

■ oma.osu.edu/brc

The Todd Anthony Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male (BRC) examines and addresses critical issues in society that impact the quality of life for African American males throughout the lifespan. In addition to conducting research, the BRC strives to create a sense of community and connectedness for African

American males at The Ohio State University to ensure their success in college. Some of the activities and initiatives developed by the BRC include the Early Arrival Program for incoming students, the African American Male Leadership Institute, African American Male Retreat, Roundtable Discussion Series, and outreach activities within the surrounding community. The BRC also engages students through individual and group meetings.

All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to participate in our research projects, activities, and other initiatives.

Multicultural Center

■ mcc.osu.edu

The Multicultural Center (MCC) is dedicated to empowering students through creating opportunities for engagement and leadership in an environment that celebrates the rich diversity of our campus and the communities we serve. We aim to inspire everyone to learn more about themselves and the world around them. We provide opportunities for exploration around meaningful questions such as "How can I make a difference?" "What kind of impact do I want to have?" "How do I create more authentic relationships with others different from myself?" "How can I become the best version of myself?" "How do I get involved in change that I believe in?" MCC intercultural specialists serve students by designing and collaborating on programs that increase intra- and intercultural awareness, knowledge, and skill around issues of social identity, power, and social justice.

The Multicultural Center explores intersectionality of identities and community development through signature initiatives such as Intercultural Leadership Series, Social Justice Cohort, African American Heritage Festival, La Fiesta in the Fall, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Diversity Leadership Transcript Program, Native American Heritage Month, GLBT Awareness Week, National Coalition Building Institute, The AGiYa/Mujer/Woman Leadership Initiative, New Diversity Initiatives, The World is a Text, La Sur Latino Leadership Cohort, and many more.

The MCC intercultural model is one that welcomes all community members to all events while at the same time supporting and celebrating specific constituency groups including African American, Asian American, American Indian/indigenous, Hispanic/Latino, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, women, men, and faith communities. MCC events intentionally include allies; members of any and all constituency groups are invited to attend events that celebrate constituency groups that may not be familiar to them as a way to learn about and show support for all cultures represented at Ohio State.

Students are encouraged to get involved in any of the following MCC Student Leadership Groups, Cohorts, and Initiatives: National Coalition Building Institute, Nationwide Diversity Leadership Transcript Program (several student leadership cohorts are under this umbrella), Intergroup Council, Intercultural Leadership Series, and

the Bias Assessment and Response Team Student Board. Please see our website mcc.osu.edu to learn more details about these leadership initiatives.

We extend an open invitation to all students to join in these experiences, and we welcome partnerships with any community member or organization in creating new shared understandings.

ROTC

Ohio State proudly hosts Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). Each service (Army, Navy-Marine Corps, and Air Force) offers an individual program. ROTC's purpose is to train and produce leaders for all facets of life, not solely for the military. ROTC uses military education as a vehicle for leadership and management development. Talented young women and men are the engine that powers this vehicle.

ROTC programs produce dynamic, young, civilian leaders and commissioned military officers. Our military is a diverse collection of people and, like the nation it serves, requires educated women and men from every academic discipline and specialty to make it work. Consequently, the civilian and military career opportunities available to Ohio State students through participation in the ROTC programs are virtually unlimited.

Each department offers elective courses, so students can explore their capabilities to the fullest extent. No matter which department students choose, they will be receiving some of the very best leadership training in the world.

Ohio State students can take advantage of the following unique opportunities offered by the ROTC units:

- Frequent personal, academic, and career counseling
- Active mentoring program to help new students with transition to college environment
- Obligation-free introduction with low time requirement
- Guaranteed employment upon graduation with competitive salary and exciting career opportunities
- Leadership, challenge, responsibility, and self-improvement—four of the best reasons to enroll in a military science, naval science, or aerospace studies class

Air Force ROTC

■ afrotc.osu.edu

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) program gives full-time college students the opportunity to earn an Air Force commission while completing their degree. The AFROTC program is a series of free-electives designed to provide the military training and to develop the leadership skills needed to become an effective Air Force officer. While the program is typically completed over a four-year period, it is possible to complete the program in as little as two years. In addition to academic and leadership laboratory participation

during the academic year, cadets must complete a four-to-six-week field training encampment, normally the summer after their sophomore year.

Scholarships

High school students may compete for four-year scholarships if they plan to begin AFROTC their freshman year in college. The high school scholarship application season is open from late spring of the junior year until December 1 of the senior year. College freshmen and sophomores who do not win a high school scholarship or who missed the opportunity to compete for one may seek two- or three-year In-College Scholarships (ICSP) once enrolled in AFROTC. ICSP competition is based on the whole-person concept: academic performance, physical fitness, good standing with the AFROTC program, and officer potential. The ICSP is held in two phases: after autumn quarter and after spring quarter. All AFROTC scholarships pay full or partial tuition, most fees, and a textbook allowance. Once an AFROTC scholarship is activated, cadets also receive a tax-free stipend of up to \$500 per month. The Academic/Physical Fitness Incentive program (unique to Ohio State) offers financial awards each quarter for those cadets who excel in classes or on the Air Force Physical Fitness Assessment—cadets can win up to \$400 for academic performance and up to \$500 for high physical fitness scores. In addition to these incentive awards, AFROTC is committed to academic success. We operate three computer labs for our cadets, provide a quiet place to study with weekly study tables, and hire tutors—all at no cost to cadets.

Career Selection

Prior to graduation, students select areas of interest to pursue upon graduation and commissioning. The Air Force offers practically every career field, including engineering and logistics, personnel and information management, acquisition/contracting and communications, accounting and finance, pilot and navigator, and many others.

Service Commitment

Most scholarship students incur a service obligation their sophomore year. Non-scholarship students incur a service obligation upon successful completion of field training, normally at the start of their junior year in college. Active duty service commitments are four years upon entering active duty. Service commitments for pilots and navigators are longer.

Extracurricular Activities

There are many extracurricular activities you can choose from, such as aircraft orientation flights, flag-raising at home football games (with free admission to the game for participating cadets), Air Force base visits, air shows, drill team/color guard, intramural sports teams, and more. Summer programs available on a volunteer basis include flying Air Force gliders, free-fall parachuting, combat survival training, shadowing an AF officer either in the United States or overseas, and many others. Students may also voluntarily participate in AFROTC-related student organizations, including our nationally recognized Arnold Air Society.

Eligibility Requirements

Basic AFROTC membership requirements:

- Full-time student status
- U.S. citizenship (for scholarship, enlistment, and commissioning)
- Passing the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT)
- Meeting academic, moral, and physical standards

Registration

Freshman students interested in Air Force ROTC may enroll in the appropriate one-credit-hour course, depending on the quarter they want to start the program:

Autumn quarter: Air Science 101

Winter quarter: Air Science 102

Spring quarter: Air Science 103

Sophomores and juniors should contact the Air Science Department to ensure they start with the correct Air Science course and, if necessary, to get a prerequisite waiver.

Minor in Air Science

Cadets who complete all 200-400 series Air Science courses may be eligible to receive a Minor in Air Science; but must do the following:

- Maintain an overall 2.0 GPA in courses comprising the minor
- Attain a grade of C- or higher in all minor courses

Cadets who fail an Air Science course may be removed from the program and, as a result, become ineligible for the Air Science Minor. Students should declare their minor prior to accumulating 90 total credit hours.

AFROTC at Ohio State is a challenging yet rewarding leadership development experience. If you would like to become an Air Force officer or would like more information, contact the AFROTC unit at (614) 292-5441, visit 353 Converse Hall, or check out afrotc.osu.edu.

Naval ROTC

■ nrotc.osu.edu

The Navy-Marine Corps ROTC Program is designed to professionally qualify and commission college graduates as ensigns in the United States Navy or as second lieutenants in the United States Marine Corps. NROTC members lead essentially the same campus life as other undergraduates. Enrolled students take specific professional courses each quarter that are geared to their normal advancement in the university. The curriculum encompasses Naval subjects from seamanship to fleet operations. The courses are fully accredited and taught by professional Naval officers.

Scholarship Program

Two-, three-, and four-year scholarship programs reward graduates with a commission in the regular Navy or Marine Corps. Students participate in summer travel to countries in the Western Pacific and Mediterranean as well as selected areas in the United States. Technical majors are encouraged for all students in order to better qualify them for the challenges and opportunities presented in the

Navy and Marine Corps; however, all majors are welcomed. NROTC scholarships are also available to students interested in pursuing bachelor of science degrees in nursing.

Financial Assistance

The Scholarship Program pays for tuition and required fees and pays a fixed amount for textbooks. It also provides a monthly tax-free payment of \$250 for freshmen, \$300 for sophomores, \$350 for juniors, and \$400 for seniors. The College Program (non-scholarship) provides the same monthly tax-free payment in the junior and senior years. Three-year scholarships can be earned by students in the program who achieve a competitive GPA and complete Math 151 in their first year. Each quarter, the Naval ROTC program offers monetary incentives for students who excel academically and physically.

Service Selection

Prior to graduation, a student selects an area of interest to pursue upon graduation. For Navy-option students, the basic opportunities include surface nuclear power, subsurface nuclear power, conventional surface warfare, and aviation warfare. For Marine-option students, opportunities include ground and aviation warfare. Nurse-option students are commissioned as officers in the Navy Nurse Corps.

Service Obligation

College Program: three years active duty. Scholarship: four to 10 years active duty, depending on the area of interest chosen during service selection.

There is no military or financial obligation incurred until commencing the second year of academic study for scholarship students and the third year for College Program students.

Extracurricular Activities

A wide variety of optional activities are offered during the year, including a band, rifle, and pistol team; drill team; professional specialty clubs; honoraria yearbook; intramurals; picnics and social dances; and special indoctrination trips consisting of visits to Navy and Marine Corps bases.

Eligibility Requirements

Basic requirements:

- Maximum age of 27 on June 30 of the year of graduation
- Academically, morally, mentally, and physically qualified
- U.S. citizen

Registration

Scholarship and non-scholarship students may enroll in the NROTC program by scheduling the following courses during the indicated quarter:

Autumn quarter: Naval Science 111

Winter quarter: Naval Science 121

Spring quarter: Naval Science 131

For more information about the NROTC program visit the Naval ROTC unit in 100 Converse Hall or call (614) 292-6015.

Army ROTC

■ arotc.osu.edu

Army ROTC is an elective course students take in college alongside their other classes, such as math, English, or history. But it is the one college course that gives students hands-on training and development in leadership, managerial skills, self-confidence, and physical fitness.

While in ROTC, students lead the life of a normal college student but enjoy the added bonus of adventure training in rappelling, water survival, basic rifle marksmanship, rope bridges, and much more. Upon completion of the course and graduation from Ohio State, cadets in Army ROTC earn a commission as second lieutenant in the active Army, National Guard, or Army Reserves. Best of all, there is no obligation to start.

The Basic Course

As cadets in the basic course (freshman and sophomore years), students can take Army ROTC classes with absolutely no military obligation. Introductory courses teach the fundamentals of leadership along with the organization of the U.S. military and basic soldiering skills. Plus, students are also eligible for the many exciting extracurricular and social activities within Ohio State's Army ROTC program.

The Advanced Course

If students decide to pursue a commission in the Army, they will be enrolled in the advanced course (junior and senior years) and begin to collect the \$350–400 nontaxable monthly stipend given to all advanced course cadets.

Much of the involvement during the junior year includes leadership training in small-unit tactics in preparation for the National Advanced Leaders Course, a five-week course in leadership held at Fort Lewis, Washington. During advanced camp, students undergo realistic training and evaluation on Army weapons systems, tactics, and other tasks. Leadership skills are cultivated and enhanced. Upon return to campus for the senior year, students apply the skills they learned at advanced camp. They are then assigned the task of planning, executing, and assessing training for all the cadets of the "Buckeye Battalion." This final phase of training has proven to be a highly successful tool in the development of young officers.

What to Expect

Basic course classes are three-hour elective courses held once or twice a week. A leadership laboratory is also part of the program, held Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:18 a.m. This lab is the hands-on part of the program, in which leadership techniques taught in class are put to the test. Also, physical fitness training is held from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., starting in the French Field House every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. While optional for most freshmen and sophomores, fitness training is mandatory for juniors and seniors. All books, uniforms, and equipment needed for the course are provided free of charge.

Tuition Assistance

Army ROTC has four-, three-, and two-year scholarships selected at Ohio State. Scholarships provide tuition and required fees, \$600 per year for books, and a \$250–400 per month stipend for every month students are in an Army ROTC class. Also, contracted cadets who are successful in academics (3.2 GPA or higher per quarter) are offered academic incentive awards ranging from \$100 to \$500.

Special Training

Qualified students who desire can participate in the U.S. Army Airborne School, the Air Assault School, or shadow an Active Duty 2LT in our cadet "shadow" program.

Extracurricular Activities

Activities include flag-raising detail during football games in Ohio Stadium or at basketball games, ranger force and ranger challenge teams, rifle team, Pershing rifles drill and ceremony team, a tour of the Gettysburg battlefield, and many more.

How to Get Started

Giving Army ROTC a try is as easy as registering for any other course. Incoming freshmen should simply add the class Military Science 101, 102, or 103 when they schedule courses during orientation. Sophomores or juniors should call (614) 292-6075 or stop by 253 Converse Hall for more information. You can also visit arotc.osu.edu.

Student Advocacy Center

■ osu.edu/advocacy

The Student Advocacy Center is designed to assist students at those times when they are finding it difficult to navigate a particular situation. The center's staff answers questions, directs students to the appropriate departments and people, familiarizes students with university policies and procedures, and gives guidance in ways to solve problems and make choices.

The Student Advocacy Center helps students find their place at the university. The center's goal is to help reduce barriers so that students can focus on their classes, make important decisions about their futures, and achieve their dreams of a college degree.

Call the Student Advocacy Center at (614) 292-1111 or visit the center at 1120 Lincoln Tower. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays during the academic year.

Student Housing Legal Clinic

■ moritzlaw.osu.edu/shlc

The Student Housing Legal Clinic (SHLC) provides legal advice and representation to Ohio State students with landlord/tenant concerns. The SHLC seeks to improve the quality of off-campus housing for Ohio State students through legal representation and to educate Ohio State students about their legal rights and responsibilities with regard

to landlord/tenant issues so that students can identify, resolve, and prevent legal problems whenever possible.

SHLC staff is available to meet with students to discuss their legal rights and responsibilities with regard to landlord/tenant issues. Students can make appointments online at moritzlaw.osu.edu/shlc. SHLC staff can explain lease terms, answer questions about rent escrow or filing in small claims court, help negotiate with landlords, or give advice about drafting letters and notices that are required by law.

If advice is not enough, SHLC has attorneys and certified legal interns to represent students in landlord/tenant disputes in the Franklin County courts. SHLC does not charge for legal representation, but students may be required to pay certain filing fees and court costs.

Preventing legal problems through education is an important goal of SHLC. To this end, SHLC staff is available to conduct free lectures, workshops, and seminars on landlord/tenant issues for university organizations and classes. In addition, informational publications and forms are available in the SHLC office and on the SHLC web site to aid students in their understanding of landlord/tenant law in Ohio.

The SHLC office is located at 33 West 11th Ave., Suite 209, across from the Moritz College of Law. For more information, visit the SHLC web site, moritzlaw.osu.edu/shlc.

Younkin Success Center

■ younkinsuccess.osu.edu

The Younkin Success Center is a collaboration of campus units dedicated to facilitating and achieving success for all Ohio State students and faculty by providing assistance in a variety of areas such as learning and teaching assistance, career counseling, and personal and social counseling. There are seven units housed in the center: Career Connection, Counseling and Consultation Service (see Wellness and Safety), Faculty and TA Development, Walter E. Dennis Learning Center (see Academics), Student-Athlete Support Services, Student Life Learner Initiatives, and Success Support Resources and Services.

Offices with additional information in this guide are noted in parentheses. Consult the index for specific section and page. The following web sites are for areas that have offices or hold office hours in the Younkin:

Career Connection, careerconnection.osu.edu

Counseling and Consultation Service, ccs.osu.edu

Faculty and TA Development, ftad.osu.edu

I Know I Can, iknowican.org

Mathematics and Statistics Learning Center, mslc.osu.edu

Student Life Learner Initiatives, studentlife.osu.edu

Student-Athlete Support Services Office, sasso.osu.edu

Success Support Resources and Services, younkinsuccess.osu.edu

Walter E. Dennis Learning Center, dennislearningcenter.osu.edu

Success Support Resources and Services

Younkin Success Support Resources and Services supports tutoring and financial resources. The Mathematics and Statistics Learning Center (see Academics) provides evening satellite hours. The I Know I Can office and a veterans peer counseling service also provide services at the Younkin.

Study and computing space is available at the Younkin Success Center. The atrium and Media Resources Library provide areas and study tables for individual and group work. Room 250 becomes a public computing lab Monday through Thursday evenings, Friday afternoons, and all day Sunday. Wireless and plug-in Internet access is provided in the atrium and third-floor public seating areas. Several workstations are available during building hours. The Younkin Success Center remains open for 24-hour study needs during finals week.

The Media Resources Library houses print and electronic resources for students and faculty. Materials include information on careers, teaching, academic advising, self-help, learning, and technology. Items are cataloged in OSCAR and can be checked out with a BuckID.

Career Connection

■ careerconnection.osu.edu

Career Connection's mission is to serve the career development needs of Ohio State students by providing high-quality and diversity-sensitive services through counseling, consultation, and lasting partnerships designed to facilitate learning and advance well-being, purpose, identity development, and citizenship. Its vision is to empower students to make lifelong, responsible, and meaningful choices in a global and dynamic world.

Professional career counselors/consultants assist students achieve successful outcomes by doing the following:

- Connecting students' interests, values, skills, and personality with the world of work
- Aiding development of students' interests by exploring various careers and majors
- Helping students to test their ideas with internships, informational interviews, volunteering, and extracurricular activities
- Providing customized attention to resumes, cover letters, and interviewing skills
- Listening and helping with personal concerns that relate to career decisions
- Helping students make decisions by learning to conduct a job search or plan for graduate or professional school
- Informing students about the university's employment assistance

All undergraduate, graduate, professional, and continuing education students currently enrolled are eligible for services. Limited services are provided to individuals after graduation and during off quarters.

Career Connection is located on the second floor of the Younkin Success Center, behind the glassed-in meeting room. Walk-in hours and appointments are available for students. Further information can be obtained by calling (614) 688-3898.

I Know I Can Program

■ iknowican.org

The I Know I Can program provides support primarily to first-year students who are graduates of Columbus (Ohio) City Schools. All applicants to the I Know I Can program are eligible to receive services through this office. Services focus on assisting with the successful transition from high school to college. Students may utilize I Know I Can staff members to assist with locating academic or financial assistance, as well as general information related to programs and resources available on campus. I Know I Can provides need-based, last-dollar grants to graduates of Columbus City Schools to assist them in earning a bachelor's degree.

The I Know I Can satellite office is located in 210 Younkin Success Center. Office hours change, so it is recommended that students call (614) 469-7044.

Student-Athlete Support Services

■ sasso.osu.edu

Student-Athlete Support Services Office (SASSO) provides a comprehensive program of academic and personal development for student-athletes.

CHAMPS/Life Skills

Ohio State student-athletes are encouraged to become involved in more than just athletics. One of the most innovative and noteworthy initiatives fueling this effort is the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program (Challenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success). To serve our diverse population we follow the five programming commitments of the NCAA model of CHAMPS/Life Skills: academics, athletics, personal development, career development, and community service.

Academic and Athletic Commitments

- **Athletic Academic Counseling Services:**
Available for issues of eligibility and academic procedures in compliance with NCAA, Big 10, and Ohio State Academic standards. Housed in the SASSO office.
- **College Academic Advising Services:**
Offer academic information and planning related to a student's college and major. Housed in the colleges.
- **The Study Table and Tutoring Program:**
Provide students with a quiet place for studying and computer lab use as well as access to private tutoring for many academic subjects.
- **The Success Team program:**
Provides intensive academic skill building by learning specialists, mentors, and tutors.

- **The Degree Completion Program:**
Designed for student-athletes who return to the university to complete their degrees.
- **Priority scheduling:**
Allows student-athletes to schedule classes that accommodate their practice and training times.
- **Strategies for Academic Success Seminars:**
Highlight areas for academic development. Topics include academic misconduct, graduate/professional school admissions, and general study skills.

Personal and Career Development

- **EduPAES courses:**
Offered through The Department of Physical Activity & Education Services (EduPAES), these courses provide insight into issues affecting the personal development of student-athletes and prepare students for the transition out of sports and into the workforce.
- **Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB):**
A student-athlete organization which provides team representation to the Athletic Department and input on department policy and programming.
- **Career Network Night:**
An annual event bringing student-athletes and local professionals together to interact and practice networking and interviewing skills.
- **Buckeye Leadership and Team Training:**
An overnight leadership development/enhancement retreat that includes high ropes courses, general leadership sessions, and initiatives.

Community Service

Community Service opportunities are available to student-athletes throughout the community as well as in schools. Focus is on student-athletes as role models and giving back to the community that supports them.