Academic Services for Student-Athletes (ASSA)

ASSA AT A GLANCE

- Reports through Student Development and Enrollment Services (SDES) with a dotted line to UCFAA
- 10 full time staff members dedicated to working with all 17 Varsity Sports and Cheer/Spirit squad
- 7 graduate assistantships whose primary role is mentoring student-athletes
- Approximately 40 tutors; both undergraduate and graduate students at UCF
- Monitor academic progress and degree requirements for all student-athletes
- Ensure student-athletes are meeting NCAA, C-USA and UCF eligibility and academic benchmarks
- Provide academic support, tutoring, mentoring and one-on-one advising in a structured support program for all student-athletes

2010-11 YEAR IN REVIEW

- Spring 2011 marked the 7th semester in a row that the entire student-athlete body has achieved at least a 3.0 term GPA
- Finished second only to Rice for the highest combined annual GPA in C-USA
- 219 student-athletes were named to the C-USA Commissioner’s Honor Roll for the 2010-11 academic year, 2nd only to Rice who had 220. UCF has had the most student-athletes named to this list of any C-USA school over the past five years
- 34 student-athletes were winners of the C-USA Academic Medal, which honors student-athletes with a 3.75 cumulative GPA or better
- The ASSA Tutoring program was honored as a Model Practice Award Winner by the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics (N4A) at the National Convention in Dallas (June 2011)
- Over half of all varsity sports maintain an Academic Progress Rate (APR) score over the national average for their sport
- Four teams (Women’s Golf, Cross Country, Volleyball and Women’s Tennis) had a perfect 1000 on their APR score during the 09-10 cycle
- The Graduation Success Rate (GSR) for UCF this year is projected to be at 84%, above the national average

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

- Progress Reports—twice a semester
- Missed Class Policy—travel letters
- Academic Advising Council involvement
- Staff and Faculty meetings with ASSA staff during the 2011-12 academic year

MOVING FORWARD—PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS

- Always operate with integrity, accountability and within compliance of all NCAA, C-USA and UCF rules, policies and procedures
- Provide accurate and detailed guidance to student-athletes that will allow them to use ASSA and University resources in an effort to maintain progress towards their degree and to leave the university with a holistic experience and skillset they can employ in their future endeavors
- To produce the highest combined GPA and combined C-USA Commissioners Honor Roll recipients in the entire conference
- To continue to exceed the NCAA’s required benchmarks related to eligibility, Academic Progress Rate, Graduation Success Rates and overall federal graduation rates. In addition, to become a nationally recognized program for excellence pertaining to the student-athlete academic experience
- To foster and promote increased student-athlete engagement with campus faculty, programming and independence in decision-making