

Academic Services for Student-Athletes

ACADEMIC HONORS PROGRAM

Overview

The Academic Honors Program for Student-Athletes is designed to provide student-athletes, who consistently perform at the highest level in both athletics and in the classroom, with support and services so that they may achieve their fullest academic and athletic potential. The students in the Academic Honors Program for Student-Athletes represent high-caliber individuals who take tremendous pride in their accomplishments, strive for excellence, and heighten the athletic and academic successes at the University.

Notre Dame is one of the first universities in the nation to offer a program that demonstrates this level of dedication to enhancing and recognizing the academic accomplishments of student-athletes. The Program exemplifies the discipline, determination, and spirit that are instilled in our student population.

Mentor Component

A key aspect of the Academic Honors Program is the Faculty Mentor component. Each student-athlete in the Program is paired with a faculty member. The goal of the mentor relationship is to foster academic excellence, professional development, and individual growth for the student-athlete. The student and mentor may meet one-on-one as often as they choose throughout the academic year.

The faculty mentor helps provide:

- insight into the student's focus,
- guidance toward related internships and career options,
- proactive information regarding various awards, honors, postgraduate scholarship opportunities, and
- research and insight about areas of graduate studies.

Events & Activities

- Individualized mentoring and guidance from University elite faculty
- Invitation to awards banquet, dinners and other informal gatherings
- Resume and other portfolio development
- Informational and educational programs and discussions
- Postgraduate scholarship forums
- On-campus and community leadership opportunities
- Expanded networking opportunities: career contacts, personal references, and subject-matter experts
- Community outreach programs
- Ongoing assistance with scholarship preparation and application processes

Criteria for the Ideal Honors Candidate

The Honors Committee annually reviews and selects outstanding student-athletes for invitation into the Program. Coaches, academic counselors and faculty members identify potential candidates. These students interview with the Honors Committee before selection is made.

Some of the specific criteria for consideration are:

- Outstanding academic record
- Superior athletic accomplishments and potential
- Strong personal recommendations
- Exceptional citizenship and leadership involvement