

ASSA Fall 2020 Operating Guidelines

Given the current circumstances, offering “academic services” in our traditional format is obviously not possible. As a result, the following operating guidelines allow for ASSA staff to work meaningfully with student-athletes, coaches and faculty while also promoting health.

- Academic Counseling sessions
 - Academic counseling sessions will be exclusively remote as they can be conducted with adequate efficacy through Zoom or FaceTime, even for students exhibiting global and/or acute academic distress.
- Learning Specialist sessions
 - Learning specialist skill development sessions will be exclusively remote through Zoom or FaceTime.
- Content Tutoring sessions
 - All content tutoring will be done exclusively through Zoom sessions. There will be no dedicated space in which these sessions will occur. In addition, there will be a strict “one screen per student-athlete” policy to ensure distancing during tutoring sessions conducted with more than one tutee.
- Transition Program for First Year student-athletes will replace traditional study hall. ASSA will provide a structured, transitional experience emphasizing an arrangement of organized resources rather than what we might normally typify as “study hall.” These resources include:
 - Semester-at-a-glance organization system done in detail and updated regularly
 - Consistent (weekly) remote content tutoring (based on class schedule)
 - Remote Writing Center sessions
 - Weekly remote academic counselor check-ins
 - Encouraged use of professor office hours
 - Additionally, for some student-athletes:
 - Writing Tutorial
 - Learning Specialist sessions (remote)
 - Strategy Tutoring (remote)
 - Remote study time monitored by academic counselors
- Allocated Monitored Study Space for Student-Athletes
 - There will not be allocated space in Coleman-Morse or in any satellite location that is monitored and reserved for quiet structured study.
- Meetings with prospective student-athletes
 - If prospects are permitted to come to campus at some point in the fall semester, counselors in ASSA will meet with prospects and their families exclusively through Zoom and FaceTime.

A natural consequence of these changes will be a format without physical presence; student-athletes will not be permitted to access ASSA office space in Coleman Morse and our staff will not be making physical appearances at team facilities for Case Management meetings or meetings with coaches and student-athletes. Any need for exceptions to these guidelines should be brought to Pat Holmes's attention, and as the director of ASSA, he can provide guidance as to how we can best accommodate unique needs brought on by unforeseen circumstances.