“A college experience for a true student-athlete. Become a difference-maker.”
Academic Advising for Athletics

• Advising
• Mentoring
• Tutoring
• Grade Cards
• Professor Correspondence
• Eligibility
Advising

- 4 Full-Time Advisors
- Consider interests, academic abilities and athletics schedule
- Inside scoop on classes and professors
- Look up grade distribution
- Create a balanced schedule considering difficulty, professor, amount of writing, types of exams, etc.
- Assist student-athletes select classes
Earning Your Rice Degree

- 120 Credit Hours (for a BA)
- Distribution Courses
- Major Courses
- LPAP (Lifetime Physical Activity Program)
- Drop
- Pass/Fail
College Lingo

• How many hours are you taking?
  – 15 credit hours = 5 classes

• Why are credit hours important?
  – BA- 120 hours to graduate (15 hrs per semester)
  – BS- Varies based on major (131-157 hrs)
  – NCAA Rules & Regulations
    • Must be enrolled in 12 hrs to be eligible

• Unique Rice Advantages
  – Drop
  – Pass/Fail
Drop a Class

• Late Drop
  – 1st semester- Can drop until last day of class.
  – Other semesters- Can drop until 7 weeks into the semester

• Benefits
  – Lost credit, but doesn’t hurt GPA
  – Most likely to drop Freshman year over other years
  – Most likely to drop in-season rather than out of season
  – Does not show up on transcript
Pass/Fail a Class

- Earn the credit hours, but the grade is not factored into GPA
- Have 7 weeks to designate P/F
- Can change P/F back to a grade at end of semester
- Each student has 4 to use throughout college career
- Can only use 1 per semester
Rice Offers 55 Majors

- Economics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- English
- History
- Kinesiology
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Art History
- Visual Arts
- Sport Management
- Sport Medicine
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Earth Science
- Math
- Bioengineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Mechanical Engineering
- AND MORE.....
Distribution Courses

- Provides a well rounded education
- Good balance with your major courses
- Selectivity with your classes
  - Play to your strengths
- Must take 4 courses in each group
- Many major courses can count as distribution courses
Distribution Courses

• Group 1
  – Humanities
    • English, Foreign Language, Art, Music, Religion, History, Philosophy, etc.

• Group 2
  – Social Sciences
    • Psychology, Sociology, Economics, Political Science, etc.

• Group 3
  – Natural Sciences
    • Math, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Engineering, etc.
Double Major

- Roughly 1/3 student-athletes are double majors
- Certain majors will decrease total number of required classes
- Secondary Majors
  - Managerial Studies
  - Policy Studies

- Minors
  - Business
  - Computational and Applied Math
  - Sociology
  - Global Health Technologies
  - Financial Computation and Modeling
  - Energy and Water Sustainability
  - Jewish Studies
  - Poverty, Justice and Human Capabilities
Tutoring

• Tutorial Sessions
  – One-on-one tutoring
  – Group review sessions
  – Drop in

• Tutor Coordinator
  – We provide tutor contact information to you
  – We pay for your tutoring sessions

• Available for any class

• Fellows and Mentors in colleges are also a good resource
Grade Cards

• Freshman Year
  – 3 per semester
• Each year after
  – 2 per semester
• Grade cards on EVERY student-athlete
• Open communication between advisor, student and coaches
Mentoring

Formal Mentoring Freshman Year

- Help get acclimated to Rice
- Study Strategies
- Time Management
- Organizational Skills
- Monitor course progress
- Tackle an issue before it becomes a problem
Informal Mentoring Throughout College

- Discuss classes/ major
- Review Cover Letter & Resume
- Discuss internship/ graduate school
- Write letters of recommendation
- Life beyond the hedges
Student-Athlete Development

- Director of Student-Athlete Development
  - Personal Development
  - Professional Development
  - Community Service
  - SAAC/Leadership Opportunities
  - Campus Relations
- Networking/Alumni Contacts
- Career Services Office on campus
- Career Investigation Panel
- Resume/Interview Workshops
Student-Athlete Awards

- Academic All-American
- Athletic-Academic Awards
- Rice Awards
- Conference & Regional Awards
- NCAA Awards
- Scholar Athletes
- Post Graduate Scholarships
New Facility in 2009

- $27 million renovation
- $100,000 Computer Grant
- Only for student-athletes
- Study conducive environment
What Makes Rice a Special Place?

- About 3,800 undergraduate students
- Faculty-student ratio 6:1
- Average class size is 15
- Unique College System
- New facilities in 2009
  - Tudor Fieldhouse, 2 New Colleges, New Recreation Center
Questions?

IT’S R TIME

See the “Meet the Team” page if you would like to contact an Academic Advisor.

If you are a prospective student-athlete, please register with the NCAA Eligibility Center

http://eligibilitycenter.org