About the Program

- The Norse have won nine conference championships.
- The Norse have appeared in two NAIA and four NCAA Division III national tournaments.
- Collectively, 56 players have been named to all-conference teams 92 times, including four conference MVPs and three defensive players of the year.

- Two student-athletes have been named two-time CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, and two have been named NCAA Postgraduate Scholars.
- Since 1993, 37 student-athletes have been named to the IIAC Winter Sports all-academic team (3.5 GPA or higher).

Program Snapshot

From 2010–14, our program had the best four-year stretch in school history, posting 71 wins. In addition, we were the most successful program in the Iowa Conference, winning 46 regular season and tournament games during this same stretch. Our success has been due to great leadership and chemistry among our players. We always strive to play great defense and to be unselfish on the offensive end.

We play a top-notch schedule featuring some of the elite NCAA Division III teams in the country. We have a tradition of traveling out of state—to Hawaii, Texas, and California—to compete in tournaments throughout the year.

Our facilities are some of the finest in the Midwest—four hardwood floors, 24 baskets, and two synthetic courts provide not only an optimal place to work out but also a consistent practice time throughout the season.

Our basketball program also promotes its successful junior varsity program, which helps develop high school players into solid Iowa Conference performers.

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- Tenth season as head coach
- Norse have captured two of the last five conference titles (2011 and 2013) and recorded 71 wins from 2010–14
- His teams were the most successful in the Iowa Conference from 2010–14, winning 46 regular season and tournament games
- Took over Norse basketball program after serving two years as head coach at Nebraska Wesleyan University
- Formerly an assistant coach at Wartburg College (1998–2004) and Coe College (1996–98)
- Native of Denver, Iowa, and a 1994 graduate of Wartburg College, he was a member of the Knights 1992–93 Iowa Conference championship team

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Luther Men’s Basketball

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Outstanding Athletics Facilities

Outdoor Facilities
• Carlson Stadium—5,000 seats; football field; eight-lane, 400-meter polyurethane-surface track with two directional approaches for pole vault and all jumping events; two shot put circles; discus/hammer cage; and multi-directional javelin-throwing areas
• Twelve tennis courts adjacent to Carlson Stadium
• Irrigated practice facilities and soccer-only stadium equipped with dugouts, stadium seating with a capacity of 500, perimeter fencing, and lighting for night matches
• Irrigated baseball and softball diamonds with seating capacity of 500
• 2.5-mile on-campus fitness trail allowing home cross country meets
• Chipping and putting green with adjacent driving range

Indoor Facilities
• Three full-sized basketball courts with seating capacity of 3,000; also used for volleyball and wrestling competitions
• 4,250-square-foot Paul Solberg Wrestling Complex
• New state-of-the-art, 25-yard, eight-lane pool with separate one-meter and three-meter diving well
• 200-meter, six-lane polyurethane-surface track, with easily accessible elevated walkway allowing for up to 400 spectators
• Six tennis courts
• Year-round training facility for baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, and football
• 10,000-square-foot Legends Fitness for Life Center featuring cardiovascular-conditioning machines, free weights, weight machines, climbing wall, computer lab, and social area

Over a Century of Athletic Excellence
• 232 IIAC championships won by Luther
• 162 men’s championships
• 70 women’s championships
• 110 NCAA Division III national tournament appearances
• 22 Men’s All-Sport Championships
• 8 Women’s All-Sport Championships
• 19 varsity sports—largest sponsorship in the IIAC
• 28 individual national champions
• 321 All-America Honors
• 38 NCAA Postgraduate Scholars
• 58 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans
• 1,800 All-Academic honors earned since 1993 (3.5 GPA or higher on 4.0 scale)

Luther Quick Facts
• Four-year liberal arts college affiliated with the Lutheran church (ELCA)
• National affiliation: NCAA Division III
• Conference affiliation: Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Luther Quality
• Our retention rate is the highest in the Iowa Conference.
• 12:1 student/faculty ratio
• A Phi Beta Kappa chapter recognizes academic excellence. (Few colleges in the United States can claim this distinction.)

Luther Students
• Luther has 2,400 full-time undergraduate students from 40 states and 61 countries—the largest student body in the Iowa Conference.
• Luther is not a suitecase college—nearly all of our students live on campus and stay over the weekends, engaging in numerous campus activities.

Luther Education
• Luther delivers a liberal arts education, teaching critical-thinking and lifelong-learning skills.
• All Luther students participate in distinctive, hands-on learning: internships, research, study abroad, student teaching, or service learning.
• Luther graduates have excellent placement rates—about 98 percent of graduates are employed, enrolled in graduate school, or engaged in an internship or volunteer service within eight months of graduation.

Luther Financial Aid
• Ninety-eight percent of students receive financial assistance.

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