Football

About the Program

- Luther’s offensive philosophy is to utilize a flexbone triple option running attack that is a very physical style of play. The passing game will rely on play action fakes to create big plays.
- Luther defensive philosophy is to use multiple fronts, blitzes, and coverages to create a defense that is aggressive and physical from a base 4-2-5.

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- Third year as head coach
- Took over Luther football program after spending seven years at William Penn University as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach
- In 2014 the Norse offensive unit finished second in the NCAA III for rushing yards per game (340.9) and set the single season school record with 3,409 yards.
- Twice during his tenure at William Penn University he was named the Midwest League Assistant Coach of the Year.
- His offensive units were consistently ranked in the top five nationally from 2008–12.
- In 2010 his squad set an NAIA national single-season rushing record of 4,476 yards.
- Prior to joining the William Penn football staff, he spent eight years coaching high school football in Missouri that included helping Webb City High School to a Class 4A state championship in 2000.

Luther special teams are emphasized to gain advantages in field position and to create game-changing plays.
- Norse Football is part of the total development mission of Luther College.
- With 2,500 students, Luther is the largest school in the Iowa Conference.

Why Luther College?

Developing Men of Character and Integrity

1. Nationally acclaimed academic programs. Luther College provides quality academic programs that will prepare our students for their future endeavors. The academic programs appeal to both employers and graduate schools.

2. Faith and family values. Students at Luther will be able to trust and feel comfortable within the culture they create. The family values that many experience at home will expand to your Luther family during your time spent in college. There are many opportunities to join multiple organizations on the Luther campus.

3. Disciplined academic and athletic culture. We provide our students with a disciplined culture to prepare them to reach their maximum potential. Creating a balance between academics, athletics, and their social life will be important to provide a well-rounded college experience.

4. Teamwork and toughness. All players will be guided and challenged to succeed athletically and academically. Working well together allows us to have team success. We value toughness on the playing field and also in our everyday life. The idea of being tough is important when it comes to balancing academics, football, and the student/athlete’s social life.

5. Performing in front of the Norse Nation. The Norse Nation provides one of the best home-field advantages in the Iowa Conference, averaging over 1,900 fans per game.

Football Visits

- To set up a visit, contact the Luther Admissions Office at (800) 458-8437.
- Let our Admissions Office know you are interested in football.

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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

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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