Soccer

About the Program
• Overall record in the last four years of 58–16–8
• In 2014, five players were named NSCAA All-Region
• In 2014, Luther was nationally ranked for 10 consecutive weeks
• The Norse have won eight league titles.

Program Snapshot
Soccer at Luther has flourished since its start in 1989. The Norse have been consistently ranked regionally while capturing eight Iowa Conference titles. Seven players have been named conference Most Valuable Player, 14 players have been selected a combined 22 times to the NSCAA All-Region team, and numerous players have been selected to the all-conference team. During the 2013 season, Luther made its seventh trip to the NCAA Division III National Tournament. In 1998 and 2001 the Norse advanced to the NCAA National Quarterfinals and received a top-10 final ranking. During the 2014 campaign, Luther was nationally ranked for 10 consecutive weeks.

A competitive 22-game schedule, top-notch facilities, and a passionate and knowledgeable coaching staff make Luther a great place to continue your soccer career and have an opportunity to play for a national title. Three practice fields and a separate grass game field with lights, scoreboard, dugouts, and spectator seating provide some of the best facilities in the Midwest as well as a great environment.

The foundation of our program will be talented, hardworking players driven to succeed. The competitive environment and high standards within the program provide our players an opportunity to continuously improve and develop over the course of their four years. Luther soccer players will be stretched to their full potential.

JAMES GARCIA-PRATS, HEAD COACH

• Eighth year as head coach
• 2011 NSCAA North Region Coach of the Year (on the ballot for National Coach of the Year)
• Coached 15 athletes who have earned a combined 21 all-conference honors; one league MVP; 11 athletes voted All-North Region a combined 13 times; four All-American honors
• During the 2013 campaign, Garcia-Prats led Luther to an overall record of 15–6–1 and a second Iowa Conference championship (2011 and 2013). The Norse also made their seventh appearance in the NCAA III National Championships, advancing to the second round.
• In 2011 Luther led the NCAA III for goals-against-average, allowing eight goals in 2,144 minutes of action for a single-season school record GAA of 0.33. The Norse also established a single-season school record with 15 shutouts and out-scored their league opponents 19–0, becoming the first IIAC men’s program to go through the conference season without being scored upon.
• Prior to the Norse program, was assistant soccer coach for Trinity University, one of the top NCAA Division III programs in the country.

2015–16
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
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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 suite 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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