About the Program

- Luther has won eight conference titles.
- Luther has posted winning records in 42 of the past 46 years.
- The squad has made 16 NCAA Division III regional appearances and seven NCAA Division III national tournament appearances.
- Collectively, 69 players have earned 122 all-conference honors, including six conference MVPs.
- Collectively, 21 players have earned 24 All-American selections.
- The Norse have had 12 CoSIDA Academic All-American selections.
- Since 1993, the Norse have earned 88 Iowa Conference Spring sports all-academic team honors (3.5 cumulative GPA or higher).

Program Snapshot

Each year, more than 400 Division III softball teams hope to make it to the NCAA Tournament, but only 62 teams earn that opportunity. Of those 62 teams, only eight qualify for the National Championships. It is an experience a student-athlete never forgets, and a memory that the players at Luther will have forever.

Starting the 2015 season with 24 straight wins was just one highlight of the past year. The team held the No. 1 spot in the Midwest Region NCAA rankings all year and consistently was ranked No. 4 in the national Top 25 Poll during the 2015 season. The squad went undefeated in league play and won the Iowa Conference Championship on its own diamond after a sweep of the University of Dubuque in late April.

Hosting the six-team IIAC tournament in Decorah as No. 1 seed, the Norse fell short in the championship game. The team won the title game four of the past six years.

On the NCAA’s Selection Monday, Luther was called to host as the No. 1 seed in one of two Midwest regional sites. Big wins over the College of St. Scholastica (MN) and the University of St. Thomas (MN) propelled the Norse into the championship series against Oregon’s Linfield College. The season ended a bit earlier than the Norse dreamed that afternoon and the team ended the season ranked No. 13 in the final national poll. Luther also finished as NCAA Division III statistical leaders in team on-base percentage (.458) and doubles (99, 2.25 per game).

Team success typically comes with great individual recognition. In the last eight seasons, the Norse have earned 16 All-American honors. In 2015 alone, eight Luther players were named to the All-Iowa Conference team and six players made the All-Midwest Region team. Sophomore Amanda Witzlib was named Iowa Conference Pitcher-of-the-Year. Senior outfielder Hiliary Pennington and junior catcher Carli Radil were named NFCA All-Americans and senior outfielder Kelsey Rose was named a First Team Academic All-American.
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; discuss/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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