

Wrestling

About the Program

- Luther has had 82 wrestling All-Americans.
- In the past nine years, the Norse have had 34 All-Americans, eight national champions, 28 Scholar All-Americans, and two NCAA Postgraduate Scholars.
- Twelve Norse wrestlers have been crowned national champions, and 10 have been national runners-up.
- Luther placed third at the 2005 and 2004 NCAA Division III National Championships; fourth in 2007, 2006, and 2001; and fifth in 2003.

- Luther finished third at the 2006 NWCA National Duals, fourth in 2005, and fifth in 2007 and 2003.
- In the past five seasons the Norse have had 34 national qualifiers, 20 All-Americans, six national champions, and seven NCAA finalists.
- The Norse train in the 4,250-square-foot Paul Solberg Wrestling Complex, one of the finest Division III facilities in the nation.



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- 14th year as head coach
- Named National NCAA Division III Coach of the Year in 2004
- Named Iowa Conference Coach of the Year in 2008, 2004, 2002, and 1999
- Luther has placed in the top five in the country six times in the last nine years—finishing third in 2005 and 2004; fourth in 2007, 2006, and 2001; and fifth in 2003
- Has posted a dual-meet record of 163–72–6
- Has coached 41 All-Americans, eight national champions, four national runner-ups, 31 Scholar All-Americans, two NCAA Postgraduate Scholars, and one three-time CoSIDA Scholar All-American
- Was an All-American, WIAC league MVP, and two-time NCAA Division III Academic All-American wrestler for UW–La Crosse

Program Snapshot

When do you need to wrestle your best? At the end of the year during the season championships! The Luther wrestling program has earned a reputation of preparing their wrestlers to do exactly that. Year after year Luther wrestlers finish at or above their seeds at the IIAC and NCAA championships. Consistently performing well when it counts has helped establish the Luther wrestling program as one of the premier programs in NCAA Division III. Also unique to Luther College is the team-oriented approach the program takes. That team emphasis provides student-athletes with a fun atmosphere in which to train and compete, making wrestling at Luther an experience they cherish long after their wrestling careers are over. So if you are a great wrestler with interests beyond wrestling who wants to peak at the right time, Luther College might be the place for you!



Matt Pyle, two-time national champion, 2007 Outstanding Wrestler of IIAC and NCAA III National Championships



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