

NCAA division III athletics

Many high school athletes dream of making it into Division I or II athletics, even though it can mean less playing time, little time for a well-rounded college experience, and only a slim chance of going professional. For some athletes, the risk is worth it—or they are elite athletes attending college mainly to play their sport.

For other athletes, committing to being a student-athlete at a Division III institution can mean athletic excellence, a valuable college experience and the best outcomes. Division III athletes have the opportunity to do it all.

Further, DIII student-athletes often perform better than non-athletes in other areas of their lives, both in college and after graduation. According to recent Gallup studies of former DIII student-athletes:

- >> **DIII student-athletes** report thriving at greater rates on measures of purpose, social, community and physical well-being than their non-athlete peers.
- >> **63%** of former DIII student-athletes held a leadership position in a club or organization, compared with **38%** of non-athletes.
- >> DIII student-athletes earned a postgraduate degree at a higher rate (**41%**) than their non-athlete peers (**37%**).
- >> **90%+** of DIII student-athletes report that their college athletics experience had a positive or very positive effect on personal competencies such as work ethic, responsibility, teamwork and goal setting.

For the athlete who wants to grow in every aspect of their life and broaden their career path, Division III can be the way to go.



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Augustana is in the top 1% among all divisions of the NCAA for number of Academic All-Americans—student-athletes who excel equally in academics and athletics.

This doesn't happen by chance. Being a varsity athlete at Augustana means you'll have the support of your team and your coach, as well as a customized network of professors, mentors and advisors. This is your Success Team. Many faculty members are academic mentors for specific athletic teams.

Nearly one-third of Augustana students compete in one of 28 NCAA DIII sports or varsity-level esports. Within six months of graduation for the Class of 2025, 95% of graduates overall were employed, in graduate school or taking a purposeful gap year—but for student-athletes it was 100%.

The Augustana Vikings win on the playing field, in class and throughout their lives.