

# INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

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## Athletic Programs

Intercollegiate athletic programs are an integral part of American college life. At Liberty, athletics constitutes a vital segment of the area of physical education and an integral part of the total University program.

Liberty offers 20 NCAA Division I athletics programs, giving student-athletes the opportunity to compete at the highest level of intercollegiate athletics. The Flames have been a NCAA Division I program since 1988 with 16 of their 20 sports participating as members of Conference USA (Exceptions: Field Hockey – BIG EAST Conference; Men's Soccer - Ohio Valley Conference; Women's Lacrosse - ASUN Conference Women's Swimming & Diving – ASUN Conference).

The men's and women's programs offer scholarship aid according to NCAA Division I standards. All interested students are encouraged to contact the head coach of the athletics program of interest. For more information, visit the official Flames website at <http://www.LibertyFlames.com>.

## Men

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Track and Field (Indoor and Outdoor)

## Women

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track and Field (Indoor and Outdoor)
- Volleyball

## Academic Affairs For Athletics

The primary mission of Academic Affairs for Athletics at Liberty University is to provide continuous academic, athletic, social, and spiritual development for each student-athlete. Utilizing the expertise of our staff in collaboration with institutional programs at Liberty University, our student-athletes receive professional advising, career and academic skill development, tutoring, and mentoring services. Our program assists student-athletes in finding and maintaining a balance between the demands of athletics and academics while preparing them as socially responsible individuals for life after athletics.

## Cheerleading

**Nicholas Thomason, Head Coach**

## Mission and Philosophy

The mission of the Liberty University cheerleading squad is first to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ in everything, including and especially through cheerleading. Second, Liberty University cheerleaders are ambassadors for the university who are to reflect the spiritual, academic, social, emotional and physical values and expectations of the university. Third, the Liberty University cheerleading squad is to provide positive support for athletics teams, to serve at various university and community events, and to participate in fundraising activities to support the program. In participating in these activities and events, the cheerleaders will work to improve recognition and loyalty to Liberty University, promote student and fan morale and excitement, and develop and promote the Liberty University cheerleading squad. The team verses are Colossians 3:23-24: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord - It is the Lord Christ you are serving." This passage reflects the standard of excellence for which Liberty University cheerleaders strive in their service to the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Program Structure and Basic Information

The Liberty University cheerleading squad comprises between 16-22 coed stunt couples. The cheerleaders practice 3-4 times per week and workout

2-3 times per week. Game day includes football, volleyball, and basketball games. The top cheerleaders represent Liberty University in the Coed D1A division at the UCA College National Championship in January. The rest of the squad competes at CCA Nationals in March. Partial scholarships are available and are awarded on the basis of skills and character. For more information on the program or the application process, tryout procedures and scholarship aid, please visit us online at [www.LibertyFlames.com/](http://www.LibertyFlames.com/) cheerleading or contact the coaching staff at [cheer@liberty.edu](mailto:cheer@liberty.edu).

## LUnatics

The LUnatics, formerly the Liberty Student Flames Club, exists to promote school spirit, enhance the Game Day atmosphere, and to give the student body an avenue to identify with the University's athletics programs. Membership is only \$20 per year or \$60 for a four-year membership. Membership is available to all residential & online students.

### Member Benefits:

- NEW LUnatics T-Shirt and Sticker
- Premium Football Tailgate Access (per availability)
- Away Game Ticket Purchase Priority
- Early Entry Into Home Football and Men's Basketball Games
- LUnatic Exclusive Events
- Loyalty Points Towards A Post-Grad Membership

*\*Membership and benefits are valid for the 2025-26 academic year.*