Athletics are a huge part of the energy you’ll feel on campus. Because whether you play a sport or not, the minute you step on campus, you’ll be a Eagle for life! We offer 19 NCAA Division III athletics programs that compete in the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference!

Going to college is more than taking classes; it’s building a foundation for community that will help you grow personally and socially! Whether a member of our eSports team, a performer at one of the open mic nights, or even the vice president of student senate, each and every Benedictine student brings their unique talents to help enrich the vibrant campus community. No matter if you are seeking a residential experience or commuting to campus, activating the BenU Experience is limitless!
The Red Thread defines the uniqueness of Benedictine University. It connects us through academic, professional and social interactions. It etches into the fabric of our existence the mission and values we've honored since 1887.

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Our Close-Knit Community

Situated on 108-acres in Lisle, IL, Benedictine’s location provides the best of both worlds! Students can maximize their potential within our safe community, while also taking advantage of the rich urban area of Chicagoland. Located 25 miles west of Chicago, our students are in close proximity to some of the most noted Fortune 100 Companies, Health Care Systems and School Districts in the Midwest which serve our students for excellent internship, research, and job shadowing opportunities. Take advantage of a small campus atmosphere with all the resources of a large school!
Hands-on experiences and tight-knit classes help you build your career around what matters to you. Our faculty members are not only respected experts in their fields, but they also make it their mission to help you hone your strengths and overcome your weaknesses - empowering you to succeed beyond the classroom. Through the Benedictine liberal arts curriculum, you are going to be able to identify passions and build necessary skills to assist you in becoming a life-saving doctor, award winning author or successfully lead a boardroom conversation in the business sector!
“B” Noticed at Benedictine: Student Spotlight

Name: Nathan Klimisch  
Class Year: Sophomore  
Major(s): Health Science - Pre-Med  
Involved In: Men’s Volleyball, American Medical Student Association (AMSA), ACS-SPS Club, and is a Campus Captain and Orientation Leader

Why did you choose to come to Benedictine?

“I chose Benedictine because every time I stepped on campus during the recruitment process, I noticed the family aspect that the faculty and other students embodied. Everyone cares for each other and wants the best for them, and this is something that was very important to me. I also enjoy the small class sizes which make it easier for me to get to know my professor and for my professor to get to know me by name.”

What advice do you have for incoming students?

“Be open to trying new things and stepping out of your comfort zone because a lot of the best memories happen when we take risks and step out of our comfort zone.”

Tell us about the coolest new experience you had the opportunity to participate in as a student at Benedictine.

“Being able to conduct research with Dr. Perez-Morales in which we annotated genes within a phage that was discovered a few years ago was a really great experience to do during my freshman year”.  

As a member of the Men’s Volleyball Team, we made it to the NCAA Division III National Championship match, and being able to make program history and represent BenU on a national stage was an amazing feat!”