# Athletics

## Vision:

The Department of Athletics' vision is to create and support an environment where student-athletes, both in our Corps of Cadets and Civilian lifestyle, can achieve athletic success at the University, Regional and National levels while maintaining a high degree of academic achievement. It is also our goal to nurture loyalty among our graduates through their experiences in athletics.

## Mission:

The Department of Athletics' mission is to provide wellrounded and competitive athletic programs as integral parts of the educational process of the University. We offer equal opportunities for male and female studentathletes to participate in a wide variety of intercollegiate sports programs and adhere to the NCAA Division III rules and philosophy. We monitor the academic progress of our student-athletes and support them in their quest to achieve academic success at the University. We provide services and activities to promote positive health and well-being of all our student-athletes and administer our athletic programs in a way that contributes to the personal development of our student-athletes through the wholeperson concept by fostering the growth of fair play and amateur competition, sportsmanship, leadership, selfdiscipline, personal integrity and social responsibility.

#### Facilities:

The Athletic facilities at Norwich are among the very best in the Northeast. Andrews Hall, the Health, Physical Education, and Sports Center, houses a varsity athletics weight room, classrooms, training, and physical therapy rooms, locker rooms and a 1200-seat basketball arena. The Jacob Shapiro Field House contains a 200-meter, four-lane track; four tennis courts; and a climbing wall. Plumley Armory houses Goodyear Swimming Pool, weight and fitness rooms, a wrestling room, an indoor track, and four basketball courts. Kreitzberg Arena, home to the men and women's ice hockey teams, is a state of the art arena which seats 1410 and can accommodate 5000 spectators for multipurpose events. Sabine Field, an artificial turf field with lights and a 3-lane recreational track, is used for football, soccer and lacrosse. The Dog River Rugby pitch, Garrity Baseball Field, a softball field and several practice fields for athletics and intramural sports complete our athletic facilities.

#### Varsity Sports:

The University sponsors 20 varsity sports for its students, 11 for men and 9 for women. All of the varsity sports teams, with the exception of men's rugby, compete at the NCAA Division III level and are affiliated with one of seven athletic conferences. Norwich is a member of the NCAA, New England Hockey Conference, Great Northeast Athletic Conference, the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference for football, the New England Wrestling Conference, the Rugby Northeast Conference for men, and the National Intercollegiate Rugby Association for women. In recent years, Norwich teams have been regularly found in the national rankings, have won conference titles, and won national championships in men and women's ice hockey, and women's rugby. Sports that are sponsored by Norwich are:

| Men's Sports     | Women's Sports |
|------------------|----------------|
| Cross<br>Country | Cross Country  |
| Basketball       | Basketball     |
| Baseball         | Softball       |
| Football         |                |
| Ice Hockey       | Ice Hockey     |
| Lacrosse         | Lacrosse       |
| Tennis           |                |
| Rugby            | Rugby          |
| Soccer           | Soccer         |

| Swimming & Diving | Swimming & Diving |  |
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| Wrestling         | Volleyball        |  |

### **Club Sports/Intramurals:**

Club sports at Norwich University (http:// catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprogramscatalog/ studentservices/clubs/) do not have varsity status, but participants do travel and compete with teams from outside the University. Recreational clubs offer students an opportunity to pursue other enjoyable athletic activities. Intramural sports allow students to participate in athletic and activities throughout the school year.