

## NCAA Nordic Programs

For all skiing programs the NCAA is broken into three Associations. Each of these associations runs a series of events in order to select their representatives at the NCAA championships, held in March. Below is a high level outline of what is available in each association. As with all such information, there is no substitute for having direct conversations with coaches and skiers in the various programs as each program varies in its quality and emphasis.

## Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association

The EISA is made up of 12 Nordic programs. The programs vary in size and emphasis many compete in the broader USSA/NENSA competitive opportunities. For the NCAA there are 6 carnivals per season, first two are open, last four are restricted to 6 men and 6 women from each school. All Divisions compete in the same competitions. Those programs that provide a broader level of support are underlined...

### Division I

- Dartmouth College
- Harvard University
- University of New Hampshire
- University of Vermont
- Williams College

### Division II

- Saint Michaels College

### Division III

- Bates College
- Colby College
- Colby-Sawyer College
- Middlebury College
- St. Lawrence University
- University of Maine at Presque'isle

College	Number of athletes	Paid coach	Varsity program	Funding level	Support for academics	Other comments
Dartmouth, Division I	15 men, 6 on Varsity 17 women 6 on varsity	Yes – both women’s coach and men’s coach	Yes – and junior varsity	Full funding for varsity team – partial funding for JV team Some financial support available	Varsity athletes have significant support Work with the US National skiing teams have four terms of education Excellent academic credentials Supports all levels of	Committed to Nordic skiing, have had program for over 100 years have 2 skiers from other countries excellent track record for producing talent, developing skiers and supporting academics Races – NCAA carnivals, NCAA champs, US Nationals (College Cup) Athletes also attend world university

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					development	games and world Jnr/U23 Champs, must compete for carnival spots
University of New Hampshire Division I	10 men, 6 varsity 12 women, 6 varsity	Yes and assistant coach	Yes and junior varsity	Full funding for varsity team, partial funding for JV –scholarships available	Monitor progress, offer tutoring and assistance with class selection and scheduling, pay attention to the academics	Program for almost 100 years – committed Skiers from other countries there Races – NCAA carnivals, NCAA champs, US Nationals (College Cup) compete for carnival spots
University of Vermont Division I	8 men, 6 varsity 7 women, 6 varsity	Yes plus assistant, trainer, performance and coordinator student – athlete development	Yes and small JV	Full funding for varsity team, scholarships available	Significant attention paid to student academic performance and support provided	Committed and highly developed Div I program, Skiers from other countries there Races – NCAA carnivals, NCAA champs, US Nationals (College Cup) Athletes also attend world university games and world Jnr/U23 Champs, compete for carnival spots
Bates College	11 men, 12 women, varsity and JV	1 head coach, 2 assistants	Yes and JV	Division 3 school, some funding is available – academic primarily, plus funding for the team trips	Academics is primary here	Committed to Nordic skiing, it is a Div 3 program focus is on NCAA events only. Compete for carnival spots
Middlebury College	10 men, 10 women	Full time Nordic coach	Yes and JV	Division 3 school, does offer funding for camps for all skiers and fully funds	Academics is a function however Middlebury aims to be one of the top schools in the US. Average 500 hours of	Committed to Nordic skiing, one of the top schools in the east, compete in the NCAA events and National events, and NENSA events for JV team. Skiers have been nominated to world juniors. Good training facilities. Development at all

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				varsity skiers. Scholarships are academic.	training. Schedules allow for a single class during the competitive season.	levels. Compete to be at carnivals
St. Lawrence University	10 men, 7 women	1 head coach , 1 assistant coach	Yes and JV	Division 3 school, funds team expenses for local and NCAA races, academic scholarships	Team is well supported by the school, this year is hosting the NCAA championships. Do recruit in Canada for skiers	Compete at NCAA events, focused mainly on development for college level, not national or international
Harvard	6 men, 8 women	1 head coach, 1 assistant	Varsity team, some JV	Division 1 school, funds team expenses for varsity team, financial aid available, no "athletic scholarships" per se	Academics focus, sport is secondary	Compete in NCAA EISA events and NCAA championships. Team is a varsity team, however does not have significant objectives to be a leading school
Williams College	12 women, 9 men	1 head coach, 1 assistant	Varsity and JV	Division 1 school, no athletic scholarships, funding for team activities	Academics focus, sport is secondary	Compete in the NCAA EISA events and NCAA championships. Strong commitment to skiing. Goals is to provide high quality racing experiences
St. Michaels College	7 men, 9 women	1 head coach, 1 assistant coach	Varsity and JV	Division 2 school, no scholarships, funding for all participants,	Academic focus	Compete in NCAA EISA events and NCAA champs, focus is fun and development
Colby College	14 men, 11	1 head		Division 3	Academic focus, can	Compete in NCAA carnivals and

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	women	coach, 1 assistant coach		school, financial aid packages available	take only one course during the month of January	championships, focus is on development, year round training, do go to Eastern cups and US Nationals as options

### **Central Collegiate Ski Association**

The CCSA is made up of 8 Nordic programs. The programs vary in size and emphasis many compete in the broader USSA competitive opportunities. For the NCAA there are 3 qualifying carnivals per season, 2 regional championships and 2 open invitation competitions. All schools compete in the same competitions. Those programs that provide a broader level of support are underlined.

**College of Saint Scholastica** (1 coach, 3 assistants, 19 men, 9 women)

### **Gustavus Adolphus College**

Faster Skier: Gustavus Adolphus College announced that its Nordic ski team will no longer receive funding as a varsity sport for the 2014-2015 season. Gustavus is a small private college located in Saint Peter, Minnesota.

**Michigan Tech University** (1 coach, 1 assistant, 14 women, 12 men)

**University of Alaska Fairbanks** (1 coach, 12 men, 9 women)

**Northern Michigan University** (1 coach, 1 assistant, 6 men, 10 women)

**St. Cloud State University** (1 coach, 13 women)

**St. Olaf College** (1 coach, 13 men, 13 women)

**University of Wisconsin- Green Bay** (1 coach, 1 assistant, 9 men, 11 women)

## Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Skiing Association

The RMISA is made up of 7 Nordic programs. The programs vary in size and emphasis many compete in the broader USSA competitive opportunities. For the NCAA there are 4 qualifying carnivals per season and 1 regional championships. All schools compete in the same competitions. Those programs that provide a broader level of support are underlined

College	# of Athletes	Paid Coach	Varsity Program	Funding level	Support for Academics	Other Comments
<b>Alaska Anchorage</b> Anchorage	9 m 5 w Foreign students	Head Coach  Assistant Coach	Yes	Scholarships range from small partial amounts to full support in exceptional cases  Travel and training costs	Special tutoring sessions, early priority registration	We understand a student-athlete is at UAA to get an education first and then be a skier. While training is a priority, athletes should expect to work hard in the classroom and keep good grades. Andrew Kastning Sara Studebaker <a href="http://GoSeawolves.com">GoSeawolves.com</a>
<b>University of Colorado</b> Boulder	7 m 6w Foreign students	Head Coach  Assistant coach	Yes  Division 1	13 NCAA scholarships	Strong: academic advisor, tutors, study hall sessions, letters to profs	Invitationals, Regional Championships, NCAA Championship  Bruce Cranmer  <a href="http://CUBuffs.com">CUBuffs.com</a>
<b>University of Denver</b> Denver	5 m 5 w Foreign students	Head Coach  Assistant Coach	Yes	NCAA scholarships Travel costs	Expect students to be full time; advisors, tutors if necessary	Welcome top level athletes from all over the world  Dave Stewart  <a href="http://DenverPioneers.com">DenverPioneers.com</a>

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<b>Montana State</b> Bozeman	6 m 12 w Foreign students	Head Coach  Assistant Coach – graduate student	Yes  Division 1	Athletic scholarships based on performance + walk on athletes, all travel funded	3 Academic coordinators work closely with MSU	Strong academics and excellent local ski facilities.  2 ½ months competitive season Kristina Trygstadsaari  MSUBobcats.com
<b>University of New Mexico</b> Albuquerque	5 m 6 w Foreign students	Head Coach  Student Assistant Coach	yes	The team pays for all competition expenses, training camps, Travel, lodging, food, wax, entry fees, etc. WE can pay for some other equipment expenses.	Athletic scholarships for the top athletes., consists of anything from a full ride to tuition and book scholarships. Have an International Amigo scholarship which is an Academic scholarship.	Fredrik Landstedt at landsted@unm.edu GoLobos.com
<b>University of Utah</b> Salt Lake City	6 m 5 w Foreign students	Head Coach  Voluntary Assistant Coach	Yes	Scholarships: 7 for women 6.5 for men, shared with the Alpine team, all travel funded	Advisor, tutors, scheduling help, letters to profs	Abi Holt at <a href="mailto:aholt@huntsman.utah.edu">aholt@huntsman.utah.edu</a>  <a href="http://UtahUtes.com">UtahUtes.com</a>

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<b>University of Wyoming</b> Laramie	30-40, more or less equal genders	Volunteer Coaches and Assistants	No	No athletic, only academic scholarships Low tuition fees	Strong academic focus, integrated classes and research with athletics Advisors and tutors	Competitions in west with RMISA <b>Division 2</b> races International experience Good facilities close by, train year round Environmental and social justice tie-ins Christi Boggs <a href="http://UWyo.edu/Ski">UWyo.edu/Ski</a>