

## MEMO

TO: The Faculty  
FROM: Mary Cisar, Registrar  
SUBJECT: CLASS OF 2008  
DATE: April 21, 2008

At the May 1, 2008 faculty meeting, I will move that:

1. The 712 candidates for the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music who satisfactorily complete all degree requirements be awarded their diplomas with appropriate honors at Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 25, 2008.
2. Those members of the Class of 2008 who have a minimum GPA of 2.00 and who come to within two full (1.0 credit each) courses of completing degree requirements be permitted to participate in Commencement exercises and that their diplomas be awarded upon completion of the remaining requirements.

*Note:* It is traditional at St. Olaf College that, at the May faculty meeting, all faculty members who have a child who is a candidate for a degree second this motion.

The senior profile for the class of 2008 is on the reverse side of this motion.

## STATISTICAL PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2008

This is only a "profile," not a final report

Registrar's Office

April 21, 2008

Number of Seniors: 712

410 **Females** (58%)                      302 **Males** (42%)

Candidates for the **Bachelor of Arts**: 682

Candidates for the **Bachelor of Music**: 30

712 seniors have declared 945 majors.

488 (69%) seniors have declared **one major**, 215 (30%) have declared **two majors**, and 9 (1%) have declared **three majors**.

Listed below are the **top ten majors** that have been declared by the class of 2008:

Biology	127	(13.4%)
English	73	(7.7%)
Mathematics	67	(7.1%)
Economics	63	(6.7%)
Music (BA & BM) BA=27, MEd=10, Performance=16, ChMus=1, Theory/Comp=4	58	(6.1%)
Psychology	57	(6.0%)
Art History (13) and Studio Art (41)	54	(5.7%)
Political Science	46	(4.9%)
Chemistry	40	(4.2%)
History	40	(4.2%)

As of today the **Grade Point Average** for the Class of 2008 is 3.30

(The GPA for the Class of 2007 was 3.32)

(The GPA for the Class of 2006 was 3.34)

As of today, 389 seniors out of 712 will graduate with **honors** (54%).

summa cum laude (3.85)	58 ( 8%)
magna cum laude (3.60)	129 (18%)
cum laude (3.30)	202 (28%)

As of today 47 students (6.7%) will **participate** in commencement ceremonies and will receive their degree after the completion of all remaining graduation requirements.

### Off-Campus Study

Of the 712 seniors, 540 or 76% participated in at least one **off-campus Domestic or International program** (Year, Semester, or Interim).

**Domestic off-campus programs** – 115 students, 16.2% participation

**International off-campus programs** – 464 students, 65.2% participation