

**Supplement to the Common Data Set**  
**APPENDIX A. GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. **Institutional short name:** St. Olaf College

2. **College nickname:** Oles

3. **Year school was founded:** 1874

4. **Institutional Control:**

Private (non-profit)

Religious affiliation: Evangelical Lutheran Church

Religious observance: chapel attendance actively encouraged

Religious study (courses) required

5. **Calendar:**

4-1-4 system (two semesters and one-month January interim)

Two summer sessions of six weeks each

Semester/Interim beginning dates for 2001-2002:

Fall - September 6

Interim - January 3

Spring - February 7

Semester /Interim beginning dates for 2002 -2003:

Fall: September 5

Interim: January 6

Spring: February 6

6. **Campus Setting:**

Small town/rural

Population of town: 16,500

Major metropolitan area: Minneapolis-St. Paul (35 miles to the north)

Size of campus: 300 acre campus

Number of buildings (including residence halls) on campus: 51

New buildings/additions: Buntrock Commons (175,000 square feet - the largest commons at a small private college) was dedicated Fall 1999, Dittman Center for Art and Dance will be dedicated this academic year. The Tostrud Center, a 95,000 square foot complex for recreation, wellness, physical education and athletics, is currently under construction.

Prevailing architectural style: eclectic, primarily limestone

Name of nearest commercial airport: Minneapolis-St. Paul International

Distance from campus: 35 miles

City/town where passenger train service (Amtrak) used by St. Olaf students is located: Red Wing

Distance from campus: 25 miles

City/town where passenger bus service (Greyhound, Trailways, etc.) used by St. Olaf students is located: Faribault

Distance from campus: 15 miles

Nearest major highway: Interstate 35 (7 miles from Northfield)

College operates transportation: in Northfield and to the Twin Cities, end of semester and spring break to larger Midwest cities (e.g. Madison, Chicago)

7. **Accreditation**

Regional: North Central Association

Professional: National Association of Schools of Theatre, National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, Council on Social Work, National Association of Schools of Music, National League for Nursing, National Association of Schools of Dance, American Chemical Society

8. **Mission Statement:** <http://www.stolaf.edu/working/mission.html>
  
9. ACT number 2150  
CEEB number 6638  
FAFSA number 002382  
FICE number 2382  
SAT number 6638
  
10. **Governing Board:** 27 regents - St. Olaf College Board of Regents
  
11. **Composition of Institution:**  
Administrators:  
Academic affairs headed by provost and dean  
Management/business/finances directed by vice-president and treasurer  
Full-time instructional faculty  
Academic governance body: St. Olaf College Faculty (meets an average of 8 times per year)
  
12. **Principal officers:**  
President of the College: Christopher M. Thomforde, D.Min  
Provost and Dean of the College: James Pence, PhD  
Vice-president and Treasurer: Alan Norton, PhD  
Dean of Student Life: Greg Kneser, MA  
Dean of Community Life and Diversity: Eida Berrio, PhD  
Vice-president and Dean of Enrollment: Barbara Lundberg, MA  
Senior Director of Communications: David Neuger, BA
  
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**18. Additional URL addresses:**

College/tour/movie: <http://www.stolaf.edu/admissions>

College maps: <http://www.stolaf.edu/admissions/overview/campus.html>

**19. Unique Qualities**

At St. Olaf approximately two-thirds of its student body participates in international study programs and one-third of the students participate in musical organizations. Internationally acclaimed St. Olaf Choir, Band and Orchestra go on one major U.S. tour each year and perform internationally every few years. Natural habitat restoration and agriculture at St. Olaf College includes 700 acres of land dedicated to natural habitat, sustainable agriculture and conventional agriculture. This includes 45 acres of native prairie and five wetland areas.