

**Supplement to the Common Data Set
Appendix C. First Time, First-Year (Freshman) Admissions**

1. **Admission level:** selective
Tuition deposit: \$300.00, non-refundable
Room deposit: \$200.00, non-refundable

2. **Additional admission requirements:**
High school transcript
Two teacher recommendations
Essay
Interview is recommended but not required

No minimum high school GPA required: 3.0 - B average recommended

3. **Freshman Profile:**
Number of National Merit Scholars: 47
Number of senior class presidents: 27
Number of valedictorians: 74
Number holding student government offices: 24% (74 served as officers)

Percent of freshmen that enter in terms other than fall: <1%

Average secondary school rank of freshmen:
Men (percentile): 80%
Women (percentile): 88%
Class (percentile): 85%

1st Quintile: 71%
2nd Quintile: 22%
3rd Quintile: 6%
4th Quintile: 1%
5th Quintile: 0%
Note: % of enrollees presenting class rank.

4. **Percentage of students from public schools:** 85%
Percentage of students from private schools: 15%

5. **Number of freshmen graduated first in their class:** 74
Number of freshmen graduated in the top 10% of their class: 50%

6. **Is there a limit on the number of out-of-state freshmen permitted to enroll:** No

7. **Do you have a separate undergraduate honors college with different admissions requirements and different academic offerings:** No

Does your institution have a preferential admission policy (give first or special consideration to qualified students in certain geographical, religious, or other groups based on institutional support or control): No

8. **Early action applications received:** 1,355

Number of applicants admitted under early action plan: 1,183

Number early action applicants enrolled: 481

Early decision applications received: 125

Number of early decision applicants admitted: 110

Number of early decision applicants enrolled: 107

9. **Applications, Viewbooks:**

Can prospective students request undergraduate application by:

Fax: Yes

E-mail: Yes

Website: Yes

Disk provided by the college: No

Can prospective students obtain full undergraduate application by:

Fax: Yes

E-mail: No

Website: Yes

Disk provided by the college: No

Electronic application:

Which on-line and computer disk services are accepted:

Apply Yes

Common App: Yes

College Board: No

CollegeLink: No

Is there an electronic viewbook: No

10. **Are there any scheduled orientations for prospective students:** Yes

For weekend programs we include an agenda that covers a financial aid session, residential life session and faculty panels, campus tours, sessions for multicultural students, etc.

For informal visits are there guides: Yes

May visitors sit in on classes: Seniors only

May visitors stay overnight: Seniors only

When are the best times for campus visits: Monday-Friday (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) from September to May excluding school breaks

11. **SAT and ACT:**

Entrance exams should be taken in the spring of the junior year or the fall of the senior year.

Mean test scores (SAT scores are recentered scores):

SAT I VERBAL

Overall: 639

Men: 646

Women: 634

SAT I MATH

Overall: 635

Men: 663

Women: 619

SAT COMBINED

Overall: 1274

High: 1600

Low: 900

ACT COMBINED

Overall: 27

Men: 27

Women: 27

ACT ENGLISH

Overall/Average: 27

High: 36

Low: 12

ACT MATH

Overall/Average: 27

High: 36

Low: 13

ACT READING

Overall/Average: 28

High: 36

Low: 12

ACT SCIENCE

Overall/Average: 26

High: 36

Low: 12

Were test scores of all
...minority students
...student athletes
...legacy students
...students admitted under special circumstances
who provided test score information included in the calculation of SAT and ACT scores for 2002 first-time, first-year degree-seeking students: Yes

Were test scores of international students who provided test score information included in the calculation of SAT and ACT scores for 2002 first-time, first-year degree-seeking students: No

Were test scores of all students who applied for summer 2002 admission (under regular or special enrollment programs) and who provided test score information included in the calculation of SAT and ACT scores for 2002 first-time, first-year degree-seeking students: Not applicable, no students admitted for summer 2002t, or scores not provided to school

Test scores of all international students who provided test score information were not included in the calculation of SAT and ACT scores for 2002 first-time, first-year (freshmen) degree-seeking students. No students applied for summer 2002 admission (under regular or special enrollment)

12. Does St. Olaf accept International Baccalaureate: Yes

13. Advanced Placement:

CEEB Advanced Placement tests: For scores of 4 or higher, credit and/or placement

Is AP credit accepted: Yes

Is CLEP credit accepted: No

Are institutional/departmental examinations used for placement or credit: Yes

Placement out of introductory or basic courses in the following:

Math Level I, Math Level IIC, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, French, German, Spanish

Number of freshman entering in fall 2002 who received placement and/or credit on the basis of AP examinations: N/A

Number of year-long AP courses (or equivalent combinations) required for sophomore standing: N/A

Number of enrolled students who qualified for regular or conditional sophomore standing in fall 2002: N/A

Number of freshmen entering fall 2002 who received credit on the basis of CLEP 3 examinations: N/A

Number of total students entering in fall 2002 who received credit on the basis of CLEP examinations (including freshmen): N/A

Advanced Placement Official and CLEP Official:

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Hours of credit by examination that may be counted toward bachelor's degree: 5 St. Olaf Courses

Indicate the number of credit hours a student will receive for the grade specified in column 1.

	Credit Grade	Credit Hours Awarded	Placement Grade
Art History			
Art Studio: Drawing			
Biology	4	1	4
Chemistry	5	1	5
Computer Science A			
Computer Science AB			
English, Language and Composition OR			
English, Literature and Composition	5	1	5
Environmental Studies			
French, Language	4	1	4
French, Literature	4	1	4
German Language	3	1	4
Government and Politics, US Government and Politics, Comparative	4	1	4
History, European	4	1	4
History, US	4	1	4
Macroeconomics	4	1	4
Mathematics, Calculus AB	3	1	3
Mathematics, Calculus BC	3	1	3
Microeconomics	4	1	4
Music Theory	5	1	4
Physics B	4	1	4
Physics C			
Electricity and Magnetism	4	1	4
Physics C			
Mechanics	4	1	4
Psychology	4	1	4
Spanish, Language	4	1	4
Spanish, Literature	4	1	4
Statistics			

14. Schools St. Olaf has the greatest overlap in applicant pool:

Gustavus Adolphus College
 Carleton
 Luther
 University of Wisconsin - Madison
 University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

15. Learning Disabled Students:

Personal interview recommended
 Untimed standardized tests accepted

16. Programs for applicants who are not normally admissible due to academic deficiencies and/or economic disadvantage:

Professional Exploration Program (PEP)
 Trio Programs (Talent Search, Upward Bound, Support/special services)

17. International Admissions

Priority application date for undergraduate foreign students: 2/1
Priority date for foreign student's Financial Aid Application: 2/1
Priority date for foreign student's Certification of Finances: 2/1

Does St. Olaf actively recruit international students: Yes

Does St. Olaf accept International Baccalaureate: Yes

Is an English proficiency exam required for international students: Yes

Required exam: TOEFL

Minimum score TOEFL paper: 550

Minimum score TOEFL computer: 213

Mean TOEFL paper score: N/A

Mean TOEFL computer score: N/A

Does St. Olaf recognize the Advanced Placement International English Language grade: No

Is conditional academic admission offered to applicants whose English skills will not permit them to pursue academic course work in their first term: Conditional admission based on English language proficiency

Services available to international students:

International student adviser

Special international student orientation program

Number of foreign countries represented in applicant pool: Not available

Number of foreign countries represented in student body: 27

List up to six countries most often represented in applicant pool:

Norway, Germany, South Korea, Thailand, India, and Japan

See also Appendix B, Number 11.

18. Scholarships

The following are non-need scholarship opportunities that prospective freshman should know about:

Buntrock Academic Awards: 4 year renewable, \$4,000 to \$9,000, number varies yearly

St. Olaf Scholarship: 4 year renewable, \$500.00 to \$12,000.00, number varies yearly

National Merit Scholarships: 4 year renewable, \$7,500.00, number varies yearly

Winston Cassler Music Scholarship: 4 year renewable, \$470.00 to \$3,500.00, number varies yearly

National Merit Commended Scholarships: 4 year renewable, \$1,500.00, number varies yearly

Award for Leadership in Community and Church: 4 year renewable, \$3,000, number varies yearly

TRIO Scholarship: 4 year renewable, \$5,000, number varies yearly

19. Distinctive first year programs and seminars

The Great Conversation is an integrated sequence of five courses taken over two years, introducing students to the major epochs of Western tradition through direct encounter with significant works. Beginning with the ancient Greeks and Hebrews the program traces the development of literary and artistic expression, philosophic thought, religious belief and historical reflections on western cultures into the modern world.

An average of 30 freshmen seminars are offered each year.

20. Are there any special or unusual programs that prospective students ought to know about? Foreign study? Honors programs? Undergraduate research? Etc. If so, please describe.

Undergraduate Research in the Sciences

Students are afforded the opportunity to do research with faculty in labs and off campus sites through biology, chemistry, physics and psychology departments. One program involves research in Antarctica.

Study-Travel Programs

Includes Global Semester (concentrating on Egypt, India, South Korea and Hong Kong), Term in Asia (Indonesia, Hong Kong, China and Thailand), Term in Middle East (Turkey, Morocco, Egypt and Israel), Environmental Studies in Australia, and Term in Germany (a five month program with language component). Additional programs offered in China, Japan, Germany, Scotland, Ireland, Latin America, United States, India and England. Study service abroad in Indonesia, Korea and Germany. Study abroad also available through ACM (London and Florence arts program, University of Puna, India, Waseda University, Japan, University of Zagreb, Croatia) through HECUA Scandinavian Urban Studies and South American Urban Studies, and other additional programs.

30-40 different interims, both domestic and abroad, all with a St. Olaf College faculty member as leader/instructor. Fifteen off campus programs in the U.S. including the Washington Semester (in cooperation with the American University), the ACM Chicago Arts Program, Oak Ridge science semester, humanities program at Newberry Library, Chicago, and Biosphere 2 Earth semester (sponsored by Columbia University) in Arizona.

Center for Integrative Studies

Through the Center for Integrative Studies students may propose self-designed, integrative majors. These majors combine diverse methods, experiences, styles of learning, subject matters, departmental resources or off-campus resources.

Other

Dual-degree program in engineering with Washington University (MO). Interdepartmental and interdisciplinary programs in American Racial and Multicultural studies, American studies, ancient studies, Asian studies, environmental studies, family studies, fine arts, Hispanic studies, medieval studies, Russian studies and women's studies.

21. Adult Student Admission Policies

Tests not always required. For a graduation year, or tests older than a decade, no test required. No special admission policies