

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

1. **Admission level:** selective  
**Tuition deposit:** \$300, non-refundable  
**Room deposit:** \$300, 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: 39 (36 National Merit Commended)  
Number of senior class presidents: 22  
Number of valedictorians: 64  
Number holding student government offices: 20 % (45% served as officers)  
Number of National Merit Commended: 36  
  
Percent of freshmen that enter in terms other than fall: <1%  
  
Average secondary school rank of freshmen:  
Men (percentile): 80.79 %  
Women (percentile): 87.72%  
Class (percentile): 84.87%  
  
1st Quintile: 70 %  
2nd Quintile: 23%  
3rd Quintile: 5%  
4th Quintile: 1%  
5th Quintile: 0%  
Note: % of enrollees presenting class rank: 86.86%
  
4. **Percentage of students from public schools:** 88%  
**Percentage of students from private schools:** 12%
  
5. **Number of freshmen graduated first in their class:** 64 (8.85%)  
**Number of freshmen graduated in the top 10% of their class:** 295 (46.97%)
  
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: 1,518**

**Number of applicants admitted under early action plan: 1,258**

**Number early action applicants enrolled: 432**

**Early decision applications received: 139**

**Number of early decision applicants admitted: 115**

**Number of early decision applicants enrolled: 111**

**9. Applications, Viewbooks:**

**Can prospective students submit undergraduate application by:**

Fax: Yes

E-mail: Yes

Website: Yes

Disk provided by college: No

On-line: Yes [http: www.stolaf.edu/admissions/onlineapp](http://www.stolaf.edu/admissions/onlineapp)

**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: 636

Men: 632

Women: 639

SAT I MATH

Overall: 635

Men: 646

Women: 628

SAT COMBINED

Overall: 1271

High: 1600

Low: 740

ACT COMBINED

Overall: 27

Men: 27

Women: 27

ACT ENGLISH

Overall/Average: 27

High: 36

Low: 11

ACT MATH

Overall/Average: 27

High: 36

Low: 13

ACT READING

Overall/Average: 28

High: 36

ACT SCIENCE

Overall/Average: 26

High: 36

Low: 11

Low: 13

**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 2003 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 2003 first-time, first-year degree-seeking students:**

No

**Were test scores of all students who applied for summer 2003 admission (under regular or special enrollment programs) and who provided test score information included in the calculation of SAT and ACT scores for 2003 first-time, first-year degree-seeking students:**

Not applicable, no students admitted for summer 2003, 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 2003 first-time, first-year (freshmen) degree-seeking students.**

No students applied for summer 2003 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 DANTES credit accepted:** No

**Is CLEP credit accepted:** No

**Is Life Long Learning credit accepted:** No

**Are Ace recommendations accepted for credit:** No

**Is credit given for military service:** 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, Chemistry, French, German, Spanish

**Number of freshman entering in fall 2003 who received placement and/or credit on the basis of AP examinations:** 194

**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 2003:** N/A

**Number of freshmen entering fall 2003 who received credit on the basis of CLEP 3 examinations:** N/A

**Number of total students entering in fall 2003 who received credit on the basis of CLEP examinations (including freshmen):** N/A

*Sophomore standing not available to entering cohort.*

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**Hours of credit by examination that may be counted toward bachelor's degree:** N/A

5.00 credits for AP or IB work only

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	4		
Computer Science AB	4		
English, Language and Composition <b>OR</b>			
English, Literature and Composition	5	1	
Environmental Studies			
French, Language	4	1	4
French, Literature	4	1	4
German Language	4	1	3
Government and Politics, US Government and Politics, Comparative	4	1	
History, European	4	1	
History, US	4	1	
Macro/micro Economics	4	1	4
Mathematics, Calculus AB	4	1	3
Mathematics, Calculus BC	4	1	3
Micro/macro Economics	4	1	
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	5	1	
Spanish, Language	4	1	4
Spanish, Literature	4	1	4
Statistics	4		

**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 (see also Appendix E, number 16):**

Personal interview recommended  
 Untimed standardized tests accepted

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

Gear Up  
 Trio Programs (Educational Talent Search, Upward Bound, Student Support Services)

**17. International Admissions**

**Total international students who applied: 86**  
**Total international students who were admitted: 25**  
**Total international students who enrolled: 17**

**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

**Is Statement of Financial Support required:** Yes

**Is an English translation of student transcript required:** Yes

**Required exam:** TOEFL

Minimum score TOEFL paper: 550

Minimum score TOEFL computer: 213

Mean TOEFL paper score: 614

Mean TOEFL computer score: 256

**Does St. Olaf require SAT1 or ACT for international students:** Yes (for degree seeking students)

Minimum score: None

**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:** No conditional acceptance offered

**Services available to international students:**

International student adviser

Special international student orientation program

**Number of foreign countries represented in applicant pool:** 31

**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 available 2004 - 2005**

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

Buntrock Academic Awards: 4 year renewable, \$6,000 to \$10,000, number varies yearly

St. Olaf Scholarship: 4 year renewable, \$500 to \$15,000, number varies yearly

National Hispanic Scholar/National Achievement: 4 year renewable, \$7,500, number varies yearly

National Merit Scholarships: 4 year renewable, \$7,500, number varies yearly

National Merit Commended Scholarships: 4 year renewable, \$1,500, number varies yearly

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

Winston Cassler Music Scholarship: 4 year renewable, \$470 to \$3,500, number varies yearly

Award for Leadership in Community and Church: 4 year renewable, \$4,000, 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