

**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: 40
 National Merit Commended: 53
 Number of senior class presidents: 49
 Number of valedictorians: 70
 Number holding student government offices: 143 (17.6%)

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

 Average secondary school rank of freshmen:
 Men (percentile): 83.8%
 Women (percentile): 79.8%
 Class (percentile): 87.1%

 1st Quintile: 70.9%
 2nd Quintile: 19.9 %
 3rd Quintile: 7.5 %
 4th Quintile: 1.5%
 5th Quintile: .2%
 Note: % of enrollees presenting class rank: 79%

4. **Percentage of students from public schools:** 85%
Percentage of students from private schools: 14%
Other (home schooled): 1%

5. **Number of freshmen graduated first in their class:** 88 (11.6%)
Number of freshmen graduated in the top 10% of their class: 373 (48.8%)

Percent of first-time, first-year fall 2005 students who had a GPA between 2.5 and 3.5 inclusive: 32.7%
GPA of first-time, first-year fall 2005 students at the 25th percentile: 3.33
GPA of first-time, first-year fall 2005 students at the 75th percentile: 3.94

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:** 1744
Number of applicants admitted under early action plan: 1581
Number early action applicants enrolled: 541

Early decision applications received: 88
Number of early decision applicants admitted: 85
Number of early decision applicants enrolled: 81

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):

<u>SAT I VERBAL</u>	<u>SAT I MATH</u>	<u>SAT COMBINED</u>
Overall: 644	Overall: 635	Overall: 1279
Men: 647	Men: 651	High: 1600
Women: 641	Women: 623	Low: 860
<u>ACT COMBINED</u>	<u>ACT ENGLISH</u>	<u>ACT MATH</u>
Overall: 27	Overall/Average: 27	Overall/Average: 26
Men: 27	High: 36	High: 36
Women: 27	Low: 11	Low: 14
<u>ACT READING</u>	<u>ACT SCIENCE</u>	
Overall/Average: 28	Overall/Average: 26	
High: 36	High: 36	
Low: 12	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 2005 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 2005 first-time, first-year degree-seeking students:
Yes

Were test scores of all students who applied for summer 2005 admission (under regular or special enrollment programs) and who provided test score information included in the calculation of SAT and ACT scores for 2005 first-time, first-year degree-seeking students:
Not applicable, no students admitted for summer 2005, or scores not provided to school

Test scores of all international students who provided test score information were included in the calculation of SAT and ACT scores for 2005 first-time, first-year (freshmen) degree-seeking students.
Not applicable, 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 Life Long Learning credit accepted: No

Is CLEP credit accepted: No

Is credit given for relevant military service: No

Are Ace recommendations accepted for credit: No

Is credit given for relevant life experience: No

Is DANTES credit accepted: No

Is credit given for home school portfolio: No

Is credit given for Regents College Exams (RCE): No

Is credit given for International Baccalaureate: Yes (credit and placement)

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 2005 who received placement and/or credit on the basis of AP examinations: 344

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 2005: N/A

Number of freshmen entering fall 2005 who received credit on the basis of CLEP 3 examinations: N/A

Number of total students entering in fall 2005 who received credit on the basis of CLEP examinations (including freshmen): N/A

Is sophomore status available to entering cohort: No

Advanced Placement Official and CLEP Official:

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Hours of credit by examination that may be counted toward bachelor's degree:

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.

	AP Exam Grade Required for Credit	Number Credit Hours Awarded	AP Exam Grade Required for Advance Placement
Art History	4	1	
Art Studio: Drawing	4	1	
Biology	4	1	4
Chemistry	5	1	4
Computer Science A	4	1	4
Computer Science AB	4	1	
English, Language and Composition	5	1	
English, Literature and Composition	5	1	
Environmental Studies	4	1	
French, Language	4	1	4
French, Literature	4	1	4
German Language	4	1	4
Government and Politics, US	4	1	
Government and Politics, Comparative	4	1	
History, European	4	1	
History, US	4	1	
Human Geography	4	1	
Latin, Literature	4	1	4
Latin, Vergil	4	1	4
Microeconomics	4	1	4
Mathematics, Calculus AB	4	1	3
Mathematics, Calculus BC	3	1	3
Micro/macro Economics	4	1	
Music Theory	5	1	4
Physics B	5	1	4
Physics C Electricity and Magnetism	5	1	varies
Physics C Mechanics	5	1	varies
Psychology	5	1	
Spanish, Language	4	1	4
Spanish, Literature	4	1	4
Statistics	4	1	4
Studio Art, 2D Design	4	1	
Studio Art, 3D Design	4	1	
World History	4	1	

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: 91

Total international students who were admitted: 37

Total international students who enrolled: 19

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

Terms international students can enroll: Fall, Winter, Spring

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

Is ELPT required: No

Required exam: TOEFL

Minimum score TOEFL paper: 550

Minimum score TOEFL computer: 213

Mean TOEFL paper score: 601

Mean TOEFL computer score: 245

Are there conditions under which the TOEFL can be waived: Yes

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

Is college-owned or -operated housing available to international students: Yes

Is college-owned or -operated housing guaranteed for international students: Yes

Is college-owned or -operated housing available for international students during the summer: Yes

Are internship programs available to international students: Yes

Are on-campus employment opportunities available to international students: Yes

Services available to international students:

International student adviser
Special international student orientation program
Host family program
International student counselors

Number of foreign countries represented in applicant pool: 37

Number of foreign countries represented in student body: 17

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

Canada, Germany, South Korea, Nepal, Nigeria, Norway

See also Appendix B, Number 11.

Scholarship award summary:

Number offered: 25

Number enrolled: 7

18. Scholarships available 2005- 2006

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

Regents' Academic Awards: 4 year renewable to \$10,000, number varies yearly

Presidential Academic Scholarship: 4 year renewable to \$6,000, number varies yearly

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

Music Scholarship: 4 year renewable, \$570.00 to \$6,000.00, number varies yearly

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

TRiO Scholarship: 4 year renewable, \$6,000, number varies yearly

Scholarship award summary:

Scholarship	Number Offered	Number Enrolled
Regent	85	52
Presidential	552	166
St. Olaf	119	46
Total all awards	756	264

19. Distinctive first year programs and seminars

The Great Conversation is an integrated sequence of five course 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