

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 is recommended)

3. **Freshman Profile:**  
Number of National Merit Scholars: 36  
National Merit Commended: not available  
Number of senior class presidents: 9  
Number of valedictorians: 69  
Number holding student government offices: 39

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

Average secondary school rank of freshmen:

Men (percentile): 82.8%  
Women (percentile): 89.3%  
Class (percentile): 86.3%

1st Quintile: 76.5%  
2nd Quintile: 19.8%  
3rd Quintile: 3.1%  
4th Quintile: 0.5%  
5 Quintile: 0.2%

% of enrollees presenting class rank: 78.4%

4. **Percentage of students from public schools:** 84.2%  
**Percentage of students from private schools:** 14.1%  
**Other (home schooled):** 1.6%

5. **Number of freshmen graduated first in their class:** 69 (11.1%)  
**Number of freshmen graduated in the top 10% of their class:** 318 (51.1%)

**Percent of FTFY fall 2006 students who had a GPA between 2.5 and 3.5 inclusive:** 25.2%

**GPA of first-time, first-year fall 2006 students at the 25th percentile:** 3.49

**GPA of first-time, first-year fall 2006 students at the 75th percentile:** 3.96

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:** 2,034  
**Number of applicants admitted under early action plan:** 1,750  
**Number of early action applicants enrolled:** 604

**Early decision applications received:** 112  
**Number of early decision applicants admitted:** 99  
**Number of early decision applicants enrolled:** 99

**9. Applications, Viewbooks:**

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

Fax: Yes  
E-mail: Yes  
Website: Yes      Disk provided by college: No  
On-line: Common Application and the St. Olaf Supplement:  
<http://www.commonapp.org/>  
<http://www.stolaf.edu/admissions/applying/firstyear/materials.htm>

**Electronic application:**

**Which on-line and computer disk services are accepted:**

Apply	No
Common Application	Yes
College Board	No
CollegeLink	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 I COMBINED</u>
Overall: 643	Overall: 640	Overall: 1283
Men: 637	Men: 650	High: 1580
Women: 647	Women: 633	Low: 780

<u>ACT COMBINED</u>	<u>ACT ENGLISH</u>	<u>ACT MATH</u>
Overall: 27	Overall: 28	Overall: 27
Men: 27	High: 36	High: 36
Women: 28	Low: 11	Low: 15

<u>ACT READING</u>	<u>ACT SCIENCE</u>
Overall: 28	Overall: 26
High: 36	High: 36
Low: 13	Low: 14

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 fall  
first-time, first-year degree-seeking students included:

Yes

Were test scores of international students who provided test score information included in the  
calculation of SAT and ACT scores for 2006 first-time, first-year degree-seeking students:

Yes

Were test scores of all students who applied for summer 2006 admission (under regular or special  
enrollment programs) and who provided test score information included in the calculation of  
SAT and ACT scores for 2006 first-time, first-year degree-seeking students.

Not applicable, no students applied for summer 2006 admission (under regular or special enrollment)

Were test scores of all international students who provided test score information included in the  
calculation of SAT and ACT scores for 2006 first-time, first-year degree seeking students.

Yes

12. Does St. Olaf accept the International Baccalaureate: Yes

13. Advanced Placement:

The following are accepted (for credit):

AP credit

CEEB Advanced Placement tests: for score of 4 or higher, credit and/or placement

International Baccalaureate: for credit and placement

The following are not accepted:

Ace recommendations

CLEP

DANTES

Regents College Exams (RCE)

Life Long Learning credit

Relevant military service

Relevant life experience

Home school portfolio

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 2006 who received placement and/or credit on the basis of  
AP examinations: 262

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 : N/A

Number of freshmen entering fall 2006 who received credit on the basis of CLEP 3 examinations: N/A

Number of total students entering in fall 2006 who received credit on the basis of CLEP examinations  
(including freshmen): N/A

Is sophomore status available to entering cohort: No

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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

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

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

Gustavus Adolphus College  
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities  
University of St. Thomas  
Carleton College  
University of Wisconsin - Madison

**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**

<b>Total international students who applied:</b>	108
<b>Total international students who were admitted:</b>	32
<b>Total international students who enrolled:</b>	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

**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: 250

**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:** 40

**Number of foreign countries represented in student body:** 18

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

Canada, China, Germany, India, Japan, Norway, South Korea

See also Appendix B, Number 11.

**Scholarship award summary:**

Number offered: 17

Number enrolled: 8

**18. Scholarships available 2006- 2007**

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

Regents Scholarship: \$11,000, 4 year renewable, number varies yearly

Presidential Scholarship: \$7,500, 4 year renewable, number varies yearly

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

Music Scholarship: \$4,000 to \$7,000, 4 year renewable, number varies yearly

St. Olaf Service Leadership Award: \$4,000, 4 year renewable, number varies yearly

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

**Scholarship award summary:**

<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>Number Offered</b>	<b>Number Enrolled</b>
Regent	90	50
Presidential	518	182
St. Olaf	192	75
Total all awards	800	307

**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 are offered in China, Japan, Germany, Scotland, Ireland, Latin America, United States, India and England. Study service abroad in Indonesia, Korea and Germany. Study abroad is 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

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 Biosphere2 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