

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

1. **Admission level:** more 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: 42
National Merit Commended: Not available
Number of senior class presidents: 3
Number of valedictorians: 76
Number holding student government offices: 17

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

Average secondary school rank of freshmen:

Men (percentile): 82.8%
Women (percentile): 90.0%
Class (percentile): 86.8%

1st Quintile: 77.1%
2nd Quintile: 18.6%
3rd Quintile: 3.6%
4th Quintile: 0.7%
5 Quintile: 0.0%

% of enrollees presenting class rank: 74.6%

4. **Percentage of students from public schools:** 83.1%
Percentage of students from private schools: 14.8%
Other (home schooled): 2.1%

5. **Number of freshmen graduated first in their class:** 76
Number of freshmen graduated in the top 10% of their class: 303

Percent of FTFY fall 2007 students who had a GPA between 2.5 and 3.5 inclusive: 30.0%

GPA of first-time, first-year fall 2007 students at the 25th percentile: 3.41

GPA of first-time, first-year fall 2007 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: 2,384
Number of applicants admitted under early action plan: 1,726
Number of early action applicants enrolled: 543

Early decision applications received: 138
Number of early decision applicants admitted: 121
Number of early decision applicants enrolled: 119

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:	656	Overall:	647	Overall:	1303
Men:	654	Men:	663	High:	1590
Women:	657	Women:	633	Low:	810

<u>ACT COMBINED</u>		<u>ACT ENGLISH</u>		<u>ACT MATH</u>	
Overall:	28.3	Overall:	25.4	Overall:	24.8
Men:	28.3	High:	36	High:	36
Women:	28.3	Low:	12	Low:	14

<u>ACT READING</u>		<u>ACT SCIENCE</u>	
Overall:	25.8	Overall:	24.4
High:	36	High:	36
Low:	14	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 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 2007 first-time, first-year degree-seeking students:

Yes

Were test scores of all students who applied for summer 2007 admission (under regular or special
enrollment programs) and who provided test score information included in the calculation of
SAT and ACT scores for 2007 first-time, first-year degree-seeking students.

Not applicable, no students applied for summer 2007 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 2007 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):

College Board AP exams

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 II, Chemistry, French, German, Spanish

Number of freshman entering in fall 2007 who received placement and/or credit on the basis of
AP examinations: 330

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 2007 who received credit on the basis of CLEP 3 examinations: N/A

Number of total students entering in fall 2007 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

	AP Exam Grade Required for Credit	Number Credit Hours Awarded	AP Grade Req. for Advance Placement
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	5	1	N/A
French, Literature	4	1	N/A
German Language	5	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, Virgil	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	5	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
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Carleton
University of St. Thomas
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

Total international students who applied: 113
Total international students admitted: 41
Total international students enrolled: 16

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: 600
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: 39

Number of foreign countries represented in student body: 19

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.

International student scholarship award summary:

Number offered: 22

Number enrolled: 4

18. Scholarships available 2007- 2008

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

Buntrock Scholarship: \$12,000, 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:

Scholarship	Number Offered	Number Enrolled
Buntrock	103	56
Presidential	600	185
St. Olaf	209	54
Total all awards	912	295

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 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