St. Olaf College
Preparing for Registration on June 21, 2022
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When does registration take place?

New Student Registration will be held on June 21, 2022.

Students will be randomly assigned to a registration time, either 8:30 a.m. CDT or 9 a.m. CDT.

Your registration time will be listed in the Fall Registration tab when you log into the St. Olaf College Student Information System (SIS).

Note: you will not be able to access your Fall Registration tab until you have resolved all of your registration holds.
What action items need to be completed to prepare for Registration?

**Action Items:**

It is important that you complete the following steps to prepare for registration on June 21:

- Complete your [placement surveys](#) (Due June 6)
- Resolve all of your holds listed in the [Student Information System (SIS)](#).
- Send [Transfer credits](#) to St. Olaf (e.g. AP, IB, PSEO, CIS, etc.)
- Familiarize yourself with SIS and the [Fall Registration tab](#)
- Complete your [Advising Questionnaire](#) (due May 15)

For more information on how to resolve holds, watch this [video](#).
The St. Olaf Curriculum
Which Majors, Concentrations & Pre-professional Programs are offered?

- St. Olaf offers 85+ majors, concentrations and pre-professional programs

- Although students may double major, students only need one major to graduate.
What classes do all St. Olaf students take?

The OLE (Open, Linked and Enduring) Core is the set of courses all students take before they graduate from St. Olaf.

**OLE Core requirements:**

- [OLE Core Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree](#)
- [OLE Core Requirements for the Bachelor of Music Degree](#)
How do I track my progress?

DegreePath in SIS tracks your progress toward completing OLE Core as well as your major/concentration and graduation requirements.
What is the First-Year Experience?

In your first year, you will participate in the OLE Core First-Year Experience:

- New Student Orientation--September 3–7th
- First-Year Seminar course, FYS 120
- Writing and Rhetoric course, WRIT 120
- St. Olaf Orientation to Academics and Resources (SOAR) Discussion session (The SOAR discussion will be linked to your FYS 120 or WRIT 120 in fall semester.)
What is SOAR?

SOAR provides an extended orientation in your first year at St. Olaf to set you up for academic and personal success. You’ll have peer leaders who will lead group discussions on topics including:

- Finding Your Balance
- Study Smarter…Not Harder
- How to Ask for Help & Where to Find it
- Finding Your Fit; Opportunities to Engage in Campus Life
- The Importance of Relationships in Exploring Vocation and Career
Which world languages can I study?

St. Olaf offers several languages as part of the OLE Core.

- Latin
- Greek
- Russian
- Chinese
- Japanese
- French
- German*
- Spanish*
- Norwegian

World Language video

*If you start in Spanish, French or German 112 or higher, you will need the 232 course to complete the WLC. The WLC for all other languages and if you start in Spanish, French or German 111 is the 231 course.
What do I need to know about registering for a world language?

- If you plan to take a 111 course, **it is recommended you do so in your first semester** as most introductory courses are only offered in fall.

- If you place into 112 or 232, you may need to wait until interim (January) or spring to start your language as typically the 2nd and 4th semester courses are only offered in spring.

- If you are an **international student**, be sure to check DegreePath to see if your WLC requirement is completed.

Note: Spanish and French offer all 4 courses in the sequence in the fall; Norwegian offers Norwegian 111 during interim.
Planning Your Schedule
How many credits should I take this fall?

Most students take 4.0–4.5 credits in Fall and Spring semesters and one course during Interim. Note that most classes are 1 credit.

Taking fewer than 4.0 credits each semester may impact financial aid and/or the ability to graduate in 4 years.

First-year students cannot take more than 4.5 credits.
What courses should I take in Fall semester?

A typical first-year fall schedule includes:

- First-Year Seminar (FYS), Conversation Program, or Writing and Rhetoric (WRR)
- World Language course or Ole Core/Elective
- Course in Major or Pre-professional program of interest
- Course to explore interests
How do I use the First-Year Registration Guide?

The **First-Year Registration Guide** provides information about

- Majors, concentrations, conversation programs and pre-professional programs
- Typical first-year schedules
- Placement information
Activity: Navigating the First-Year Registration Guide

Take a moment to review at least one major and pre-professional program that sounds interesting to you. On your own, be sure to watch the videos, if available, in areas in which you are interested.

What classes are recommended in the first semester?
How do I know which classes are offered?

The Fall Registration tab includes the class and lab schedule which lists all of the classes offered each semester, day(s) and meeting times, course descriptions, etc. Note how many seats are available in each course. If there are not many seats available, have an alternate course(s) planned.

Make sure the class and lab schedule is set for the correct the year/term. You can search for courses:

- By Department
- By Major/Concentration
- By Faculty
- By OLE Core Requirement
- By Time Block
- By Only Open Classes
How do I plan my class schedule?

We recommend that you build a wishlist on SIS so that you are prepared for registration. It will save you time when registration opens and is a way to plan your alternate schedule(s).

Some things to consider:

- Balance your schedule--typically students take 3 classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (MWF) and 1 class on Tuesdays and Thursdays (TTH) or 2 classes MWF and 2 on TTH).
- Taking classes back to back is fine; there is enough passing time between classes.
- Make sure you have time for lunch; when possible, plan around other commitments such as athletics and music organizations (typically between 3-6 pm).

This [College Schedule template](#) is a helpful tool to developing schedules.
What if a class I hope to take is full when I register on Tuesday?

- Look for alternate courses
- Check the Fall Registration tab periodically to see if a space in your desired course has opened
- Reach out to your Summer Faculty Advisor

Reminder: You can add/drop courses until the first day of classes—Thursday, September 8th, so there is a lot of time to finalize your schedule.
Advising
How does advising work?

- Students will have at least three advisors during their time at St. Olaf
  - Summer Registration Advisor: advises you during the summer registration period (June)
  - College Advisor: typically for the first two years—will be assigned in August
  - Major Advisor: faculty advisor in your major
- You will find your advisor in the Student Information System (SIS).
- Every incoming St. Olaf student will be matched with a faculty or staff College Advisor in August.
- You are encouraged to stay with your College Advisor until you declare a major, but you may change your advisor in SIS at any time after New Student Orientation.

For more information about Advising, please review this website.
What if I have advising questions this summer?

There are many staff and faculty available to assist you this summer:

**Summer Faculty Advisor:** Refer to an email from your summer advisor for contact information. The name of your advisor can be found on SIS.

**Registrar’s Office:** You can email, call 507-786-3015 or use the chat function in SIS.

**Center for Advising & Academic Support:** You can email, call 507-786-3288, or use the chat function.

**Faculty contacts** are listed in the First Year Registration Guide if you have a question about a major, concentration, pre-professional program, conversation program or placement.
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Opportunity to Meet Placement Directors

The following Placement Directors are available in breakout rooms to answer questions: **Greek & Latin, Chinese, German, French, Japanese, Russian, Spanish, Computer Science, Math**
Questions?

FAQ