

St. Olaf College OLE Core General Education Curriculum
OLE Experience in Practice Requirement

Description:

Students will engage in work that integrates academic and experiential learning by applying classroom theories and ideas in a practical setting and/or drawing upon experiential learning to advance their understanding in an academic setting. All students will have the opportunity to benefit from the mentoring, guided inquiry, and reflection that characterize experiential learning.

Administrative Guideline:

This requirement can be satisfied by a non-credit bearing experience.

Intended Learning Outcomes:

Students will:

1. Identify emerging vocational and/or academic interests based on the experience.
2. Integrate prior/concurrent coursework with the experience.
3. Evaluate skills and roles, including those that help them contribute to the community.

Course Guidelines:

All of these ILOs are in the context of an experience in a practical setting in which the student is actively engaged through mentoring, guided inquiry, and reflection. The college recognizes two types of categories of experiences: (a) those linked to courses in the curriculum; and (b) St. Olaf Faculty-led experiences.

Except on rare occasions, this experience must follow the First-Year Experience.

Examples of experiences linked to the current curriculum may include but are not limited to:

- a. credit-bearing St. Olaf faculty-led courses, such as off-campus programs; Directed Undergraduate Research; Academic Civic Engagement; licensure courses; practicums; internship reflection seminars; Center for Interdisciplinary Research;
- b. other credit-bearing experiences, such as academic internships; independent research or independent study projects; provider or direct-enroll off-campus study; and transfer credit for which a student would have to petition to the Registrar to have it count;
- c. St-Olaf supervised non-credit bearing St. Olaf faculty-led cohort programs, such as Collaborative Undergraduate Research and Inquiry; Mayo Health Scholars; Magnus the Good fellowships; and other programs for which the faculty supervisor can submit for approval prior to experience.