

Dates of Administration: March 21 – April 12, 2019

Invited to participate: 538 members of the class of 2019 who were not selected to completed the CLA+

Number of respondents: 227 (42% response rate)

1. Thinking back on all your years at St. Olaf, to what extent have your experiences at the college helped you develop the following skills for *purposeful self-development*?

		#	%
<i>1a. Recognizing your personal strengths, limitations, and interests</i>	4 – Very much	124	55%
	3 – Quite a bit	76	34%
	2 – Some	24	11%
	1 – Not at all	1	<1%
	Total	225	100%¹
	Very often + Often	200	89%
	MEAN	3.44	

		#	%
<i>1b. Managing your resources of time, talent, or money</i>	4 – Very much	78	35%
	3 – Quite a bit	82	36%
	2 – Some	59	26%
	1 – Not at all	6	3%
	Total	225	100%
	Very often + Often	160	71%
	MEAN	3.03	

		#	%
<i>1c. Reflecting on faith, ethics, or values</i>	4 – Very much	83	37%
	3 – Quite a bit	86	38%
	2 – Some	48	21%
	1 – Not at all	8	4%
	Total	225	100%
	Very often + Often	169	75%
	MEAN	3.08	

		#	%
<i>1d. Responding constructively to a challenge, disappointment, or failure</i>	4 – Very much	95	42%
	3 – Quite a bit	95	42%
	2 – Some	32	14%
	1 – Not at all	3	1%
	Total	225	100%
	Very often + Often	190	84%
	MEAN	3.25	

¹ May not sum to exactly 100% due to rounding

2. To what extent have your St. Olaf experiences helped you develop *broad knowledge of human cultures and the natural world*, including:

		#	%
<i>2a. Creating, understanding, or performing artistic works</i>	4 – Very much	82	36%
	3 – Quite a bit	72	32%
	2 – Some	60	27%
	1 – Not at all	12	5%
	Total	226	100%
	Very often + Often	154	68%
	MEAN	2.99	

		#	%
<i>2b. Using scientific methods to investigate the natural world</i>	4 – Very much	87	38%
	3 – Quite a bit	62	27%
	2 – Some	66	29%
	1 – Not at all	11	5%
	Total	226	100%
	Very often + Often	149	66%
	MEAN	3.00	

		#	%
<i>2c. Exploring literature, languages, philosophy, religion, or history</i>	4 – Very much	113	50%
	3 – Quite a bit	87	38%
	2 – Some	24	11%
	1 – Not at all	2	1%
	Total	226	100%
	Very often + Often	200	88%
	MEAN	3.38	

		#	%
<i>2d. Understanding human behaviors, relationships, politics, or social patterns</i>	4 – Very much	112	50%
	3 – Quite a bit	85	38%
	2 – Some	27	12%
	1 – Not at all	2	1%
	Total	226	100%
	Very often + Often	197	87%
	MEAN	3.36	

		#	%
<i>2e. Drawing on knowledge from different subjects or fields to understand a topic</i>	4 – Very much	129	57%
	3 – Quite a bit	71	31%
	2 – Some	26	11%
	1 – Not at all	0	0%
	Total	226	100%
	Very often + Often	200	88%
	MEAN	3.46	

3. To what extent have your St. Olaf experiences helped you develop *specialized knowledge of a particular subject, field, or topic*, through activities such as:

		#	%
<i>3a. Understanding the subject matter of a field – terms and concepts, controversies, scholarly findings, current issues</i>	4 – Very much	128	58%
	3 – Quite a bit	77	35%
	2 – Some	17	8%
	1 – Not at all	0	0%
	Total	222	100%
	Very often + Often	205	92%
	MEAN	3.50	

		#	%
<i>3b. Using methods of inquiry in a field to investigate a question or solve a problem</i>	4 – Very much	117	53%
	3 – Quite a bit	79	36%
	2 – Some	24	11%
	1 – Not at all	2	1%
	Total	222	100%
	Very often + Often	196	88%
	MEAN	3.40	

		#	%
<i>3c. Using tools or techniques in a field to demonstrate, create, or perform</i>	4 – Very much	114	51%
	3 – Quite a bit	82	37%
	2 – Some	26	12%
	1 – Not at all	0	0%
	Total	222	100%
	Very often + Often	196	88%
	MEAN	3.40	

		#	%
<i>3d. Recognizing connections between different fields of study</i>	4 – Very much	126	57%
	3 – Quite a bit	74	33%
	2 – Some	22	10%
	1 – Not at all	0	0%
	Total	222	100%
	Very often + Often	200	90%
	MEAN	3.47	

4. To what extent have your St. Olaf experiences helped you develop the following skills for *critical thinking and inquiry*?

		#	%
<i>4a. Reading carefully</i>	4 – Very much	101	45%
	3 – Quite a bit	83	37%
	2 – Some	37	17%
	1 – Not at all	1	<1%
	Total	222	100%
	Very often + Often	184	83%
	MEAN	3.28	

		#	%
<i>4b. Thinking critically</i>	4 – Very much	142	64%
	3 – Quite a bit	68	31%
	2 – Some	11	5%
	1 – Not at all	1	<1%
	Total	222	100%
	Very often + Often	210	95%
	MEAN	3.58	

		#	%
<i>4c. Understanding and using quantitative information</i>	4 – Very much	102	46%
	3 – Quite a bit	77	35%
	2 – Some	42	19%
	1 – Not at all	1	<1%
	Total	222	100%
	Very often + Often	179	81%
	MEAN	3.26	

		#	%
<i>4d. Finding and evaluating academic research resources</i>	4 – Very much	128	58%
	3 – Quite a bit	79	36%
	2 – Some	13	6%
	1 – Not at all	2	1%
	Total	222	100%
	Very often + Often	207	93%
	MEAN	3.50	

		#	%
<i>4e. Stating and supporting an argument with evidence</i>	4 – Very much	131	59%
	3 – Quite a bit	75	34%
	2 – Some	15	7%
	1 – Not at all	1	<1%
	Total	222	100%
	Very often + Often	206	93%
	MEAN	3.51	

5. To what extent have your St. Olaf experiences helped you develop the following skills for *effective communication and collaboration*?

		#	%
<i>5a. Writing clearly and expressively</i>	4 – Very much	113	51%
	3 – Quite a bit	86	39%
	2 – Some	21	9%
	1 – Not at all	1	<1%
	Total	221	100%
	Very often + Often	199	90%
	MEAN	3.41	

		#	%
<i>5b. Speaking persuasively and confidently</i>	4 – Very much	88	40%
	3 – Quite a bit	82	37%
	2 – Some	49	22%
	1 – Not at all	2	1%
	Total	221	100%
	Very often + Often	170	77%
	MEAN	3.16	

		#	%
<i>5c. Listening thoughtfully</i>	4 – Very much	126	57%
	3 – Quite a bit	76	35%
	2 – Some	16	7%
	1 – Not at all	2	1%
	Total	220	100%
	Very often + Often	202	92%
	MEAN	3.48	

		#	%
<i>5d. Understanding and expressing ideas in more than one language</i>	4 – Very much	59	27%
	3 – Quite a bit	46	21%
	2 – Some	93	42%
	1 – Not at all	23	10%
	Total	221	100%
	Very often + Often	105	47%
	MEAN	2.64	

		#	%
<i>5e. Working effectively with others to accomplish a goal or complete a project</i>	4 – Very much	100	45%
	3 – Quite a bit	92	42%
	2 – Some	29	13%
	1 – Not at all	0	0%
	Total	221	100%
	Very often + Often	192	87%
	MEAN	3.32	

6. To what extent have your St. Olaf experiences helped you develop the following skills for *connecting and applying your learning*?

		#	%
<i>6a. Thinking creatively</i>	4 – Very much	97	44%
	3 – Quite a bit	90	40%
	2 – Some	33	15%
	1 – Not at all	2	1%
	Total	222	100%
	Very often + Often	187	84%
	MEAN	3.27	

		#	%
<i>6b. Solving problems</i>	4 – Very much	118	53%
	3 – Quite a bit	86	39%
	2 – Some	16	7%
	1 – Not at all	2	1%
	Total	222	100%
	Very often + Often	204	92%
	MEAN	3.44	

		#	%
<i>6c. Connecting information and ideas from different sources or experiences</i>	4 – Very much	130	59%
	3 – Quite a bit	79	36%
	2 – Some	11	5%
	1 – Not at all	2	1%
	Total	222	100%
	Very often + Often	209	94%
	MEAN	3.52	

		#	%
<i>6d. Applying your knowledge to new situations or problems</i>	4 – Very much	125	56%
	3 – Quite a bit	81	36%
	2 – Some	15	7%
	1 – Not at all	1	<1%
	Total	222	100%
	Very often + Often	206	93%
	MEAN	3.49	

7. To what extent have your St. Olaf experiences helped you develop the following skills for **responsible interpersonal, civic, and global engagement**?

		#	%
<i>7a. Being a good family member, friend, or neighbor</i>	4 – Very much	79	36%
	3 – Quite a bit	73	33%
	2 – Some	55	25%
	1 – Not at all	13	6%
	Total	220	100%
	Very often + Often	152	69%
	MEAN	2.99	

		#	%
<i>7b. Working to make a difference in the local community</i>	4 – Very much	61	28%
	3 – Quite a bit	60	27%
	2 – Some	82	37%
	1 – Not at all	17	8%
	Total	220	100%
	Very often + Often	121	55%
	MEAN	2.75	

		#	%
<i>7c. Understanding and responding to global systems and challenges</i>	4 - Very much	68	31%
	3 - Quite a bit	76	35%
	2 - Some	66	30%
	1 - Not at all	10	5%
	Total	220	100%
	Very often + Often	144	65%
	MEAN	2.92	

		#	%
<i>7d. Interacting effectively with people from cultural backgrounds other than your own</i>	4 - Very much	80	36%
	3 - Quite a bit	72	33%
	2 - Some	63	29%
	1 - Not at all	5	2%
	Total	220	100%
	Very often + Often	152	69%
	MEAN	3.03	

		#	%
<i>7e. Analyzing and applying ethical principals in making decisions</i>	4 - Very much	90	41%
	3 - Quite a bit	79	36%
	2 - Some	45	20%
	1 - Not at all	6	3%
	Total	220	100%
	Very often + Often	169	77%
	MEAN	3.15	

8. To what extent have your St. Olaf experiences helped you develop the following skills for *discerning and pursuing your life's purpose*?

		#	%
<i>8a. Reflecting on your learning experiences and outcomes</i>	4 - Very much	101	46%
	3 - Quite a bit	73	33%
	2 - Some	43	20%
	1 - Not at all	3	1%
	Total	220	100%
	Very often + Often	174	79%
	MEAN	3.24	

		#	%
<i>8b. Using many resources to establish goals and make plans</i>	4 - Very much	82	37%
	3 - Quite a bit	80	36%
	2 - Some	53	24%
	1 - Not at all	5	2%
	Total	220	100%
	Very often + Often	162	74%
	MEAN	3.09	

		#	%
<i>8c. Developing a sense of vocation</i>	4 – Very much	86	39%
	3 – Quite a bit	68	31%
	2 – Some	53	24%
	1 – Not at all	13	6%
	Total	220	100%
	Very often + Often	154	70%
	MEAN	3.03	

		#	%
<i>8d. Preparing for continued learning throughout your life</i>	4 – Very much	121	55%
	3 – Quite a bit	67	30%
	2 – Some	27	12%
	1 – Not at all	5	2%
	Total	220	100%
	Very often + Often	188	85%
	MEAN	3.38	

9. While St. Olaf has aimed to engage you in developing all eight of these goals and the skills and abilities associated with each, *where do you think you have grown the most during your undergraduate experience?*

	#	%
Purposeful self-development	44	20%
Specialized knowledge of a particular subject, field, or topic	33	15%
Critical thinking and inquiry	33	15%
Discerning and pursuing your life's purpose	29	13%
Effective communication and collaboration	26	12%
Connecting and applying your learning	25	11%
Responsible interpersonal, civic, and global engagement	15	7%
Broad knowledge of human cultures and the natural world	14	6%
Total	219	100%