

Dates of Administration: Aug 21 – Sept 12, 2018

Invited to participate: 618 randomly selected members of the entering class of 2022

Number of respondents: 539 (87% response rate)

1. How often during your high school years did you work on developing the following skills for *purposeful self-development*?

		#	%
<i>1a. Recognizing your personal strengths, limitations, and interests</i>	4 – Very often	142	26%
	3 – Often	244	45%
	2 – Sometimes	144	27%
	1 – Never	7	1%
	0 – I don’t understand this question	0	0%
	Total	537	100%¹
	Very often + Often	386	72%
	MEAN	2.97²	

		#	%
<i>1b. Managing your resources of time, talent, or money</i>	4 – Very often	156	29%
	3 – Often	221	41%
	2 – Sometimes	143	27%
	1 – Never	16	3%
	0 – I don’t understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	537	100%
	Very often + Often	377	70%
	MEAN	2.96	

		#	%
<i>1c. Reflecting on faith, ethics, or values</i>	4 – Very often	135	25%
	3 – Often	169	32%
	2 – Sometimes	186	35%
	1 – Never	44	8%
	0 – I don’t understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	535	100%
	Very often + Often	304	57%
	MEAN	2.74	

¹ May not sum to exactly 100% due to rounding

² Excluding those who responded “I don’t understand this question”

		#	%
<i>1d. Responding constructively to a challenge, disappointment, or failure</i>	4 - Very often	140	26%
	3 - Often	229	43%
	2 - Sometimes	151	28%
	1 - Never	17	3%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	537	100%
	Very often + Often	369	69%
	MEAN	2.92	

2. How often during your high school years did you work on developing ***broad knowledge of human cultures and the natural world***, including:

		#	%
<i>2a. Creating, understanding, or performing artistic works</i>	4 - Very often	202	37%
	3 - Often	126	23%
	2 - Sometimes	179	33%
	1 - Never	30	6%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	538	100%
	Very often + Often	328	61%
	MEAN	2.93	

		#	%
<i>2b. Using scientific methods to investigate the natural world</i>	4 - Very often	118	22%
	3 - Often	187	35%
	2 - Sometimes	208	39%
	1 - Never	24	4%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	538	100%
	Very often + Often	305	57%
	MEAN	2.74	

		#	%
<i>2c. Exploring literature, languages, philosophy, religion, or history</i>	4 - Very often	196	36%
	3 - Often	205	38%
	2 - Sometimes	127	24%
	1 - Never	9	2%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	538	100%
	Very often + Often	401	74%
	MEAN	3.09	

		#	%
<i>2d. Understanding human behaviors, relationships, politics, or social patterns</i>	4 - Very often	138	26%
	3 - Often	211	39%
	2 - Sometimes	169	31%
	1 - Never	20	4%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	538	100%
	Very often + Often	349	65%
	MEAN	2.87	

		#	%
2e. Drawing on knowledge from different subjects or fields to understand a topic	4 - Very often	172	32%
	3 - Often	217	40%
	2 - Sometimes	135	25%
	1 - Never	11	2%
	0 - I don't understand this question	3	1%
	Total	538	100%
	Very often + Often	389	72%
	MEAN	3.03	

3. How often during your high school years did you work on developing *specialized knowledge of a particular subject, field, or topic*, through activities such as:

		#	%
3a. Completing a major research project requiring most of a term or semester	4 - Very often	44	8%
	3 - Often	107	20%
	2 - Sometimes	266	50%
	1 - Never	113	21%
	0 - I don't understand this question	2	<1%
	Total	532	100%
	Very often + Often	151	28%
	MEAN	2.15	

		#	%
3b. Tutoring other students in a specific subject, field, or topic	4 - Very often	52	10%
	3 - Often	83	16%
	2 - Sometimes	204	38%
	1 - Never	193	36%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	532	100%
	Very often + Often	135	25%
	MEAN	1.99	

		#	%
3c. Participating for two or more years in a co-curricular activity requiring specialized knowledge or skill (music, athletics, debate/forensics, etc.)	4 - Very often	412	78%
	3 - Often	55	10%
	2 - Sometimes	30	6%
	1 - Never	31	6%
	0 - I don't understand this question	3	1%
	Total	531	100%
	Very often + Often	467	88%
	MEAN	3.61	

4. How often during your high school years did you work on developing the following skills for *critical thinking and inquiry*?

		#	%
<i>4a. Reading carefully</i>	4 - Very often	270	51%
	3 - Often	190	36%
	2 - Sometimes	70	13%
	1 - Never	3	1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	533	100%
	Very often + Often	460	86%
	MEAN	3.36	
<i>4b. Thinking critically</i>	4 - Very often	311	58%
	3 - Often	191	36%
	2 - Sometimes	29	5%
	1 - Never	1	<1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	532	100%
	Very often + Often	502	94%
	MEAN	3.53	
<i>4c. Understanding and using quantitative information</i>	4 - Very often	206	39%
	3 - Often	237	44%
	2 - Sometimes	84	16%
	1 - Never	1	<1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	5	1%
	Total	533	100%
	Very often + Often	443	83%
	MEAN	3.23	
<i>4d. Finding and evaluating academic research resources</i>	4 - Very often	148	28%
	3 - Often	224	42%
	2 - Sometimes	152	28%
	1 - Never	7	1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	2	<1%
	Total	533	100%
	Very often + Often	372	70%
	MEAN	2.97	
<i>4e. Stating and supporting an argument with evidence</i>	4 - Very often	286	54%
	3 - Often	183	34%
	2 - Sometimes	63	12%
	1 - Never	1	<1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	533	100%
	Very often + Often	469	88%
	MEAN	3.41	

5. How often during your high school years did you work on developing the following skills for *effective communication and collaboration*?

		#	%
<i>5a. Writing clearly and expressively</i>	4 - Very often	238	45%
	3 - Often	218	41%
	2 - Sometimes	68	13%
	1 - Never	5	1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	529	100%
Very often + Often		456	86%
MEAN		3.30	

		#	%
<i>5b. Speaking persuasively and confidently</i>	4 - Very often	146	28%
	3 - Often	210	40%
	2 - Sometimes	156	29%
	1 - Never	17	3%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	529	100%
Very often + Often		356	67%
MEAN		2.92	

		#	%
<i>5c. Listening thoughtfully</i>	4 - Very often	246	46%
	3 - Often	212	40%
	2 - Sometimes	62	12%
	1 - Never	8	1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	529	100%
Very often + Often		458	87%
MEAN		3.32	

		#	%
<i>5d. Understanding and expressing ideas in more than one language</i>	4 - Very often	108	20%
	3 - Often	144	27%
	2 - Sometimes	223	42%
	1 - Never	52	10%
	0 - I don't understand this question	2	<1%
	Total	529	100%
Very often + Often		252	48%
MEAN		2.58	

		#	%
<i>5e. Working effectively with others to accomplish a goal or complete a project</i>	4 - Very often	210	40%
	3 - Often	228	43%
	2 - Sometimes	87	16%
	1 - Never	4	1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	529	100%
Very often + Often		438	83%
MEAN		3.22	

6. How often during your high school years did you work on developing the following skills for *connecting and applying your learning*?

		#	%
6a. <i>Thinking creatively</i>	4 - Very often	204	39%
	3 - Often	211	40%
	2 - Sometimes	112	21%
	1 - Never	0	0%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	528	100%
	Very often + Often	415	79%
	MEAN	3.17	

		#	%
6b. <i>Solving problems</i>	4 - Very often	257	49%
	3 - Often	219	41%
	2 - Sometimes	51	10%
	1 - Never	1	<1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	529	100%
	Very often + Often	476	90%
	MEAN	3.39	

		#	%
6c. <i>Connecting information and ideas from different sources or experiences</i>	4 - Very often	229	43%
	3 - Often	217	41%
	2 - Sometimes	78	15%
	1 - Never	3	1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	2	<1%
	Total	529	100%
	Very often + Often	446	84%
	MEAN	3.28	

		#	%
6d. <i>Applying your knowledge to new situations or problems</i>	4 - Very often	223	42%
	3 - Often	220	42%
	2 - Sometimes	78	15%
	1 - Never	7	1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	529	100%
	Very often + Often	443	84%
	MEAN	3.25	

7. How often during your high school years did you work on developing the following skills for *responsible interpersonal, civic, and global engagement*?

		#	%
<i>7a. Being a good family member, friend, or neighbor</i>	4 - Very often	264	50%
	3 - Often	175	33%
	2 - Sometimes	74	14%
	1 - Never	13	2%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	527	100%
	Very often + Often	439	83%
	MEAN	3.31	

		#	%
<i>7b. Working to make a difference in the local community</i>	4 - Very often	141	27%
	3 - Often	175	33%
	2 - Sometimes	187	35%
	1 - Never	22	4%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	526	100%
	Very often + Often	316	60%
	MEAN	2.83	

		#	%
<i>7c. Understanding and responding to global systems and challenges</i>	4 - Very often	85	16%
	3 - Often	178	34%
	2 - Sometimes	202	38%
	1 - Never	47	9%
	0 - I don't understand this question	14	3%
	Total	526	100%
	Very often + Often	263	50%
	MEAN	2.59	

		#	%
<i>7d. Interacting effectively with people from cultural backgrounds other than your own</i>	4 - Very often	172	33%
	3 - Often	170	32%
	2 - Sometimes	163	31%
	1 - Never	21	4%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	527	100%
	Very often + Often	342	65%
	MEAN	2.94	

		#	%
<i>7e. Analyzing and applying ethical principals in making decisions</i>	4 - Very often	176	34%
	3 - Often	212	40%
	2 - Sometimes	114	22%
	1 - Never	17	3%
	0 - I don't understand this question	5	1%
	Total	524	100%
	Very often + Often	388	74%
	MEAN	3.05	

8. How often during your high school years did you work on developing the following skills for *discerning and pursuing your life's purpose*?

		#	%
<i>8a. Reflecting on your learning experiences and outcomes</i>	4 - Very often	171	32%
	3 - Often	211	40%
	2 - Sometimes	129	24%
	1 - Never	16	3%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	528	100%
	Very often + Often	382	72%
	MEAN	3.02	

		#	%
<i>8b. Using many resources to establish goals and make plans</i>	4 - Very often	133	25%
	3 - Often	192	36%
	2 - Sometimes	184	35%
	1 - Never	12	2%
	0 - I don't understand this question	6	1%
	Total	527	100%
	Very often + Often	325	62%
	MEAN	2.86	

		#	%
<i>8c. Developing a sense of vocation</i>	4 - Very often	101	19%
	3 - Often	152	29%
	2 - Sometimes	202	38%
	1 - Never	52	10%
	0 - I don't understand this question	21	4%
	Total	528	100%
	Very often + Often	253	48%
	MEAN	2.60	

		#	%
<i>8d. Preparing for continued learning throughout your life</i>	4 - Very often	240	45%
	3 - Often	187	35%
	2 - Sometimes	90	17%
	1 - Never	8	1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	3	1%
	Total	528	100%
	Very often + Often	427	81%
	MEAN	3.26	

9. While St. Olaf will engage you in developing all eight of these goals and the skills and abilities associated with each, *which one seems most compelling or intriguing to you?*

	#	%
Discerning and pursuing your life's purpose	130	25%
Purposeful self-development	76	15%
Specialized knowledge of a particular subject, field, or topic	64	12%
Broad knowledge of human cultures and the natural world	62	12%
Connecting and applying your learning	60	11%
Effective communication and collaboration	44	8%
Critical thinking and inquiry	43	8%
Responsible interpersonal, civic, and global engagement	43	8%
Total	522	100%