

**HEDS**

2021 HEDS Alumni Survey

Primary Activity and Further Education

St. Olaf College

Dates of administration: May 3 – 31, 2021
Class of 2015 response rate: 20% (123 of 617)
Class of 2016 response rate: 22% (159 of 709)
Overall response rate: 21% (282 of 1,326)

This report shows alumni responses to questions about their current primary activity (full-time or part-time employment, graduate school, etc.), further degree attainment, and preparation for their current career or educational pursuits. Responses from the alumni at other institutions administering the survey in the most recent three years are also shown for comparison.

Highlights:

- Overall, 96% of alumni respondents are currently employed or enrolled in further education.
 - More St. Olaf alums (22% of respondents) are currently enrolled in graduate or professional school full-time compared to alumni from other institutions (13%).
- The most common higher degrees alumni respondents are pursuing:
 - Master of Arts or Sciences (28%)
 - Other type of certificate than a Master's, PhD, Medical, or Law Degree (13%)
 - Other type of Master's Degree (e.g., MSW, MSE, MSN, MAT, MPA; 12%)
 - PhD (12%)
 - Medical Degree (11%)
- 79% of alumni respondents feel that St. Olaf prepared them "quite a bit" or "very much" for graduate or professional school.
 - This is similar to alumni respondents from other schools (76%)
- 69% of alumni respondents feel that St. Olaf prepared them "quite a bit" or "very much" for their current career.
 - This is also similar to alumni at other schools (65%)

	St. Olaf College 5-Year Cohort		All Other Alumni in 5- Year Cohort	
	n	%	n	%
Please indicate which of the following describes your current PRIMARY activity: (Q1)				
Employed, full-time	187	66%	7,033	76%
Employed, part-time	7	3%	217	2%
Employed, multiple jobs	13	5%	368	4%
Graduate or professional school, full-time	63	22%	1,199	13%
Graduate or professional school, part-time	1	0%	59	1%

		St. Olaf College 5-Year Cohort		All Other Alumni in 5- Year Cohort	
		n	%	n	%
Military service		1	0%	55	1%
Volunteer or national service (Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, etc.)		1	0%	21	0%
Not employed, but seeking employment, admission to graduate school, or other opportunity		7	3%	237	3%
Not employed and not seeking employment or admission to graduate school (homemaker, traveling, volunteer, retired, etc.)		2	1%	106	1%
Total		282	100%	9,295	100%
Please indicate your plans for each of the following degrees or certificates: (Q2)					
Second Bachelor's Degree	Do not plan to pursue	207	92%	6,768	91%
	Degree received	11	5%	435	6%
	Currently enrolled or working toward	2	1%	57	1%
	Degree you hope to attain in the future	6	3%	210	3%
	Total	226	100%	7,470	100%
Master's Degree in Arts and Sciences (e.g., MA, MS, MFA)	Do not plan to pursue	122	50%	4,276	54%
	Degree received	42	17%	1,643	21%
	Currently enrolled or working toward	27	11%	597	8%
	Degree you hope to attain in the future	51	21%	1,345	17%
	Total	242	100%	7,861	100%
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	Do not plan to pursue	175	79%	5,718	77%
	Degree received	4	2%	275	4%
	Currently enrolled or working toward	7	3%	210	3%
	Degree you hope to attain in the future	35	16%	1,235	17%
	Total	221	100%	7,438	100%
Other Master's Degree (e.g., MSW, MSE, MSN, MAT, MPA)	Do not plan to pursue	173	77%	5,955	80%
	Degree received	13	6%	555	7%
	Currently enrolled or working toward	13	6%	293	4%
	Degree you hope to attain in the future	25	11%	670	9%
	Total	224	100%	7,473	100%
Law Degree (JD or LLB)	Do not plan to pursue	199	91%	6,702	92%
	Degree received	4	2%	212	3%
	Currently enrolled or working toward	5	2%	96	1%
	Degree you hope to attain in the future	12	6%	277	4%
	Total	220	100%	7,287	100%
Medical Degree (e.g., MD, DO, DDS, DVM, PharmD)	Do not plan to pursue	203	89%	6,762	93%
	Degree received	15	7%	212	3%
	Currently enrolled or working toward	8	4%	207	3%
	Degree you hope to attain in the future	3	1%	107	2%
	Total	229	100%	7,288	100%

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		n	%	n	%
PhD	Do not plan to pursue	165	71%	5,762	78%
	Degree received	3	1%	77	1%
	Currently enrolled or working toward	25	11%	470	6%
	Degree you hope to attain in the future	41	18%	1,063	14%
	Total	234	100%	7,372	100%
Other Doctoral Degree (e.g., EdD, PsyD, DBA)	Do not plan to pursue	203	92%	6,532	91%
	Degree received	3	1%	85	1%
	Currently enrolled or working toward	2	1%	68	1%
	Degree you hope to attain in the future	12	6%	501	7%
	Total	220	100%	7,186	100%
Other Certificate	Do not plan to pursue	112	84%	4,117	82%
	Degree received	10	8%	363	7%
	Currently enrolled or working toward	6	5%	228	5%
	Degree you hope to attain in the future	5	4%	321	6%
	Total	133	100%	5,029	100%
Other Degree	Do not plan to pursue	117	91%	4,396	95%
	Degree received	3	2%	73	2%
	Currently enrolled or working toward	5	4%	51	1%
	Degree you hope to attain in the future	3	2%	87	2%
	Total	128	100%	4,607	100%

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		n	%	n	%
Overall, to what extent did your undergraduate experience at this institution prepare you for the following activities? (Q9)					
Graduate or professional school	Very little	9	5%	362	6%
	Some	33	17%	1,177	18%
	Quite a bit	65	33%	2,081	31%
	Very much	91	46%	2,999	45%
	Total	198	100%	6,619	100%
Current career	Very little	17	8%	727	11%
	Some	48	23%	1,681	25%
	Quite a bit	77	36%	2,171	32%
	Very much	70	33%	2,253	33%
	Total	212	100%	6,832	100%