

Dates of Administration: April 11 – May 1, 2022

Invited to participate: 747 first-years

Number of respondents: 281 (38% response rate)

 1. How often during your first year at St. Olaf have you worked on developing the following skills for *purposeful self-development*?

		#	%
<i>1a. Recognizing your personal strengths, limitations, and interests</i>	Very often	110	39%
	Often	127	45%
	Sometimes	42	15%
	Never	2	1%
	Total	281	100%¹
	Very often + Often	237	84%

		#	%
<i>1b. Managing your resources of time, talent, or money</i>	Very often	138	49%
	Often	98	35%
	Sometimes	39	14%
	Never	6	2%
	Total	281	100%
	Very often + Often	236	84%

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<i>1c. Reflecting on faith, ethics, or values</i>	Very often	82	29%
	Often	110	39%
	Sometimes	78	28%
	Never	11	4%
	Total	281	100%
	Very often + Often	192	68%

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<i>1d. Responding constructively to a challenge, disappointment, or failure</i>	Very often	92	33%
	Often	140	50%
	Sometimes	46	16%
	Never	3	1%
	Total	281	100%
	Very often + Often	232	83%

¹ May not sum to exactly 100% due to rounding

2. How often during your first year at St. Olaf have you worked on developing ***broad knowledge of human cultures and the natural world***, including:

		#	%
<i>2a. Creating, understanding, or performing artistic works</i>	Very often	88	31%
	Often	90	32%
	Sometimes	85	30%
	Never	17	6%
	Total	280	100%
	Very often + Often	178	64%

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<i>2b. Using scientific methods to investigate the natural world</i>	Very often	73	26%
	Often	67	24%
	Sometimes	108	39%
	Never	31	11%
	Total	279	100%
	Very often + Often	140	50%

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<i>2c. Exploring literature, languages, philosophy, religion, or history</i>	Very often	124	44%
	Often	106	38%
	Sometimes	47	17%
	Never	3	1%
	Total	280	100%
	Very often + Often	230	82%

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<i>2d. Understanding human behaviors, relationships, politics, or social patterns</i>	Very often	111	40%
	Often	129	46%
	Sometimes	36	13%
	Never	3	1%
	Total	279	100%
	Very often + Often	240	86%

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<i>2e. Drawing on knowledge from different subjects or fields to understand a topic</i>	Very often	140	50%
	Often	108	39%
	Sometimes	30	11%
	Never	2	1%
	Total	280	100%
	Very often + Often	248	89%

3. How often during your first year at St. Olaf have you worked on developing *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>	Very often	109	39%
	Often	123	44%
	Sometimes	46	16%
	Never	2	1%
	Total	280	100%
	Very often + Often	232	83%

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<i>3b. Using methods of inquiry in a field to investigate a question or solve a problem</i>	Very often	87	31%
	Often	120	43%
	Sometimes	65	23%
	Never	6	2%
	Total	278	100%
	Very often + Often	207	74%

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<i>3c. Using tools or techniques in a field to demonstrate, create, or perform</i>	Very often	89	32%
	Often	108	39%
	Sometimes	72	26%
	Never	10	4%
	Total	279	100%
	Very often + Often	197	71%

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<i>3d. Recognizing connections between different fields of study</i>	Very often	133	48%
	Often	103	37%
	Sometimes	42	15%
	Never	1	0%
	Total	279	100%
	Very often + Often	236	85%

4. How often during your first year at St. Olaf have you worked on developing the following skills for *critical thinking and inquiry*?

		#	%
<i>4a. Reading carefully</i>	Very often	154	55%
	Often	94	34%
	Sometimes	30	11%
	Never	1	0%
	Total	279	100%
	Very often + Often	248	89%

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<i>4b. Thinking critically</i>	Very often	194	69%
	Often	73	26%
	Sometimes	13	5%
	Never	0	0%
	Total	280	100%
	Very often + Often	267	95%

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<i>4c. Understanding and using quantitative information</i>	Very often	109	39%
	Often	105	38%
	Sometimes	58	21%
	Never	8	3%
	Total	280	100%
	Very often + Often	214	76%

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<i>4d. Finding and evaluating academic research resources</i>	Very often	114	41%
	Often	113	41%
	Sometimes	51	18%
	Never	1	0%
	Total	279	100%
	Very often + Often	227	82%

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<i>4e. Stating and supporting an argument with evidence</i>	Very often	156	56%
	Often	97	35%
	Sometimes	27	10%
	Never	0	0%
	Total	280	100%
	Very often + Often	253	90%

5. How often during your first year at St. Olaf have you worked on developing the following skills for *effective communication and collaboration*?

		#	%
<i>5a. Writing clearly and expressively</i>	Very often	157	56%
	Often	94	34%
	Sometimes	26	9%
	Never	2	1%
	Total	279	100%
	Very often + Often	251	90%

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<i>5b. Speaking persuasively and confidently</i>	Very often	97	35%
	Often	103	37%
	Sometimes	74	27%
	Never	5	2%
	Total	279	100%
	Very often + Often	200	72%

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<i>5c. Listening thoughtfully</i>	Very often	182	65%
	Often	76	27%
	Sometimes	21	8%
	Never	0	0%
	Total	279	100%
	Very often + Often	258	92%

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<i>5d. Understanding and expressing ideas in more than one language</i>	Very often	112	40%
	Often	95	34%
	Sometimes	49	18%
	Never	23	8%
	Total	279	100%
	Very often + Often	207	74%

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<i>5e. Working effectively with others to accomplish a goal or complete a project</i>	Very often	113	41%
	Often	108	39%
	Sometimes	55	20%
	Never	2	1%
	Total	278	100%
	Very often + Often	221	79%

6. How often during your first year at St. Olaf have you worked on developing the following skills for *connecting and applying your learning*?

		#	%
<i>6a. Thinking creatively</i>	Very often	141	51%
	Often	101	36%
	Sometimes	35	13%
	Never	1	0%
	Total	278	100%
	Very often + Often	242	87%

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<i>6b. Solving problems</i>	Very often	156	56%
	Often	96	35%
	Sometimes	25	9%
	Never	0	0%
	Total	277	100%
	Very often + Often	252	91%

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<i>6c. Connecting information and ideas from different sources or experiences</i>	Very often	148	54%
	Often	103	37%
	Sometimes	25	9%
	Never	0	0%
	Total	276	100%
	Very often + Often	251	91%

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<i>6d. Applying your knowledge to new situations or problems</i>	Very often	159	57%
	Often	99	36%
	Sometimes	19	7%
	Never	0	0%
	Total	277	100%
	Very often + Often	258	93%

7. How often during your first year at St. Olaf have you worked on developing the following skills for *responsible interpersonal, civic, and global engagement*?

		#	%
<i>7a. Being a good family member, friend, or neighbor</i>	Very often	126	45%
	Often	113	41%
	Sometimes	34	12%
	Never	5	2%
	Total	278	100%
	Very often + Often	239	86%

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<i>7b. Working to make a difference in the local community</i>	Very often	50	18%
	Often	66	24%
	Sometimes	128	46%
	Never	33	12%
	Total	277	100%
	Very often + Often	116	42%

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<i>7c. Understanding and responding to global systems and challenges</i>	Very often	70	25%
	Often	90	32%
	Sometimes	104	37%
	Never	14	5%
	Total	278	100%
	Very often + Often	160	57%

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<i>7d. Interacting effectively with people from cultural backgrounds other than your own</i>	Very often	121	43%
	Often	107	38%
	Sometimes	47	17%
	Never	4	1%
	Total	279	100%
	Very often + Often	228	82%

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<i>7e. Analyzing and applying ethical principles in making decisions</i>	Very often	111	40%
	Often	112	40%
	Sometimes	50	18%
	Never	4	1%
	Total	277	100%
	Very often + Often	223	80%

8. How often during your first year at St. Olaf have you worked on developing the following skills for *discerning and pursuing your life's purpose*?

		#	%
<i>8a. Reflecting on your learning experiences and outcomes</i>	Very often	137	49%
	Often	103	37%
	Sometimes	37	13%
	Never	3	1%
	Total	280	100%
	Very often + Often	240	86%

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<i>8b. Using many resources to establish goals and make plans</i>	Very often	122	44%
	Often	94	34%
	Sometimes	57	20%
	Never	7	3%
	Total	280	100%
	Very often + Often	216	77%

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<i>8c. Developing a sense of vocation</i>	Very often	89	32%
	Often	95	34%
	Sometimes	85	30%
	Never	11	4%
	Total	280	100%
	Very often + Often	184	66%

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<i>8d. Preparing for continued learning throughout your life</i>	Very often	150	54%
	Often	96	34%
	Sometimes	29	10%
	Never	5	2%
	Total	280	100%
	Very often + Often	246	88%

9. While St. Olaf aims 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 this year?*

	#	%
Purposeful self-development	91	33%
Connecting and applying your learning	38	14%
Critical thinking and inquiry	38	14%
Discerning and pursuing your life's purpose	32	11%
Effective communication and collaboration	27	10%
Broad knowledge of human cultures and the natural world	26	9%
Specialized knowledge of a particular subject, field, or topic	21	8%
Responsible interpersonal, civic, and global engagement	7	3%
Total	280	100%