



Civic Engagement

Frequencies & Means

Spring 2026: St. Olaf College

How much does your institution emphasize the following? 460 ⓘ

	Count	Average	Standard Deviation	Very much (4)	Quite a bit (3)	Some (2)	Very little (1)	Total
a. Discussing important social, economic, or political issues with others	460	3.05	0.83	32%	45%	18%	5%	100%
b. Organizing activities focused on important social, economic, or political issues	450	2.85	0.86	23%	46%	24%	7%	100%
c. Being an informed and active participant in campus, local, state/provincial, or national issues	456	3.05	0.84	34%	42%	20%	4%	100%
d. Being involved in an organization or group focused on important social, economic, or political issues	458	2.62	0.89	18%	37%	35%	10%	100%
e. Voting in campus, local, state/provincial, or national elections	459	3.42	0.83	60%	26%	10%	4%	100%
f. Encouraging free speech and expression	457	3.18	0.85	42%	37%	17%	4%	100%
g. Developing a sense of responsibility to the communities that matter to you	457	3.17	0.80	40%	40%	18%	2%	100%

How comfortable do you feel addressing important social, economic, or political issues in the following? 458 ⓘ

	Count	Average	Standard Deviation	Very much (4)	Quite a bit (3)	Some (2)	Very little (1)	Total
a. In course assignments	458	3.13	0.84	40%	36%	21%	3%	100%
b. In course discussions	455	2.97	0.88	32%	39%	24%	5%	100%
c. Outside of class or in your community	457	3.01	0.87	33%	39%	22%	5%	100%

Select the response that best represents your ability to do the following: 458 ⓘ

	Count	Average	Standard Deviation	Excellent (5)	4	3	2	Poor (1)	Total
a. Help people work through disagreements with each other	457	3.68	0.78	12%	51%	30%	6%	0%	100%
b. Respond to conflicts that involve bias, discrimination, and prejudice	453	3.45	0.80	7%	42%	41%	9%	1%	100%
c. Lead a group in which people from different backgrounds feel welcomed and included	458	3.88	0.90	26%	44%	22%	7%	1%	100%
d. Participate in a constructive dialogue with someone who disagrees with you	457	3.75	0.85	18%	46%	29%	5%	1%	100%
e. Contribute to the health of communities that matter to you	454	3.77	0.86	21%	42%	30%	7%	0%	100%

During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you done the following? 457 ⓘ

	Count	Average	Standard Deviation	Very much (4)	Quite a bit (3)	Some (2)	Very little (1)	Total
a. Informed yourself about campus or local issues	457	2.88	0.79	24%	41%	33%	2%	100%
b. Informed yourself about state/provincial, national, or global issues	447	3.27	0.77	45%	37%	16%	1%	100%
c. Discussed campus or local issues with others	454	2.92	0.86	30%	35%	32%	3%	100%
d. Discussed state/provincial, national, or global issues with others	453	3.20	0.81	43%	37%	18%	2%	100%
e. Raised awareness about issues, whether local or global	455	2.34	0.94	16%	20%	47%	17%	100%
f. Volunteered time, money, or resources to support an issue, whether local or global	452	2.09	0.88	9%	17%	48%	26%	100%
g. Asked others to address issues, whether local or global	454	2.02	0.91	8%	18%	42%	32%	100%
h. Organized others to work on issues, whether local or global	455	1.59	0.83	5%	9%	28%	59%	100%
i. Participated in research or a project for your community or the public good	453	1.75	0.87	5%	14%	33%	48%	100%