



Experiences with Information Literacy Frequencies & Means Spring 2026: St. Olaf College

During the current school year, about how often have you done the following? ⓘ

	Count	Mean	StDev	Very often (4)	Often (3)	Sometimes (2)	Never (1)	Total
a. Completed an assignment using an information source (book, article, website, etc.) other than required course readings	428	2.73	0.92	25%	31%	37%	7%	100%
b. Completed an assignment using a library's physical or digital collection of articles, books, or journals (JSTOR, EBSCO, LexisNexis, ProQuest, Interlibrary Loan, etc.)	426	2.85	0.95	30%	33%	28%	9%	100%
c. Received help from the library (met with a librarian, used the library's chat service, etc.)	426	1.66	0.73	3%	7%	43%	47%	100%
d. Changed the focus of a paper or project based on information you found while researching the topic	427	2.36	0.84	10%	30%	47%	14%	100%
e. Looked for an information source that was cited in something you read	427	2.52	0.89	15%	34%	39%	12%	100%
f. Evaluated an information source by conducting additional research	427	2.48	0.88	14%	33%	41%	12%	100%
g. Identified information that was biased, misleading, or deceptive	426	2.49	0.81	13%	31%	49%	8%	100%
h. Decided not to use an information source in a course assignment due to its questionable quality	424	2.44	0.90	15%	28%	44%	13%	100%
i. Referred to an information source you found on social media for an assignment	426	1.34	0.64	2%	4%	21%	73%	100%
j. Consulted with an expert as an information source (on campus, in community)	424	1.71	0.80	4%	10%	39%	47%	100%
k. Coached or mentored a classmate or peer with research for their course assignment	425	1.64	0.77	3%	8%	37%	51%	100%

Which of the following have you done while in college or do you plan to do before you graduate? 426 ⓘ

	Count	Have not decided (1)	Do not plan to do (2)	Plan to do (3)	Done or in progress (4)	To my knowledge is not available (9)	Total
a. Attend a campus-sponsored session about conducting research (instructional session with a librarian, writing center for help with a research paper, a library or department workshop, etc.)	426	18%	12%	24%	43%	3%	100%
b. Present, publish, or publicly share the results of your research, scholarly activity, or creative work to an audience beyond your classmates (on- or off-campus academic conference, exhibition, research journal, literary magazine, professional blog, etc.)	423	29%	17%	35%	17%	1%	100%
c. Use library resources for a non-academic task (leisure reading, researching jobs, watching films, etc.)	425	19%	13%	28%	40%	1%	100%

How much has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas? 427 ⓘ

	Count	Mean	StDev	Very much (4)	Quite a bit (3)	Some (2)	Very little (1)	Not at all (0)	Total
a. Understanding the research and writing styles or practices of your major or field of study	427	2.85	0.87	25%	41%	28%	5%	0%	100%
b. Developing information and research management strategies (note-taking, using citation software, document organization, etc.)	427	2.78	0.91	24%	38%	29%	9%	0%	100%
c. Developing your research skills to identify information for personal reasons (not related to your courses)	426	2.58	0.98	20%	32%	34%	13%	1%	100%
d. Keeping an open mind when encountering opposing perspectives during your research	426	2.99	0.85	30%	43%	23%	3%	1%	100%