

NEW

STUDENT

ORIENTATION

Welcome, Oles!

We are thrilled that you are kickstarting your St. Olaf experience. New Student Orientation is not simply an event at the start of your time at St. Olaf. It is a process that has been designed to introduce you to your new home and to provide the tools to navigate the academic and co-curricular experience, whether you are living in our vibrant residential community or joining our community from afar. The next few days are only the beginning of what we hope will prove to be a transformative college experience for you.

This year is going to look a little different in order to help keep our community safe. The schedule for your New Student Orientation experience is filled with a number of virtual workshops, meetings, and social opportunities to connect with your fellow Oles and our community at large. When engaging in the scheduled events and conversations over the next few days and into the academic year, we ask that you remember the Community Pledge that each student, staff, and faculty member has signed and follow all posted and shared safety guidelines.

Again, **welcome** to St. Olaf. We are so glad you are an Ole!

— *Your New Student Orientation team*



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New Student Orientation is a time set aside for new students to become better acquainted with classmates, to learn more about the college's academic and student life programs, and to have fun. During orientation you can begin to find your place at your new home. It takes longer than a week, of course, to adjust to college. After the other students arrive and classes begin I encourage you to continue to attend programs, ask questions, and seek out folks who can help you make the most of your four years here. I look forward to meeting you.

— President David R. Anderson '74



SCHEDULE INFORMATION

This schedule is a guide for your first few days at St. Olaf. **All 2020 New Student Orientation events are virtual.** To be sustainable, we have chosen not to mass print the schedule. If you would like a paper copy, please connect with your Junior Counselor (JC) and they can assist you with printing on campus. If you are joining virtually from an off-campus location, you may consider printing a copy there if desired.

New Student Orientation has an app. Get easy access to the most updated schedule, a campus map, resources, and more on a mobile device by downloading **St. Olaf College Guide** on the Apple App Store or Android MarketPlace.

Event links will be posted in various online locations as indicated on the schedule. Presence can be accessed at stolaf.presence.io or from the Office of Student Activities website. Streaming links on the St. Olaf website can be found at stolaf.edu/multimedia/.

For ease, students will receive an email each morning with the access links for the day's events.

Please note that all times are in CST. Many sessions will be recorded and available for students who are abroad and in different time zones.

DINING & STUDENT ID CARD

For students joining us on campus, meals will be served in Stav Hall, located on the second floor of Buntrock Commons. Students will also have a to go option. Most meals will be assigned by residence halls for the first few weeks of the semester. More information on meal times and options will be provided by Bon Appétit and Residence Life.

To dine, students will need their student ID card that they will receive on Move-In Day. Also referred to as your Ole Card, your ID serves many purposes including accessing your residence hall and checking out library books.

If there is an issue with your ID card or you lose your Ole Card, please email buntrock@stolaf.edu and we will work to remedy the problem as soon as possible.

DAILY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM • Residence Hall Move-In

Ellingson, Hoyme, Kildahl, Kittelsby, & Mohn Halls

All incoming students joining us on campus have a designated one-hour move-in slot. Students and their guests may only check in at their specified time and are asked to remain in and around their assigned residence hall. When the move-in time slot has expired, any guests of the student are asked to depart campus.

There will be a *St. Olaf Support (SOS)* table located outside of each first-year residence hall to answer any questions that students and guests may have.

Various Times • COVID-19 Screening

Skoglund Athletic Center

Students will be assigned a time to have their first of two COVID-19 tests administered within 24 hours of arriving on campus. Once the test has been administered, students are not permitted to leave campus without contacting their class dean.

The second test will be administered roughly two weeks into the semester.

9:00 AM • Remote Learners Meeting

For Remote Students - Link to come from your Remote Junior Counselor
Joining us from home for the Fall? Connect with your Remote Peer Leader to learn more about resources available to you as you start your virtual St. Olaf experience.

3:00 PM • Corridor Meetings

For On Campus Students - Link to come from your JC

Meet up with you Junior Counselor online to learn more about New Student Orientation and get a sense of what the coming weeks will look like on campus and virtually.

3:00 PM • Transfer Student Meeting

For Transfer Students - Link to come from Joshua Lee

We're excited to welcome you to St. Olaf! Connect with Dean Joshua Lee on making a smooth transition to our community, both on the Hill and virtually.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 AM • Remote Learners Meeting

For Remote Students - Link to come from your Remote Junior Counselor

10:30 AM • Morning Worship

For all Students - Link Available on St. Olaf website

Associate College Pastor Katie Fick will preach. All are welcome to join virtually via broadcast media.

1:00 PM • Life on a College Campus

For On Campus Students - Link Available on Presence

Now that you have moved in and unpacked, let's discuss how we all live together at St. Olaf. This session gives you the opportunity to meet some of the residence life staff and hear about the expectations residents should have of each other as part of a college community.

2:00 PM • Corridor Meetings

For On Campus Students - Link to come from your JC

2:00 PM • Transfer Student Meeting

For Transfer Students - Link to come from Joshua Lee

3:30 PM • "What's it All About"

For all Students - Link Available on Presence

A series of short skits that explore the dynamics of living in a diverse community will be presented virtually. Please note that the skits will touch on serious and potentially sensitive topics.

8:00 PM • A St. Olaf Welcome

For all Students - Link Available on St. Olaf website

This program is designed to welcome new students and their families to the St. Olaf community. Parents and family members will also be invited to join the virtual event comprised of several speakers.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday there will be various optional virtual events and opportunities offered throughout the day in addition to the posted schedule. See the "Flex Time" section for more information.

8:00 AM • Group Advising Meeting

For all Students - Link to come from your Academic Advisor

The purpose of meeting this is mainly social: it offers an important first acquaintance with your advisor and the chance to enjoy the company of a small number of other new students. Keep an eye on your email for a meeting link from you Advisor!

8:00 AM • Music Majors Meeting

For Music Majors- Link to come in email

All music majors will attend a virtual meeting with the music faculty in lieu of a group advising meeting. This meeting will provide general information about the department, degrees offered and other details.

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM • Individual Advising Meetings

For all Students - Link to come from your Academic Advisor

This is an opportunity to connect with your Academic Advisor in a one-on-one setting. They want to get to know you and your academic and personal interests so they can best support you during your time at St. Olaf. Advisors will be in touch with you via email to set up the individual meetings.

4:00 PM • Bystander Intervention Training

For all Students - Link Available on Presence

Bystander Intervention Training provides an opportunity for incoming students to prepare themselves to be engaged and informed members of the St. Olaf College community. One of the goals of this training is to mobilize students to be active bystanders and help promote a culture of consent and sexual respect on campus. Through different scenarios, true and false questions, video content, and statistics, this training covers a variety of relevant topics including, consent, bystander intervention, Title IX, sexual harassment, and St. Olaf College resources. This session is **MANDATORY** and will be recorded for those unable to attend.

Note: For this virtual workshop you will need your own laptop, tablet, or other device (if you have one) for connecting to the Internet. Some interactive elements may be completed using a smart phone. This will be hands-on session!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday there will be various optional virtual events and opportunities offered throughout the day in addition to the posted schedule. See the “Flex Time” section for more information.

9:00 AM • Common Read: Group 1 (Last Name A-L)

For all Students - [Link Available on Presence](#)

Join a staff or faculty facilitator for a guided conversation on this year’s Common Read text, *Acts of Faith* by Eboo Patel. Check your email for information about which group you have been assigned to and where to meet your discussion group. Make sure you bring your book or ebook!

10:30 AM • Common Read: Group 2 (Last Name M-Z)

For all Students - [Link Available on Presence](#)

Join a staff or faculty facilitator for a guided conversation on this year’s Common Read text, *Acts of Faith* by Eboo Patel. Check your email for information about which group you have been assigned to and where to meet your discussion group. Make sure you bring your book or ebook!

11:30 AM - 3:30 PM • Individual Advising Meetings

For all Students - [Link to come from your Academic Advisor](#)

This is an opportunity to connect with your Academic Advisor in a one-on-one setting. They want to get to know you and your academic and personal interests so they can best support you during your time at St. Olaf. Advisors will be in touch with you via email to set up the individual meetings.

4:00 PM • Study Smart

For all Students - [Link Available on Presence](#)

This session will introduce you to the academic resources most students use while at St. Olaf. Through information and activities, we will also introduce you to the latest research about how we learn in order to maximize your study time.

Note: For this virtual workshop you will need your own laptop, tablet, or other device (if you have one) for connecting to the Internet. Some interactive elements may be completed using a smart phone. This will be hands-on session!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday there will be various optional virtual events and opportunities offered throughout the day in addition to the posted schedule. See the “Flex Time” section for more information.

4:00 PM • Taking Care of Yourself in College

For all Students - [Link Available on Presence](#)

Going to college is a transition and with any transition, we must learn how to adapt our lifestyle. In this webinar, students will explore what it means to take care of themselves in college, learn strategies to prioritize wellness each day, and review realistic expectations and some resources for maintaining mental wellness at St. Olaf.

Note: For this virtual workshop you will need your own laptop, tablet, or other device (if you have one) for connecting to the Internet. Some interactive elements may be completed using a smart phone. This will be hands-on session!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

Consult the SIS for your course schedule. Best of luck on your first day of classes!

11:10 AM • Opening Convocation

For all Students - [Link Available on St. Olaf website](#)

The official opening of the academic year! President David R. Anderson, Provost Marci Sortor, Professor of Religion Anantanand Rambachan, and Student Government Association President Melie Ekunno will speak.

FLEX TIME OPPORTUNITIES

OLE EXPERIENCE WORKSHOPS

Ole Experience Workshops are virtual opportunities to connect with and ask questions to various staff at St. Olaf on a number of topics that tie back to your experience on campus. Each workshop is offered twice during New Student Orientation and one of the sessions will be recorded in case students are unable to attend.

Links for the Ole Experience Workshops can be found on Presence.

Student Employment

Monday at 9:00 AM & 3:00 PM

Learn about how to find a job on campus and balance a student work position with your academic experience.

Technology on Campus

Monday at 10:30 AM & Wednesday at 9:45 AM

Printing, WiFi, computers, and more! Connect with Information Technology (IT) on how to work with technology on campus.

Navigating the Google Suite

Monday at 11:15 AM & Wednesday at 10:30 AM

You have a number of Google tools at your fingertips. Learn more about Google Calendar, Docs, Sheets, and beyond.

Making Social Connections

Monday at 12:00 PM & Wednesday at 12:45 PM

How do you meet new people in college? Great question! Join the Student Activities team to talk about ways to connect with your peers as you start your St. Olaf experience.

Faith Exploration

Monday at 12:45 PM & Tuesday at 12:00 PM

What does it mean for St. Olaf to be connected to the Lutheran tradition? How can I explore faith and/or spirituality on campus? Our College Ministry team is excited to chat with you!

Cultivating Independence

Monday at 2:15 PM, Tuesday at 10:30 AM, & Wednesday at 9:00 AM

Starting college often involves increased responsibility and independence. Connect with Dean Schroer about ways to set up healthy barriers and make your St. Olaf experience your own!

Student Transportation

Tuesday at 9:00 AM & Wednesday at 12:00 PM

Need to get around Northfield and beyond? Take an opportunity to learn more about what transportation options exist for students.

Living with a Roommate

Tuesday at 11:15 AM & Wednesday at 11:15 AM

For many students, living with a roommate is a new experience! Residence Life has some great tips on how to establish a healthy roommate relationship early on!

Bon Appétit & Dining

Tuesday at 2:15 PM & Wednesday at 2:15 PM

Questions about how dining works or how to navigate food service with a food allergy or restriction? This is the session for you!

Financial Literacy

Tuesday at 3:00 PM & Wednesday at 3:00 PM

From the basics of budgeting to how to read your financial aid documents, this session from Financial Aid is helpful to anyone with questions about managing money in college.

VIRTUAL DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSES

Some academic departments are offering virtual opportunities to meet with faculty and ask questions about the student experience within the programs they offer. Feel free to drop in at any time in the available window to say hello!

Links for the Virtual Department Open Houses can be found on Presence.

Monday, August 17th

9:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 1:00	1:00 - 3:00
Biology Music Education <small>(until 10:00)</small> Political Science Theater	Biomolecular Studies Neuroscience	Engineering Studies Russian Language & Area Studies Sociology & Anthropology

Tuesday, August 18th

11:00 - 1:00	1:00 - 3:00
Computer Science Education Music Philosophy Spanish & Latin American Studies	Art & Art History Economics French Religion

Wednesday, August 19th

9:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 1:00	1:00 - 3:00
Classics International Relations Mathematical Biology Public Affairs Conversation	Asian Studies Dance English	German Norwegian & Nordic Studies Statistics & Data Science

OTHER THINGS TO DO

Ask an Ole!

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday at 1:30 PM

Have questions about life at St. Olaf? Why not ask an Ole!? Join us for a virtual Q&A with a panel of returning St. Olaf students. All questions are welcome!

Links for the Ask an Ole virtual panels can be found on Presence.

Other Things to Consider...

- Take a nap (sleeping is important!)
- Explore the Natural Lands (when able to do so)
- Watch a movie
- Spend some time to get to know your roommate better
- Take a stroll around campus (when able to do so)
- Arrange (or rearrange) your room
- Start the habit of checking your St. Olaf email regularly
- Review course materials on Moodle

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MUSIC INFORMATION

ALL AUDITIONS for choral and instrumental music ensembles will be held online.

Auditioning students should expect to find information about this process through their St. Olaf email from the music department.

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

First-Year students are welcome to audition for:

St. Olaf Band

(meets Monday 3:15–4:45 PM., Tuesday 4:30–6:00 PM, and Thursday 4:50–6:15 PM)

Norseman Band

(meets Monday 4:50–6:00 PM, Wednesday and Friday 4:30–6:00 PM)

St. Olaf Orchestra

(meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 4:30–6:00 PM)

St. Olaf Philharmonia

(meets Tuesday 3:15–5:15 PM and Thursday 3:45–5:45 PM)

Manitou Singers

(first-year women; meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 3:15–4:15 PM)

Viking Chorus

(first-year men meets Monday and Wednesday 4:30–5:30 PM, and Thursday 4:50–5:50 PM)

Chamber Singers

(meets Tuesday 3:10 p.m.–4:20 PM and Thursday 3:45–4:45 PM)

Collegiate Chorale

(women only, no audition required; meets Tuesday 6:00–7:00 PM)

Collegium Musicum

(meets Tuesday 6:30–8:30 PM)

Jazz Ensembles

(three ensembles for one hour each; meets Monday and Wednesday 7:00–10:00 PM)

Handbell Choirs

(two ensembles; meets Tuesday 3:45–4:55 PM or Tuesday 5:05–6:15 PM)

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students may audition for all of the above (except Manitou Singers and Viking Chorus), plus the following:

St. Olaf Choir

(meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 4:30–6:00 PM and Thursday 4:50–6:15 PM)

St. Olaf Cantorei

(meets Tuesday and Thursday 3:50–4:50 PM with weekend time TBD)

St. Olaf Chapel Choir

(meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 3:10–4:15 PM)

MUSIC THEORY & AURAL SKILLS PLACEMENT EXAM

All incoming music majors who have not taken the music theory and aural skills placement exam will need to contact Justin Merritt (merritt@stolaf.edu).

The written portion of this exam is designed to take no more than an hour to complete and the sight singing portion will take no more than five minutes.

NOTE: Any student who does not take this exam will automatically be placed in a section of Music 112.

MUSIC LESSON REGISTRATION

Music lesson requests and registration are handled by the Music Department, not the Registrar's Office. If you are interested in music lessons, please complete the appropriate Music Lesson Request form listed below and hit submit. Please note that there is an additional music lesson fee of \$565 per semester for .25 credit music lessons that will be added to your tuition statement. There will be no refund of the lesson fee if you choose to drop the music lesson after the 6th day of classes, Thursday, August 27, 2020.

Voice Lesson Request Form - bit.ly/olafvoice

Piano Lesson Request Form - bit.ly/olafpiano

Instrument Lesson Request Form - bit.ly/olafinstrument

If there is availability in the performance studies studios, the Music Department will register your music lesson and notify you of your studio placement.

If you have questions regarding the music lesson registration process, please contact Cheryl Bristol (bristol@stolaf.edu).

ST. OLAF INSTRUMENT USE

Contact Holly King (king14@stolaf.edu) if you need to be assigned an instrument.

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