

Dates of Administration: Aug 20 – Sept 13, 2021

Invited to participate: 773 – All incoming first-years

Number of respondents: 487 (63% response rate)

1. How often during your high school years did you work on developing the following skills for *purposeful self-development*?

		#	%
<i>1a. Recognizing your personal strengths, limitations, and interests</i>	4 – Very often	112	23%
	3 – Often	212	44%
	2 – Sometimes	154	32%
	1 – Never	6	1%
	0 – I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	485	100%¹
	Very often + Often	324	67%¹
	MEAN	2.89²	

		#	%
<i>1b. Managing your resources of time, talent, or money</i>	4 – Very often	133	27%
	3 – Often	209	43%
	2 – Sometimes	119	24%
	1 – Never	23	5%
	0 – I don't understand this question	2	<1%
	Total	486	100%
	Very often + Often	342	70%
	MEAN	2.93	

		#	%
<i>1c. Reflecting on faith, ethics, or values</i>	4 – Very often	112	23%
	3 – Often	153	32%
	2 – Sometimes	178	37%
	1 – Never	40	8%
	0 – I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	484	100%
	Very often + Often	265	55%
	MEAN	2.70	

¹ May not sum to exactly 100% due to rounding. Similarly, the % of Very often + Often may differ from the sum of each individually due to rounding

² Excluding those who responded "I don't understand this question"

		#	%
<i>1d. Responding constructively to a challenge, disappointment, or failure</i>	4 - Very often	115	24%
	3 - Often	218	45%
	2 - Sometimes	142	29%
	1 - Never	11	2%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	486	100%
	Very often + Often	333	69%
	MEAN	2.90	

2. How often during your high school years did you work on developing ***broad knowledge of human cultures and the natural world***, including:

		#	%
<i>2a. Creating, understanding, or performing artistic works</i>	4 - Very often	130	27%
	3 - Often	127	26%
	2 - Sometimes	182	38%
	1 - Never	45	9%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	485	100%
	Very often + Often	257	53%
	MEAN	2.71	

		#	%
<i>2b. Using scientific methods to investigate the natural world</i>	4 - Very often	84	17%
	3 - Often	189	39%
	2 - Sometimes	178	37%
	1 - Never	32	7%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	484	100%
	Very often + Often	273	56%
	MEAN	2.67	

		#	%
<i>2c. Exploring literature, languages, philosophy, religion, or history</i>	4 - Very often	140	29%
	3 - Often	195	40%
	2 - Sometimes	125	26%
	1 - Never	23	5%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	483	100%
	Very often + Often	335	69%
	MEAN	2.94	

		#	%
<i>2d. Understanding human behaviors, relationships, politics, or social patterns</i>	4 - Very often	122	25%
	3 - Often	206	42%
	2 - Sometimes	137	28%
	1 - Never	20	4%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	485	100%
	Very often + Often	328	68%
	MEAN	2.89	

		#	%
2e. Drawing on knowledge from different subjects or fields to understand a topic	4 - Very often	127	26%
	3 - Often	207	43%
	2 - Sometimes	138	28%
	1 - Never	11	2%
	0 - I don't understand this question	2	<1%
	Total	485	100%
	Very often + Often	334	69%
	MEAN	2.93	

3. How often during your high school years did you work on developing *specialized knowledge of a particular subject, field, or topic*, through activities such as:

		#	%
3a. Completing a major research project requiring most of a term or semester	4 - Very often	54	11%
	3 - Often	93	19%
	2 - Sometimes	206	42%
	1 - Never	133	27%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	486	100%
	Very often + Often	147	30%
	MEAN	2.14	

		#	%
3b. Tutoring other students in a specific subject, field, or topic	4 - Very often	23	5%
	3 - Often	58	12%
	2 - Sometimes	202	42%
	1 - Never	203	42%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	486	100%
	Very often + Often	81	17%
	MEAN	1.80	

		#	%
3c. Participating for two or more years in a co-curricular activity requiring specialized knowledge or skill (music, athletics, debate/forensics, etc.)	4 - Very often	335	69%
	3 - Often	77	16%
	2 - Sometimes	47	10%
	1 - Never	25	5%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	485	100%
	Very often + Often	412	85%
	MEAN	3.49	

4. How often during your high school years did you work on developing the following skills for *critical thinking and inquiry*?

		#	%
<i>4a. Reading carefully</i>	4 - Very often	193	40%
	3 - Often	213	44%
	2 - Sometimes	73	15%
	1 - Never	6	1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	485	100%
	Very often + Often	406	84%
	MEAN	3.22	
<i>4b. Thinking critically</i>	4 - Very often	241	50%
	3 - Often	202	42%
	2 - Sometimes	37	8%
	1 - Never	3	1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	483	100%
	Very often + Often	443	92%
	MEAN	3.41	
<i>4c. Understanding and using quantitative information</i>	4 - Very often	168	35%
	3 - Often	210	44%
	2 - Sometimes	93	19%
	1 - Never	3	1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	6	1%
	Total	480	100%
	Very often + Often	378	79%
	MEAN	3.15	
<i>4d. Finding and evaluating academic research resources</i>	4 - Very often	133	28%
	3 - Often	188	39%
	2 - Sometimes	150	31%
	1 - Never	11	2%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	483	100%
	Very often + Often	321	66%
	MEAN	2.92	
<i>4e. Stating and supporting an argument with evidence</i>	4 - Very often	237	49%
	3 - Often	183	38%
	2 - Sometimes	65	13%
	1 - Never	1	<1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	486	100%
	Very often + Often	420	86%
	MEAN	3.35	

5. How often during your high school years did you work on developing the following skills for *effective communication and collaboration*?

		#	%
<i>5a. Writing clearly and expressively</i>	4 - Very often	209	43%
	3 - Often	197	41%
	2 - Sometimes	74	15%
	1 - Never	4	1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	484	100%
	Very often + Often	406	84%
	MEAN	3.26	
<i>5b. Speaking persuasively and confidently</i>	4 - Very often	115	24%
	3 - Often	190	39%
	2 - Sometimes	170	35%
	1 - Never	10	2%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	485	100%
	Very often + Often	305	63%
	MEAN	2.85	
<i>5c. Listening thoughtfully</i>	4 - Very often	225	47%
	3 - Often	201	42%
	2 - Sometimes	55	11%
	1 - Never	0	0%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	482	100%
	Very often + Often	426	88%
	MEAN	3.35	
<i>5d. Understanding and expressing ideas in more than one language</i>	4 - Very often	106	22%
	3 - Often	140	29%
	2 - Sometimes	184	38%
	1 - Never	54	11%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	485	100%
	Very often + Often	246	51%
	MEAN	2.62	
<i>5e. Working effectively with others to accomplish a goal or complete a project</i>	4 - Very often	170	35%
	3 - Often	226	47%
	2 - Sometimes	86	18%
	1 - Never	3	1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	485	100%
	Very often + Often	396	82%
	MEAN	3.16	

6. How often during your high school years did you work on developing the following skills for *connecting and applying your learning*?

		#	%
6a. <i>Thinking creatively</i>	4 - Very often	191	39%
	3 - Often	179	37%
	2 - Sometimes	108	22%
	1 - Never	7	1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	485	100%
	Very often + Often	370	76%
	MEAN	3.14	
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6b. <i>Solving problems</i>	4 - Very often	231	48%
	3 - Often	200	41%
	2 - Sometimes	51	11%
	1 - Never	1	<1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	483	100%
	Very often + Often	431	89%
	MEAN	3.37	
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6c. <i>Connecting information and ideas from different sources or experiences</i>	4 - Very often	193	40%
	3 - Often	222	46%
	2 - Sometimes	67	14%
	1 - Never	2	<1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	484	100%
	Very often + Often	415	86%
	MEAN	3.25	
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6d. <i>Applying your knowledge to new situations or problems</i>	4 - Very often	202	42%
	3 - Often	200	41%
	2 - Sometimes	81	17%
	1 - Never	2	<1%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	485	100%
	Very often + Often	402	83%
	MEAN	3.24	

7. How often during your high school years did you work on developing the following skills for *responsible interpersonal, civic, and global engagement*?

		#	%
<i>7a. Being a good family member, friend, or neighbor</i>	4 - Very often	233	48%
	3 - Often	163	34%
	2 - Sometimes	78	16%
	1 - Never	12	2%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	486	100%
	Very often + Often	396	81%
	MEAN	3.27	
<i>7b. Working to make a difference in the local community</i>	4 - Very often	100	21%
	3 - Often	188	39%
	2 - Sometimes	178	37%
	1 - Never	20	4%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	486	100%
	Very often + Often	288	59%
	MEAN	2.76	
<i>7c. Understanding and responding to global systems and challenges</i>	4 - Very often	76	16%
	3 - Often	165	34%
	2 - Sometimes	210	43%
	1 - Never	31	6%
	0 - I don't understand this question	3	1%
	Total	485	100%
	Very often + Often	241	50%
	MEAN	2.59	
<i>7d. Interacting effectively with people from cultural backgrounds other than your own</i>	4 - Very often	134	28%
	3 - Often	169	35%
	2 - Sometimes	155	32%
	1 - Never	26	5%
	0 - I don't understand this question	0	0%
	Total	484	100%
	Very often + Often	303	63%
	MEAN	2.85	
<i>7e. Analyzing and applying ethical principals in making decisions</i>	4 - Very often	125	26%
	3 - Often	216	45%
	2 - Sometimes	122	25%
	1 - Never	18	4%
	0 - I don't understand this question	4	1%
	Total	485	100%
	Very often + Often	341	70%
	MEAN	2.93	

8. How often during your high school years did you work on developing the following skills for *discerning and pursuing your life's purpose*?

		#	%
<i>8a. Reflecting on your learning experiences and outcomes</i>	4 - Very often	152	31%
	3 - Often	177	36%
	2 - Sometimes	142	29%
	1 - Never	14	3%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	486	100%
	Very often + Often	329	68%
	MEAN	2.96	

		#	%
<i>8b. Using many resources to establish goals and make plans</i>	4 - Very often	96	20%
	3 - Often	191	39%
	2 - Sometimes	178	37%
	1 - Never	19	4%
	0 - I don't understand this question	2	<1%
	Total	486	100%
	Very often + Often	287	59%
	MEAN	2.75	

		#	%
<i>8c. Developing a sense of vocation</i>	4 - Very often	69	14%
	3 - Often	153	31%
	2 - Sometimes	198	41%
	1 - Never	48	10%
	0 - I don't understand this question	18	4%
	Total	486	100%
	Very often + Often	222	46%
	MEAN	2.52	

		#	%
<i>8d. Preparing for continued learning throughout your life</i>	4 - Very often	179	37%
	3 - Often	197	41%
	2 - Sometimes	97	20%
	1 - Never	12	2%
	0 - I don't understand this question	1	<1%
	Total	486	100%
	Very often + Often	376	77%
	MEAN	3.12	

9. While St. Olaf will engage you in developing all eight of these goals and the skills and abilities associated with each, *which one seems most compelling or intriguing to you?*

	#	%
Discerning and pursuing your life's purpose	103	21%
Purposeful self-development	95	20%
Specialized knowledge of a particular subject, field, or topic	72	15%
Connecting and applying your learning	61	13%
Broad knowledge of human cultures and the natural world	46	10%
Effective communication and collaboration	42	9%
Critical thinking and inquiry	41	8%
Responsible interpersonal, civic, and global engagement	24	5%
Total	484	100%