

MAJORS, CONCENTRATIONS, AREAS OF EMPHASIS, AND MAJORS LEADING TO TEACHING CERTIFICATIONS

The OLE Core Curriculum provisions of St. Olaf's liberal arts curriculum are designed to encourage in students a breadth of knowledge. The requirement that a student complete a major in order to graduate fosters the development of knowledge in depth.

Students at St. Olaf have 47 Bachelor of Arts graduation majors from which to select, as well as a number of teaching majors and teaching certification programs. Many students choose to major in one of the traditional liberal arts disciplines, such as art, biology, economics, history, mathematics, philosophy, or a world language. Others choose an interdisciplinary program that brings the perspectives of several disciplines to bear on a specialized area of concern, such as Asian studies, environmental studies, or gender and sexuality studies. Some students choose to double major or to pursue a concentration or certification program in addition to a disciplinary major or to develop an area of emphasis within a major. Students may also propose an individual major through the Center for Integrative Studies. Students interested in a professional music degree can pursue one of the five different majors available within a Bachelor of Music degree.

One major is required for graduation. Some students opt to pursue two majors, and others add an area of emphasis (a program of three or more related courses within or beyond certain majors) or a concentration (an approved program of four or more courses that cuts across departmental boundaries).

Students must declare one major no later than March 15 of the sophomore year, in advance of spring registration for fall semester courses. Majors (with areas of emphasis) and concentrations are officially listed, once awarded, on the student's permanent record. Students interested in a major leading to teaching certification must first be admitted to the Teacher Education Program.

Bachelor of Arts Graduation Majors

Bachelor of Arts majors are not available to Bachelor of Music candidates.

- ancient studies
- art, studio
- art history
- Asian studies
- biology
- chemistry
- Chinese
- classics
- computer science
- creative writing
- dance
- economics
- education (a co-major in the teaching content area is required for this major)
- English

- environmental studies (an area of emphasis is required for this major)
- film and media studies
- French
- gender and sexuality studies
- German
- Greek
- history
- individual major
- Japanese
- kinesiology
- Latin
- Latin American studies
- mathematics
- medieval studies
- music
- music for social impact
- Nordic Studies
- Norwegian
- nursing
- philosophy
- physics
- political science
- psychology
- quantitative economics
- race and ethnic studies
- religion
- Russian
- Russian area studies
- social studies education
- social work
- sociology/anthropology
- Spanish
- theater

Bachelor of Arts majors leading to Teaching Certification

- **English (communication arts and literature)**
- **mathematics**
- **sciences:** biology, chemistry, physics
- **social studies**

The St. Olaf teacher education program also prepares students for certification in English as a second language and general science.

Areas of Emphasis

Areas of emphasis (three or more related courses within or beyond the basic major) at St. Olaf are:

- B.A. in music with composition, musicology or theory emphasis (emphasis optional)
- B.M. in performance (piano or organ) with a collaborative keyboard emphasis (emphasis optional)

- B.M. in performance with an emphasis in voice, strings, piano, winds/brass/percussion or organ (emphasis required for this major)
- B.M. in church music with emphasis in choral or organ (emphasis required for this major)
- B.M. in music education with an emphasis in vocal or instrumental (emphasis required for this major)
- B.A. in chemistry with an American Chemical Society emphasis (emphasis optional)
- B.A. in economics/quantitative economics with an emphasis in finance (emphasis optional)
- B.A. in economics/quantitative economics with an emphasis in management (emphasis optional)
- B.A. in economics/quantitative economics with an emphasis in international economic analysis and policy (emphasis optional)
- B.A. in economics/quantitative economics with an emphasis in law and public policy (emphasis optional)
- B.A. in environmental studies with an emphasis in arts and humanities (emphasis required for this major)
- B.A. in environmental studies with an emphasis in natural science (emphasis required for this major)
- B.A. in environmental studies with an emphasis in social science (emphasis required for this major)
- B.A. in Norwegian with an emphasis in Sami and critical indigenous studies (emphasis optional)
- B.A. in Nordic studies with an emphasis in Sami and critical indigenous studies (emphasis optional)

Bachelor of Arts Concentrations

A concentration is an approved interdisciplinary program consisting of a minimum of four courses. Bachelor of Arts concentrations are not available to Bachelor of Music candidates. St. Olaf's 21 concentrations are listed below:

- Africa and the African Diaspora
- applied linguistics
- Asian studies
- biomolecular science
- business and management studies
- educational studies (includes option for TEFL certificate track)
- engineering studies
- environmental studies
- family studies
- film and media studies
- gender and sexuality studies
- German studies
- international relations
- Latin American studies
- Middle Eastern studies
- musical theater
- neuroscience
- Nordic studies
- public health studies
- race and ethnic studies
- statistics and data science

Bachelor of Music Graduation Majors

- church music
- composition
- elective studies
- music education: vocal, instrumental
- performance

Special Programs

Students can customize their education at St. Olaf, thanks to an array of study abroad and away programs, innovative offerings such as a Languages Across the Curriculum course, the American Conversations, Asian Conversations, Environmental Conversations, Enduring Questions, Public Affairs Conversation, Race Matters, and opportunities for independent study and research, internships, pre-professional preparation, or the creation of an individual major through the Center for Integrative Studies.